


eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca



CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA



EVEN THOUGH WE FACE
THE DIFFICULTIES OF
TODAY AND TOMORROW,

*I still have
a dream*

—DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MARLON
KIMPSON

SC Senate District 42



www.marlonkimpson.com

Paid for by Kimpson for Senate

2023

HONORING DR. KING'S LEGACY TOGETHER
WELCOME TO THE 51ST ANNUAL REVEREND
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

**DO THE
WORK.**



Google is proud
to keep Rev. Dr. King's
dream alive.

Google

©2023 Google Inc. All rights reserved.
Google and the Google logo are trademarks of Google Inc.



TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 1** Letters of Welcome & Support
Page 7

- 2** Making History
Page 14

- 3** Schedule of Events
Page 17

- 4** Event Programs
Page 19

- 5** Acknowledgments & Appreciation
Page 23

- 6** Speakers & Honorees
Page 38

- 7** Songs
Page 45

EQUALITY

“Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.”

—DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Blackbaud builds essential software that allows purpose-driven organizations to maximize their social impact.

We're demonstrating our commitment to a better world through a day of service this MLK Day.

Learn about how Blackbaud solutions power positive change at blackbaud.com.

blackbaud[®]



City of Charleston

JOHN J. TECKLENBURG
MAYOR

January 12, 2023

Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, considered South Carolina's largest tribute to the enduring legacy of Dr. King.

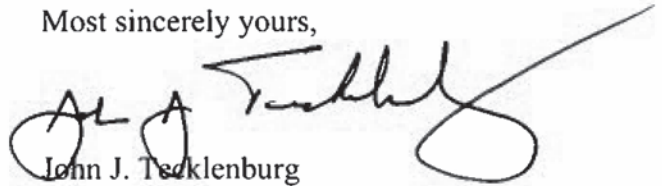
Over the course of 10 days every January, our community enjoys events such as the MLK Tri-County Ecumenical Service, MLK Holiday Parade as well as the MLK Business and Professional Summit and more.

As Honorary Chair of the MLK Business and Professional Summit, I wish to thank Ms. Lou W. Kennedy, CEO and owner of Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation, for serving as our keynote speaker, and Ms. Anita Zucker, CEO of the InterTech Group, for serving as the MLK Summit Chair. This event is considered the premier event of the MLK Celebration and is the largest annual fund raiser for the YWCA Greater Charleston, sponsor of the MLK Celebration.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. achieved unequalled moral stature and commanded worldwide respect as he led our nation in its quest for civil and human rights with remarkable eloquence and courage. So, as we celebrate the anniversary of his birth, let us reaffirm our commitment to the honorable principles for which Dr. King lived, and ultimately, gave his life.

Once again, welcome and thank you for joining us.

Most sincerely yours,



John J. Tecklenburg
Mayor, City of Charleston



THE CITY OF
GOOSE CREEK

BERKELEY CO. EST. 1961 SO. CAROLINA

Gregory S. Habib
MAYOR

Debra Green-Fletcher
Corey D. McClary
Jerry Tekac
Gayla S.L. McSwain
Hannah J. Cox

Melissa Enos
CITY COUNCIL

Natalie Zeigler
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

519 N. GOOSE CREEK BOULEVARD
P.O. DRAWER 1768
GOOSE CREEK, SC 29445-1768
TEL (843) 797-6220
FAX (843) 863-5208

November 28, 2022

YWCA Greater Charleston
Post Office Box 80935
Charleston, SC 29416

Dear Friends,

With a full heart and great optimism, I wish my very best to your organization and its 51st Annual MLK Celebration.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question," Dr. King once advised, "is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

The YWCA continues to do for others, in ways big and small. Please know that your good works are felt and are appreciated.

In a time of political and social unrest, the YWCA's mission and service to our community has never been more important. In the words of Dr. King, "The time is always right to do what is right," and in 2023, I am so thankful that the YWCA's is part of our community's journey.

Thank you for this Celebration and thank you for your service, for all you have done and for all you will do.

With warmest regards,

Gregory S. Habib
Mayor

MAYOR
CHRISTIE RAINWATER

MAYOR PRO TEM
MICHAEL SALLY

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
COURTNEY SOLER



CITY COUNCIL
KEN BOGGS
JEFF CHANDLER
MIKE DYSON
KEVIN HEDGPETH
ADAM SPURLOCK

January 2023

YWCA Greater Charleston
1064 Gardener Rd, Ste 113
Charleston, SC 29403

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the 51st Annual MLK celebration! We are thrilled that you have joined in the festivities. One thing I love about celebrations is how they bring people together. In my years as Mayor, I have also learned that work brings people together, too. When there is a vision that people believe in, they want to be a part of accomplishing it. They want to be a part of the team to see it through. Another thing that I have learned is that there is always still more work to be done.

Today, as you celebrate, think about all that has been accomplished, but don't leave with that thought alone. Continue to think of how you can be a part of the work that is still to be done. Sometimes we have an opportunity to do big work. However, I find true success is often found in the small acts that we do consistently over time. It's choosing to do the work even when it seems easy to push off for another day.

May today inspire you to be a part of the work that will lead to future celebrations. May you take small steps, consistently over time, that will add up to big things.

Warm regards,

Mayor Christie Rainwater
Hanahan, SC

**CITY OF
ISLE
OF
PALMS
South Carolina**



Mayor:
Phillip Pounds

January 4, 2023

YWCA Greater Charleston
1064 Garner Rd. Suite 113
Charleston SC 29414

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to extend warm greetings to the benefactors of the 51st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration commemorating the 69th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commanded worldwide respect as he led our nation in the quest for civil rights for African-Americans and others through his personal courage and non-violent philosophy.

The YWCA of Greater Charleston carries on Dr. King's lifelong ambitions with their programs fostering peace, justice, human rights, women's health and sustainable communities for everyone regardless of race or creed. We are proud to support the commemoration of Dr. King and his legacy this January and throughout the year.

Congratulations to the staff and board of the YWCA for their contributions to our Lowcountry community and best wishes for future success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Pounds', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Phillip Pounds
Mayor, City of Isle of Palms

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are the cornerstones of our Bosch values. We believe in the right of everyone to experience dignity, safety and respect. We are committed to diverse perspectives and inclusive behaviors as we believe they are key enablers that make us stronger as a company.





January 12, 2023

We are so excited to be back in person networking and fellowshiping with you! We thank you for your support through what has been one of the hardest years-long periods in our recent history. You supported our programs and events, followed and shared our social posts, and gave us moral support. You helped us maintain and grow initiatives in our fight for equity and justice.

This year's MLK Celebration theme is a call to action. For those doing the work to continue... and for those who have yet to truly engage, to progress to the next level of action in creating change and equitable systems, organizations, and communities. Justice will take intentionality and a united effort. We hope that as you honor Dr. King's legacy, you will answer the call to "**Do the Work.**"

"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking at Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1968

Thank you to our **sponsors**. Your support through the years has made it possible for us to continue the fight for justice, equity, and systemic change.

To our wonderful **board of directors**, your support is both inspirational and encouraging.

And to **Team YWCA.GC**, you keep me grounded and motivated. Your work ethic, integrity, and commitment to the work is what keeps us great.

Thank you all for each and every way you keep us #OnAMission.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LaVanda Brown'.

LaVanda Brown, M.Ed
Executive Director
YWCA Greater Charleston



Proudly Supporting Our Community

At United Community Bank, our mission is to provide exceptional banking services while caring deeply for the communities we serve.

Speak with us today or visit ucbi.com.

MOUNT PLEASANT

875 Lowcountry Blvd | 843-388-8433



Member FDIC. © 2023 United Community Bank | ucbi.com



WRITTEN BY MRS. CHRISTINE O. JACKSON, YWCA GREATER CHARLESTON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 1966-2004

WHY WE CELEBRATE

The civil rights movement that spanned 1955 through 1968 was led by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in challenging and compelling the U.S. Congress to dismantle the laws of segregation, discrimination, and racism against African Americans. This pivotal period of history is why we gather in the tri-county area for the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

We encourage you to always remember those 13 years of Dr. King's leadership, which shaped public policy and changed the course of American history forever. Due to the sacrifices of those who endured physical abuse while sitting-in at lunch counters, boycotting buses and businesses, and marching down highways and byways across the South, today all Americans have been freed to accomplish their goals, living out the American dream.

Make it your personal challenge to never forget:

- The Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1956, which led to the desegregation of public transportation
- The March on Washington in August 1963, which led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act dismantling institutional racism
- Bloody Sunday on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL and the Selma-to-Montgomery March in 1965, which forged passage of the Voting Rights Act
- Passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968
- Passage of the MLK federal holiday

Make it your personal commitment, each time you celebrate the holiday, to vote in every election, to encourage other citizens to register and vote, and to make voting a priority for people you know and love. Lest we forget, it took generations of men and women to link heritage to hope and action through sacrifice, vision, and personal commitment, leading to passage of the King federal holiday.

MAKING HISTORY

YWCA Greater Charleston was founded in 1907. It has been eliminating racism and empowering women across the Charleston region ever since.

The organization played an important role during the civil rights movement in Charleston with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s wife, Coretta Scott King, participating with its members and board in the historic 1969 MUSC hospital strike. By happenstance, YWCA Greater Charleston's executive director at that time was Mrs. Christine O. Jackson: Coretta Scott King's first cousin.

In 1972, Mrs. Jackson founded one of the first MLK tributes in America. She was sitting in an evening meeting at the Charleston YWCA in 1968 when she received word of Dr. King's assassination, shaking her badly. She had last seen him in 1967 when he came to Charleston to speak.

In its first year the tribute consisted of a ball, suggested to her by a YWCA volunteer, Mrs. Margaret Thomas; Mrs. Jackson added a worship service. The pastor of an Alabama church served as the keynote speaker at her invitation. In its second year, the keynote speaker was Dr. King's father, Martin Luther King, Sr. "I remember Mayor Joe Riley being at that celebration," she says.

In the third year, the ecumenical worship service moved to Morris Street Baptist Church. Eventually, area worship services spread throughout the Charleston region, and in 2020 the ecumenical service began to rotate throughout tri-county churches.

A breakfast for business leaders and professionals became a fixture in 2000, after she walked into Mayor Joe Riley's office unannounced. Atlee Prince and Spencer Pryor had come up with the idea, and with the mayor's support, the breakfast was born. Cecelia Roger was its first chair. Mayor Joe Riley still attends the event.



MRS. CHRISTINE JACKSON BY THE CHARLESTON CHRONICLE

YWCA Greater Charleston continues to make history as it strives to eliminate racism and empower women—not only with its annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, but with programs like:

- RACIAL EQUITY INSTITUTE workshops led monthly by experts nationally renowned for helping communities address institutional racism
- WE 360°, a multi-week workshop series specifically designed to help women entrepreneurs of color overcome barriers in business
- Y GIRLS CODE clubs, financially empowering girls of color by preparing them to enter the high-paying, male-dominated technology field
- WHAT WOMEN BRING, an annual event celebrating women's leadership in business, community, and culture across South Carolina



Sonepar celebrates the legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



**We are “Powered
by Difference.”**

Learn about our
commitment to DEI at
soneparusa.com/commitments.

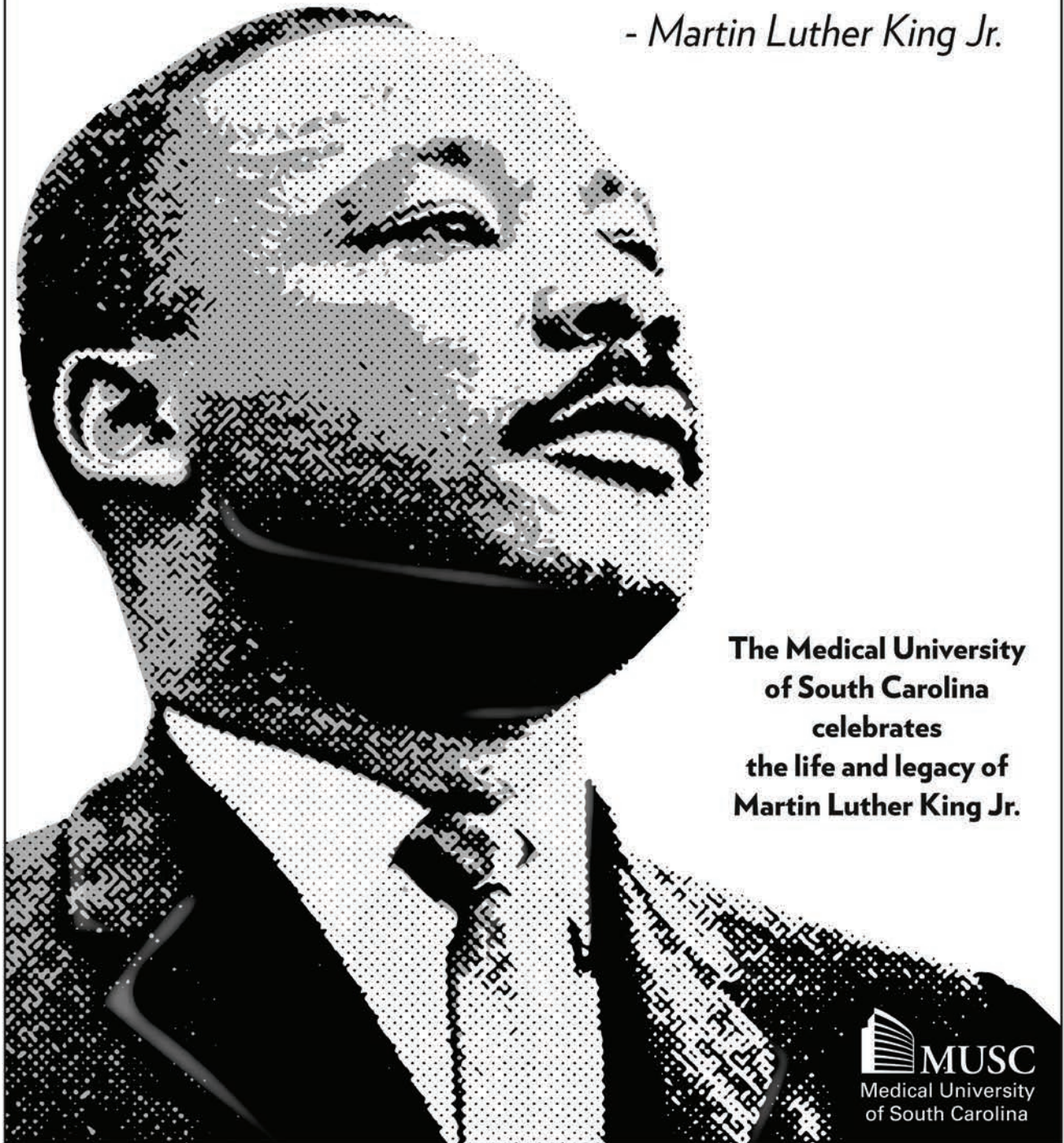


2023 SCHEDULE

- 1 MLK Area Worship Service**
4 PM Sunday, January 8, 2023
Presiding: Rev. Dr. George Kugblenu, Pastor
Emmanuel Baptist Church of James Island
- 2 MLK Breakfast Summit**
7 AM Thursday, January 12, 2023
Keynote: Lou W. Kennedy, CEO, Nephron Pharmaceuticals
Charleston Gaillard Center
- 3 MLK Ecumenical Service**
4 PM Sunday, January 15, 2023
Keynote: Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Temoney, Presiding Elder, Santee District Central Conference
Charity Missionary Baptist Church
- 4 MLK Parade**
10:30 AM Monday, January 16, 2023
Parade Marshal: KJ Kearney, Founder, Black Food Fridays
Downtown Charleston; televised live by NBC WCBD News 2

*“We must walk on in the days
ahead with an audacious
faith in the future.”*

- Martin Luther King Jr.



**The Medical University
of South Carolina
celebrates
the life and legacy of
Martin Luther King Jr.**

 **MUSC**
Medical University
of South Carolina

2023 AREA WORSHIP SERVICE

Presiding: Rev. Dr. George Kugblenu, Pastor | Theme: "Let Freedom Ring"

PRESIDING	Elder Dr. William Green, Pastor, Payne RMUE Church
PROCESSIONAL	The Choirs and Program Participants
OPENING SELECTION	"Lift Every Voice and Sing" by Choir and Congregation
INVOCATION	Rev. Ruth Williams, First Baptist Church of James Island
CHORAL RESPONSE	Choir and Congregation
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Elder Helen Doiley, True Vine Tabernacle Church
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Evangelist Cassandra J. Mazyck, New Beginning Congregational Church
THE LITANY	Bro. Cameron Brown, Greater Bethel AME Church
MUSIC SELECTION	Combined Choirs
TRIBUTE TO REV. CAMPBELL	James Island United Congregational Church
MUSIC SELECTION	Youth Combined Choir
GREETINGS & OCCASION	YWCA Greater Charleston
OFFERTORY APPEAL	Rev. Timothy Grant, Emmanuel Baptist Church of James Island
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Prophetess Sandra Barbour-Brisbane, His Grace & Mercy Ministries
INTRODUCTION	Rev. Cynthia Smalls, Greater Bethel AME Church
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Rev. Dr. Nathan M. Brown, Greater Bethel AME Church
SPECIAL MUSIC	Combined Choir
CLOSING REMARKS	Bishop William German, True Vine Tabernacle Church
CLOSING SELECTION	"We Shall Overcome" by Choir and Congregation
BENEDICTION	Rev. Dr. Nathan M. Brown, Pastor, Greater Bethel AME Church

2023 BREAKFAST SUMMIT

At the Charleston Gaillard Center | Theme: “Do the Work”

PRE-EVENT MUSIC	Leslie Adele, OCS Entertainment
OPENING REMARKS	The Honorable John Tecklenburg: Mayor, City of Charleston
OPENING PRAYER	Rev. Andrea Johnson, The Revelation of Christ Church (The R.O.C. Church)
OCCASION	Rabbi Evan Ravski, Synagogue Emanu-El
REMARKS	LaVanda Brown: Executive Director, YWCA Greater Charleston
MUSIC SELECTION	Leslie Adele, OCS Entertainment
YOUTH ESSAY	Jynesis Lee, Claflin University '23
AWARD PRESENTATION	Dwayne Green, Green Law Firm and Sydney Hamer, Nelson Mullins
HONOREE REMARKS	Dr. Maxine Smith, Maximum Consultants, LLC
INTRODUCTION	Anita Zucker: Chair, MLK Breakfast Summit
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Lou W. Kennedy: CEO, Nephron Pharmaceuticals
REMARKS	Kendra Snipe: Chair, YWCA Greater Charleston Board of Directors
CLOSING REMARKS	The Honorable John Tecklenburg: Mayor, City of Charleston
MUSIC SELECTION	Rev. Randolph Miller: Pastor, Greater Unity AME Church

2023 ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Presiding: Pastor Rev. Dr. Nelson B. Rivers, III, Charity Missionary Baptist Church

RECEPTION MUSIC	Divine Strength String Ensemble
CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Dr. Nelson B. Rivers, III, Charity Missionary Baptist Church
OPENING SELECTION	“Lift Every Voice and Sing” by MLK Community Choir
INVOCATION	Dr. Karen Reed-Perrineau: Pastor, St. Paul AME Church
WELCOME	Kennedy Joye Mack, Charity Missionary Baptist Church
REMARKS	The Honorable John Tecklenburg: Mayor, City of Charleston
MUSIC SELECTION	MLK Community Choir
REMARKS	LaVanda Brown: Executive Director, YWCA Greater Charleston
YOUTH ESSAY	Kira Hamrick: Senior, Academic Magnet High School
OCCASION	Trudy B. Grant, Charity Missionary Baptist Church
OFFERTORY APPEAL	Rev. Pamela Perrineau, The Rock, The Word, The Truth Ministries
OFFERING BLESSING	Deacon, Charity Missionary Baptist Church
YOUTH RECITATION	Zihaire Jackson, The Rock, The Word, The Truth Ministries
AWARD PRESENTATION	Nashonda Hunter, Alyssa Richardson: Harvey Gantt Triumph Award Chairs
HONOREE REMARKS	Rev. DeMett Jenkins, International African American Museum
MINISTRY OF DANCE	New Bethel Sounds of Praise
INTRODUCTION	Rev. Dr. Robyn Perrineau Kendrick: Associate Pastor, Society Hill AME Church
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Rev. Dr. Herbert Temoney: Presiding Elder, Santee District Central Conference
CALL TO ACTION	Rabbi Stephanie Alexander, Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim
CLOSING REMARKS	Rev. Dr. Nelson B. Rivers, III, Charity Missionary Baptist Church

Member
FDIC
EQUAL HOUSING
LENDER

Dream Mortgage

Up to 100% financing
No mortgage insurance
No down payment



SouthernFirst

*Loan originations are subject to underwriting and credit approval. Other terms, conditions and certain fees may apply.

2023 SPONSORS

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

DREAM GUARANTORS

blackbaud®

 **MUSC Health**
Medical University of South Carolina

 **BOEING**



 **BOSCH**

sonepar
usa

 **Dominion Energy®**


SouthernFirst

Google

 **United**
Community Bank.

SPECIAL THANKS



2023 SPONSORS

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

PEACE PATRONS

BEEMOK FAMILY FOUNDATION
BISHOP GADSDEN
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY
CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS
CITY OF CHARLESTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY
COASTAL CONSERVATION LEAGUE
CPM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
CUMMINS TURBO TECHNOLOGIES
EXPLORE CHARLESTON / CHARLESTON CVB
FIRST CITIZENS BANK
HAYNSWORTH SINKLER BOYD
INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM
MOTLEY RICE
PALMETTO GOODWILL
PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS
PUBLIX SUPER MARKET CHARITIES
SELECT HEALTH OF SOUTH CAROLINA

PEACE PATRONS CONT.

SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM
SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS AUTHORITY
T-MOBILE CHARLESTON CEC
THE CITADEL
TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND
TRIDENT UNITED WAY



The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina

The Episcopal churches of the Diocese of South Carolina give thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and share his mission to seek true justice and equality for all people. We celebrate God's gift of diversity and welcome you to our inclusive fellowship.



**THE DIOCESE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

episcopalchurchsc.org • facebook.com/dioceseofsc

2023 SPONSORS

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

BRIGHT LIGHT DONORS

Charleston County Democratic Party
Charleston County Parks & Recreation
Charleston County Sheriff's Office
Charleston Southern University
Charleston Water System
Clemson University
Comcast
Curry Law Firm
LS3P
Middleton Place Foundation
Patrick Properties Hospitality Group
WCSC Live 5 News

MLK ADVERTISERS

First Citizens Bank
ILA Local 1422
International African American Museum

MLK ADVERTISERS CONT.

Kimpton for South Carolina
Motley Rice
South Carolina AFL-CIO
The Citadel Office of Diversity
The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina
The UPS Store | Johns Island

THE
PRINTING
STORE

 **THE UPS STORE**
be unstoppable

Diane Carroll
Managing Owner

3575 MAYBANK HWY STE D P: 843-557-0090
Johns Island, SC 29455 F: 843-557-0092
Mon- Fri 09:00 AM - 06:00 PM store5504@theupsstore.com
Sat 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM theupsstore.com/5504
Sun Closed

 **THE UPS STORE**
be unstoppable

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most celebrated and influential speech is but one of his many acts of service from a lifetime of activism. Together, we honor his heroic legacy in advancing civil rights and recognize YWCA Greater Charleston for their decades of service to eliminate racism and empower women.



I HAVE A DREAM

that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the COLOR of their skin, but by the content of their CHARACTER.



South Carolina

"Building a Future for Charleston Residents"



OUR MISSION:

That mission is to provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low and moderate income citizens of the City of Charleston. The employees of the Authority provide the day-to-day operational support for over 1,300 public housing households located throughout the City and over 1,500 Housing Choice Voucher Program participants living in private accommodations.



eliminating racism
empowering women

ywca

YWCA Greater Charleston

WE ARE ON A MISSION TO:

Eliminate racism
Empower women
Stand up for social justice
Help families and
Strengthen communities

JOIN US.

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

YWCAGreaterCharleston
 @YWCAChasSC
 @ywca_gc
 YWCAgc.org

2023 MLK PATRONS

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

ASHLEY MISSIONARY BAPTIST

FAMILY

Bro. Leroy Williams & Family

GOLD

Dec. Brian & Deaconess Danielle Reese
Dr. Danny & First Lady Cynthia Johnson

BRONZE

Bro. Bobby & Sis. Mary Watkins
Bro. Calvin & Sis. Dantuine Steed
Bro. Jamie and Sis. Pearl Coakley
Bro. Julius Hamilton
Bro. Randy & Sis. Deborah Hadley
Crystal Murray
Dec. Gene & Deaconess Brenda Reese
Dec. Jerode & Deaconess Robyne Johnson
Deaconess Donna Fields
Deaconess Phyllis Gadsden
Deaconess Sadie Hill
Evangelist Rose Holmes
Min. Angelo Montgomery
Sis. Jackie Jamison
Sis. Ruth Waring
Sis. Sally Smalls
Sis. Sandra Flowers
Sis. Shirley Porcher
Sis. Shirley Shaw
Sis. Tonya Johnson

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST

FAMILY

Rev. Nelson B. and Carolyn Rivers, III
Dec. Ladine and Rev. Rossilind Daniels

GOLD

Rev. Vertelle Seabrook
Dec. Clarence and Sis. Katherine Bryant
Dec. Timothy and Sis. Jennifer Griffin
Dec. James Gause, Sr.

SILVER

Dec. John and Carol Griffin



**UNITED WE
IMPROVE
LIVES**

We are honored to participate in the celebration and lasting legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in this community we all call home.

To live better, we must all **LIVE UNITED.**

LIVE UNITED[®]
Join the Movement.
TUUW.org



2023 MLK PATRONS

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

SILVER (CONT.)

Dec. Levy and Shirley Berry
Sis. Areka Brant
Sis. Trudy Grant
Sis. Mary Greer
Sis. Phyllis Griffin
Bro. Sammie Hart
Sis. Victoria Abram

BRONZE

Sis. Kimberly Murdaugh
Sis. Sonja McGee
Sis. Henrietta L. Conyers
Sis. Annette M. Bowman

EMMANUEL BAPTIST OF JAMES ISLAND

FAMILY

Rev. Dr. George & Karen Kugblenu
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Richardson, Sr.

GOLD

Rev. Dr. Branden Sweeper
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Whaley
Dec. James Roger Walker
Dec. Edward Drayton

BRONZE

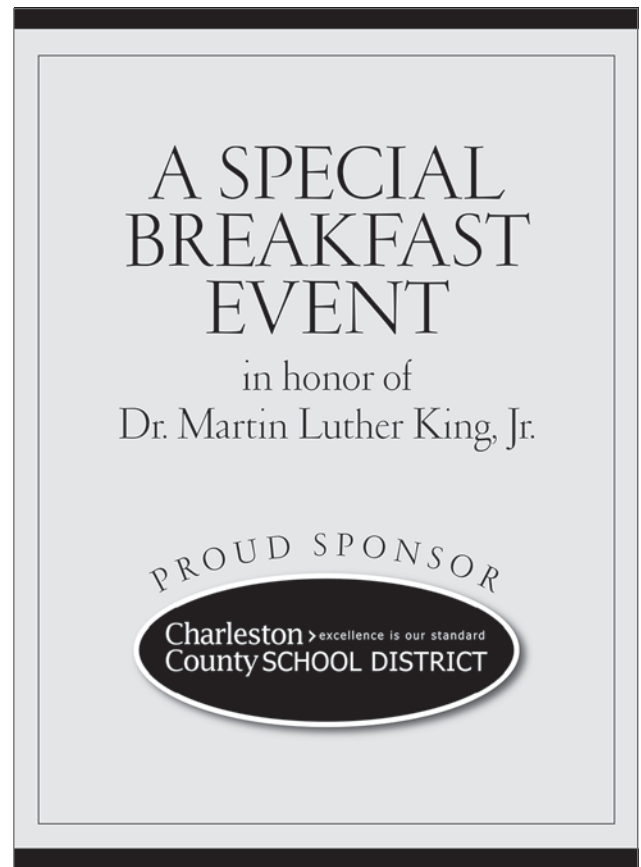
William Matthews
Mrs. Irene Gethers
Ms. Jenette V. Wright
Mr. Carl Middleton
Mr. Joe N. Brown

Ms. Margaret Hamilton
Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Banner, Jr.
Ms. Kathy Young
Mrs. Josephine Brown
Mrs. Rosalee Spehar
Mr. Alvin M. Cromwell
Mrs. Laurette Jenkins
Ms. Emmalise Jenkins

NEW BEGINNINGS CONGREGATIONAL

BRONZE

Rev. Josephine Prioleau-Richardson



2023 MLK PATRONS

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

COMMUNITY AT LARGE

SPECIAL THANKS

Janice Anderson, Isle of Palms, SC

TRIBUTE

Dr. Patrice Black Davis
 in honor of Terrence Davis
 Garcia Williams
 in honor of Sidney Williams, Jr.
 LaVanda Brown
 in honor of Shirley McGee Brown
 Mark Jeffery Miller
 in honor of Mattese Lecque (mother)
 Pastor Pamela Reed Perrineau
 in honor of Bishop Robert L. Perrineau, Sr.
 TL Collard

FAMILY

Darlene W. Ravenel & Ravenel Family
 Magi Griffin
 Margaret Thorne Seidler
 Mr. Dana McGhee &
 Mrs. Sharon Middleton McGhee

GOLD

Anthony G. Joyner
 Brian Reese
 Councilman Handy Miles, Jr. & Rhonda Miles
 Dec. Johnny Fields
 Djuanna M. Brockington
 Jasmine Tirado
 Joselyn L. Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Jamison
 Mrs. Victoria & Mr. Victor Forrest
 Rev. Bobby & Sis. Regina Stephens
 Rev. Randolph Miller
 Teresa Olivia Boone Creecy
 TL Collard

SILVER

Edward Keith

BRONZE

Antoinette Green
 David Palmer
 Robin Hillyer-Miles



YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT AT CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

Our commitment to excellence supports us as being recognized as a leading 21st Century institution of higher education that develops a diverse and inclusive community of globally engaged visionary leaders.

OFFERING BACHELOR'S, MASTER'S, AND ONLINE DEGREES

BACHELOR'S DEGREES		MASTER'S DEGREES	
MAJOR	DEGREE	MAJOR	DEGREE
African and African American Studies	B.A.	Biotechnology	M.S.
Art Education	B.A.	Biotechnology (Climate Change)	M.S.
Biochemistry	B.S.	Business Administration	MBA
Bioinformatics	B.S.	Criminal Justice	M.S.
Biology	B.S.	Curriculum and Instruction	M.Ed.
Biotechnology	B.S.	Cybersecurity (2024)	M.S.
Business Administration (concentrations in Accounting and Finance)	B.S.	Nursing	M.S.N.
Chemistry	B.S.		
Computer Engineering	B.S.	PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING STUDIES	
Computer Science	B.S.	(Orangeburg and Ft. Johnson/Columbia Campus)	
Criminal Justice	B.A.	Criminal Justice	B.A.
Cybersecurity (2024)	B.S.	Organizational Management	B.S.
Digital Design	B.A.	Psychology	B.A.
Early Childhood Education	B.S.		
Elementary Education	B.S.	ONLINE DEGREES	
English	B.A.	Business Administration	MBA
English Education	B.A.	Criminal Justice	B.A. and M.S.
Environmental Science	B.S.	Curriculum and Instruction	M.Ed.
History	B.A.	Nursing	B.S.N. and M.S.N.
Human Performance and Recreation	B.S.	Organizational Management	B.S.
Management	B.S.	Psychology	B.A.
Management Information Science	B.S.		
Marketing	B.S.	DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS	
Mass Communications	B.A.	• Engineering (3+2 with Clemson University)	
Mathematics	B.S.	• Engineering Technology (3+2 with South Carolina State University)	
Mathematics Education	B.S.	• Biology/Public Health (4+1 with University of South Carolina)	
Middle Level Education	B.S.	• Medical Laboratory Sciences Associates Degree → Biotechnology (2+2 with Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College)	
Music	B.A.	• Biotechnology Associates → Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology (2+2 with Greenville Technical College)	
Music Education	B.A.	• Biochemistry → Doctor of Pharmacy (3+4 with Presbyterian College)	
Philosophy and Religion	B.A.	• Biochemistry → Doctor of Pharmacy (South Carolina College of Pharmacy Inc. University of South Carolina and Medical University of South Carolina)	
Political Science	B.A.	• Masters in Mass Communications (4 + 1 with University of South Carolina)	
Psychology	B.A.		
Sociology	B.A.		
Spanish	B.A.		
Sport Management	B.A.		
Studio Art	B.A.		



International Longshoremen's Association

Local 1422

1142 Morrison Drive

Charleston, SC 29403

OUR MEMBERSHIP

**CONGRATULATES YWCA GREATER CHARLESTON
ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL REVEREND DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION**

PROUD ANNUAL SUPPORTER OF THE MLK CELEBRATION

2023 AWARD FOUNDERS

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

HARVEY GANTT TRIUMPH AWARD

ENDOWMENT DONORS

Ed Pendarvis
Civic Leader & Entrepreneur
Hugh C. Lane, Jr.
President & CEO, Bank of South Carolina
Ray Huff, AIA
Partner, Huff + Gooden Architects

CONTRIBUTOR

Kristin Kurie
President, The Wilderman Group

SHOWCASE DONORS

Medical University of South Carolina
The Citadel

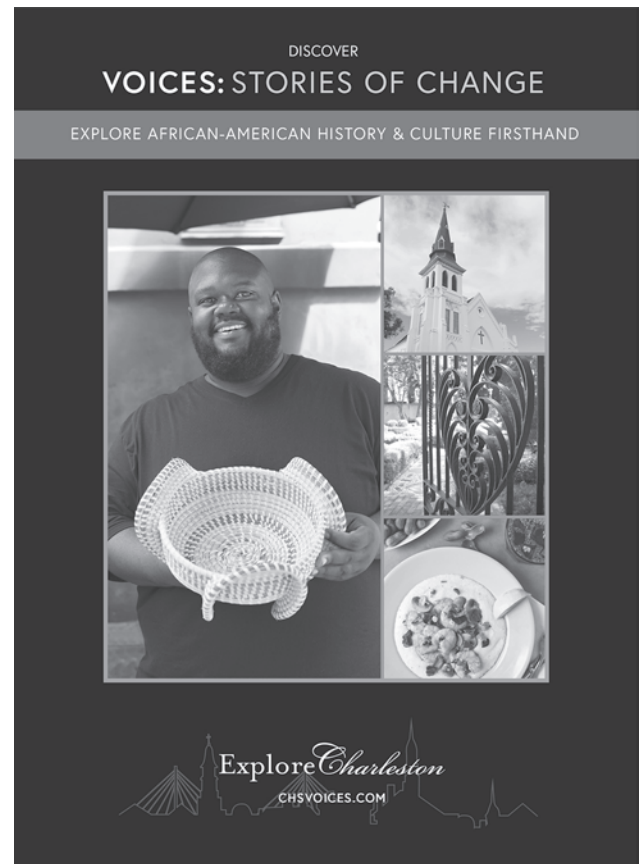
2010 TROPHY CUP

Appointed by George C. Birlant & Co.,
Antiques
Phil and Andrew Slotin

JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR. VISION AWARD

INAUGURAL DONORS

Clemson University
The Beach Company
The Honorable William Dudley Gregorie
The Law Office of Paul E. Tinkler
Dr. Celeste and Mr. Charles W. Patrick
Dr. David Rivers
Medical University of South Carolina



2023 AWARD COMMITTEES

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

HARVEY GANTT TRIUMPH AWARD

Nashonda Hunter | Chair
Alyssa Richardson | Co-Chair
Melanie Collins
Edward Copes
Trudy B. Grant
Danielle Hardee
KJ Kearney

JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR. VISION AWARD

Dwayne Green | Chair
Sydney Hamer | Co-Chair

VISION AWARD (CONT.)

Jennifer Brown
Herbert Drayton
Rebecca Fisher
Marc Gibson
Sonia Hanson
Janet Hart
Danny E. Martin, Jr.
Chalena McIlwain
Victoria Rae Moore
Donald Smith
Kendra Snipe
Christy Tyson

Member FDIC



People first.
Community first.
Forever First.

firstcitizens.com

 **First Citizens Bank**



2023 MLK COMMITTEES

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

MLK BREAKFAST SUMMIT

Anita Zucker | Chair
Mayor John Tecklenburg | Honorary Chair
John Brisini

MLK ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Rev. Pamela Perrineau | Chair
Lorna Shelton Beck
Trudy B. Grant
Rev. DeMett Jenkins

MLK PARADE

Sgt. Herman Allen | Chair
Lorna Shelton Beck
M. Jeffrey Fielding, Jr.
Marcella Simmons




Donate | Shop | Make A Difference
Create opportunities in your community



Changing lives by providing equitable access to training, education, and employment.

palmettogoodwill.org •    

We proudly support the
51st Annual Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr. Celebration.



PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS
CHARITIES

Charity Missionary Baptist Church

CONGRATULATIONS

At Charity we are committed to
Jesus' command in Matthew 23:23

To the "Weightier Matters"
Justice, Mercy, and Faith

Pastor Rev. Nelson B. Rivers III
1544 East Montague Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Phone: 843.747.7237 | Fax: 843.747.2770
cmbc1544@gmail.com | www.thecmbc.org

YWCA.GC STAFF

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

Photography: Mell Bell



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LaVanda Brown, M.Ed

Bio: ywcagc.org/director



DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Tori Burke-Koskela

Bio: ywcagc.org/deputy-director



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Melissa Calcutt

Bio: ywcagc.org/finance-director



DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Chajuanna "CJ" Gathers

Bio: ywcagc.org/women-youth-director



TRAINING LOGISTICS COORDINATOR

Shamara White

Bio: ywcagc.org/training-logistics



EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Robin Hillyer-Miles

Bio: ywcagc.org/exec-admin

YWCA.GC BOARD

We thank all who made our 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration possible

Photography: Mell Bell



CHAIR

Kendra Snipe
Nucor Corporation
ywcagc.org/board



SECRETARY

Janet Hart
Amazon
ywcagc.org/board



VICE CHAIR

Jennifer Dunlap
Baker Donelson
ywcagc.org/board



TREASURER

Courtney Johnson
Prudential Financial
ywcagc.org/board



PAST CHAIR

Judge Tamara C. Curry
ywcagc.org/board



MEMBER

Adrianna Grimes
ywcagc.org/board



MEMBER

Radia Baxter
ywcagc.org/board



MEMBER

Belita Green
ywcagc.org/board



MEMBER

Natasha Chisolm
ywcagc.org/board



MEMBER

Carol A. Jackson
ywcagc.org/board



MEMBER

Ardmease Cunningham
ywcagc.org/board



MEMBER

Crystal T. Robinson Rouse
ywcagc.org/board



MEMBER

Kenya Dunn
ywcagc.org/board



We all play a part

Boeing is committed to enriching the communities where our teammates live and work. We are proud to sponsor the YWCA of Greater Charleston's MLK Day celebration.

Learn more at boeing.com





BREAKFAST KEYNOTE

LOU W. KENNEDY


CEO, NEPHRON PHARMACEUTICALS

Lou Kennedy is chief executive officer and owner of Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation, a certified woman-owned business and global leader in manufacturing opioid-free drugs for pain that produces one billion doses of life-saving medication annually, and Nephron Nitrile, a producer of American-made nitrile gloves created to help shore up America's medical supply chain. She is also chair of S.C. BIO, a statewide association promoting the life sciences industry, and Governor Henry McMaster's appointee to the South Carolina Research Authority executive committee, in addition to many other board and leadership roles. Among other honors, she has been named Business Leader of the Year by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and awarded South Carolina's highest civilian honor: the Order of the Palmetto, bestowed by Governor Nikki R. Haley in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding service.

“Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'what are you doing for others?'”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

BISHOP GADSDEN
— — —
bishopgadsden.org

In keeping with our 173-year mission of affirming positive living for all, Bishop Gadsden proudly supports the 2023 YWCA Greater Charleston Annual MLK Celebration.

 South Carolina Aquarium

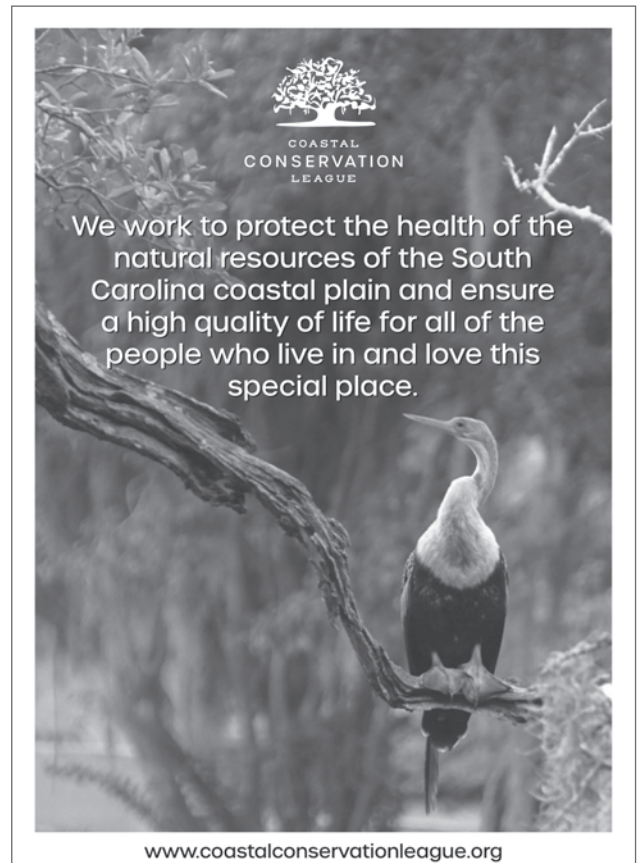
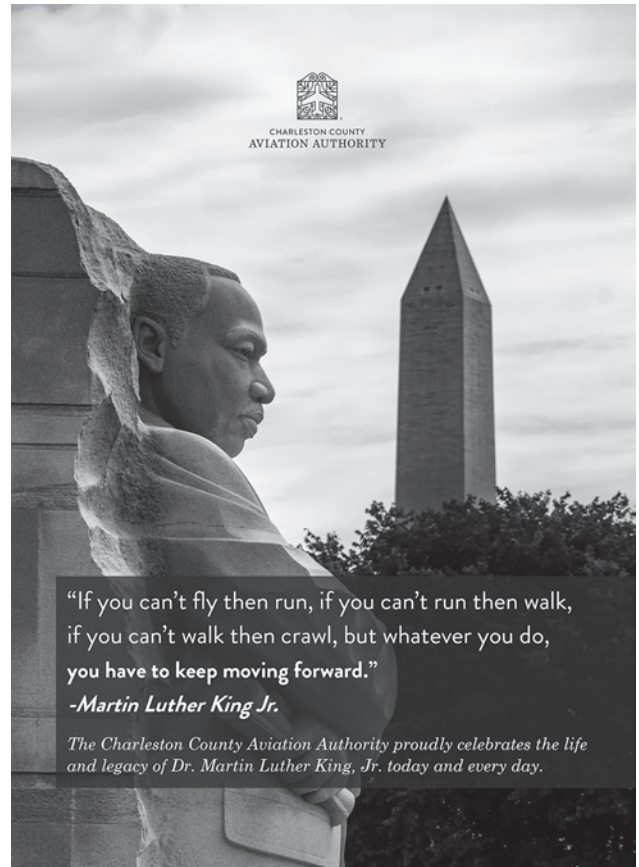
Connecting everyone to water, wildlife and wild places.
Learn more at scaquarium.org



ECUMENICAL KEYNOTE

REV. DR. HERBERT L. TEMONEY
PRESIDING ELDER, SANTEE DISTRICT

A native of Mayesville, South Carolina, Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Temoney currently serves as presiding elder of the Santee District of the Seventh Episcopal AME Church Central South Carolina Annual Conference. Prior to taking on this role, he served as presiding elder of the Wateree District, pastor of Greater St. Luke AME Church in Charleston, and a volunteer chaplain with the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy organization in Charleston. He has also served as a member of the Charleston Illumination Project and as a member of the City of Charleston Mayor's Clergy Advisory Council. Today he serves on the board of his alma mater, Allen University. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity degree from Payne Theological Seminary, and a bachelor's degree in sociology and social work from Allen University in South Carolina. He has also been awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters by Canaan Bible College for distinguished community service.



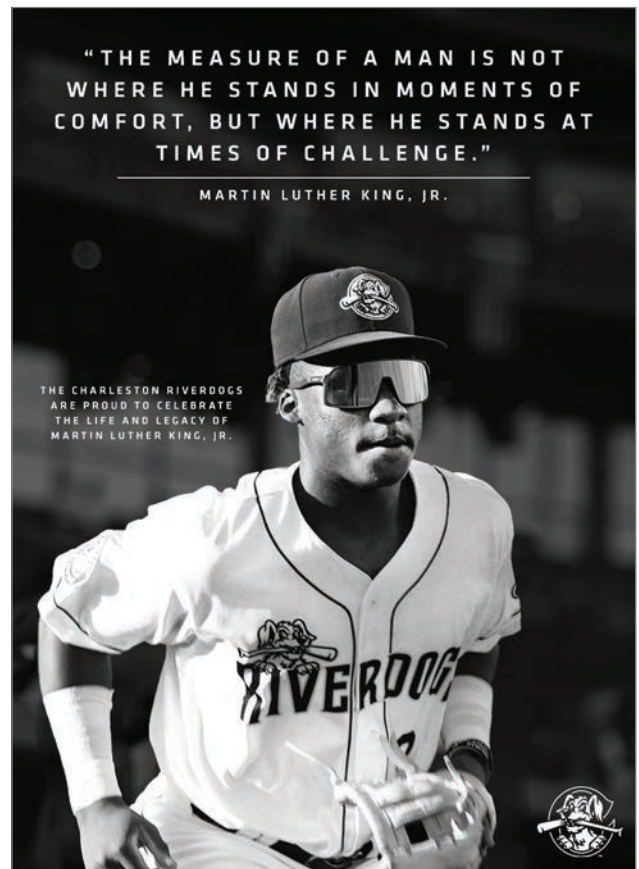


PARADE MARSHAL

KJ KEARNEY

FOUNDER, BLACK FOOD FRIDAYS

This graduate of historically Black college South Carolina State University exploded into the world of advocacy at a young age with the founding his James Beard Award-nominated social media initiative encouraging people to purchase food and drinks from Black-owned restaurants. Since 2020, Black Food Fridays has grown to more than 250,000 organic followers across Instagram and Tik Tok. KJ has been a featured guest on the hit Food Network show *Delicious Mrs. Brown* and appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Condé Nast Traveller*, *Insider* magazine, the BBC, and MTV News, among others. He has also worked with top firms like Pepsi, the Black Amazon Employee Network, the Charleston Food + Wine Festival, and the Charleston Area Visitors Bureau, and has been a featured speaker, moderator, or host for SXSW (South by Southwest), SURJ (Standing up for Racial Justice), the Columbia Museum of Art, the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, and Creative Mornings Charleston.



Your First Choice

Helping people get care, stay well, and build healthy communities since 1995.

Make us your First Choice today! You want the best for your family. At First Choice, helping families get care and stay well is the very heart of our work. Choose a top-rated* health plan that's here to support you and your family. Like, follow, and subscribe on social media!**

* First Choice by Select Health rated higher by network providers than all other Medicaid plans in South Carolina, according to an independent provider satisfaction survey by SPH Analytics, a Press Ganey Solution and National Committee for Quality Assurance-certified vendor, February 2022.

** Search **First Choice by Select Health**. Standard message and data fees may apply.

First Choice
by Select Health of South Carolina
Your Hometown Health Plan

Healthy Connections

www.selecthealthofsc.com
1-888-276-2020

All images are used under license for illustrative purposes only. Any individual depicted is a model.
FC-01042021-PR-1



CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE IAAM FAMILY

REV. DEMETT JENKINS
International African American Museum
Lilly Director of Education and Engagement
for Faith-Based Communities

Located at the historically sacred site of Gadsden's Wharf, one of the country's most prolific slave trading ports, the International African American Museum is uniquely positioned to honor the untold stories of the African American journey. Through authentic, empathetic storytelling, the International African American Museum explores the African American experience through the power of place by acknowledging the achievements of Africans and African Americans, exhibiting how their labor, resistance, and ingenuity has shaped every aspect of our world.

OPENING 2023

To learn more or plan your visit: www.iaamuseum.org



Condé Nast Traveller

VISION AWARD

MAXINE SMITH, ED.D

JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR. VISION AWARD RECIPIENT

A former CEO of the Trident Urban League and administrator for the American Cancer Society’s Best Chance Network Program, the College of Charleston, Charleston County School District, and Charleston Mayor’s Office for Children, Dr. Smith started out as a teacher of English, public speaking, and journalism. Today, she partners with businesses owned by minorities and other entities that impact disadvantaged citizens and their living environments. She is currently providing outreach services for SCDOT’s I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West project, which is projected to impact several minority neighborhoods. Her other community outreach projects have included the 25-year Charleston County Half-Cent Sales Tax project and the Arthur Ravenel, Jr. Bridge in 2001-2005. She also managed public and media relations for families of the Emanuel AME Church victims, survivors, and church members, and was a founding member of the African American Leadership Council of Trident United Way.



TRIUMPH AWARD

REV. DEMETT JENKINS, M.DIV

HARVEY GANTT TRIUMPH AWARD RECIPIENT

Rev. Jenkins is proof that the acorn doesn’t fall far from the tree! The granddaughter of the late civil rights activist Esau Jenkins, she currently serves as the International African American Museum’s Lilly Director of Education & Engagement for Faith-Based Communities. Prior to that, she spent more than a decade working for United Family Services’ Shelter for Battered Women before designing and implementing a domestic violence spiritual advocate ministry through University Park Baptist Church. She also served as a chaplain at Emory University Healthcare and a pastoral care coordinator at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital. Today she volunteers her time with Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, an organization that responds to deaths, homicides, and other crisis situations with both the Charleston and North Charleston Police Departments. She holds a degree in criminal justice and a master’s degree in divinity with a focus on pastoral care and counseling.



ESSAY PRESENTER

KIRA HAMRICK
MLK BREAKFAST SUMMIT YOUTH ESSAY

A core member of YWCA Greater Charleston’s SheStrong program since her sophomore year, this Academic Magnet High School senior is dedicated to working to improve life for young women through victim advocacy, sex education, event organization, and donation drives. Among her goals for her life are advocating for trans women, young mothers, and victims of assault to create a community where women can reach out and speak openly about gender inequality.

Kira served as a key part of SheStrong’s YWCA.GC 2022 Stand Against Racism and 2021 Week Without Violence social media initiatives. She is highly involved in her school’s Neurodivergent / Disabled Club, LGBTQ+ Club, Asian Awareness Club, and Tabletop Gaming club, while leading games of *Dungeons and Dragons* for teens at the Charleston County Public Library.



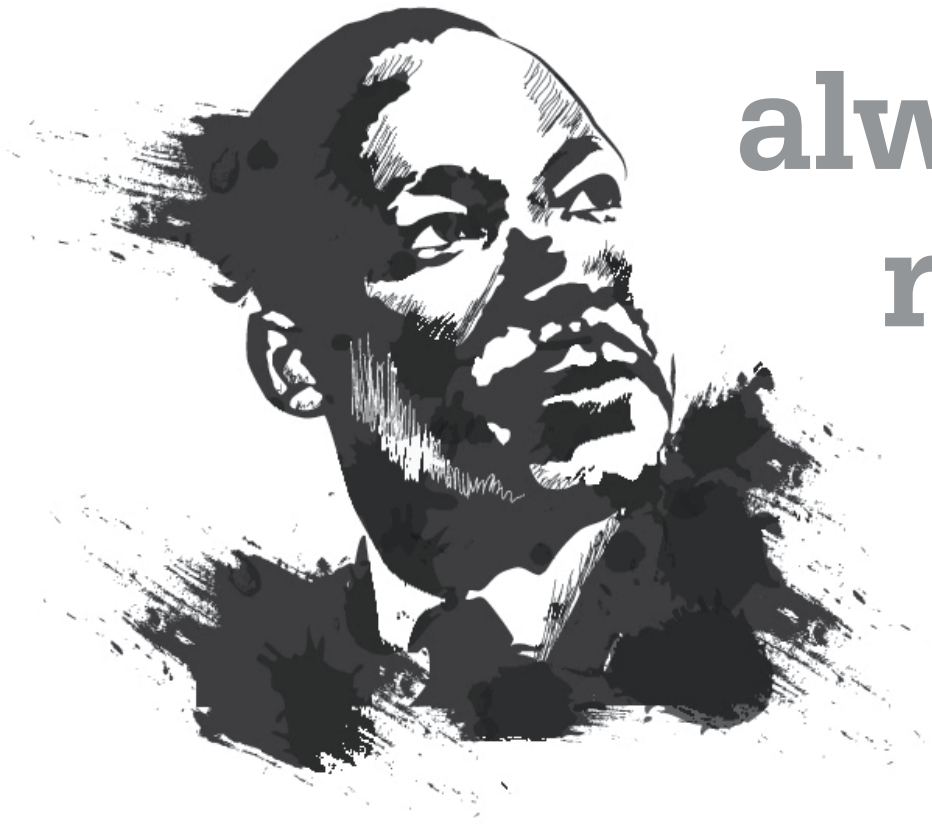
ESSAY PRESENTER

JYNESIS LEE
MLK ECUMENICAL SERVICE YOUTH ESSAY

The founder of The Protection Project SC, a peer-to-peer distribution hotline for emergency contraception and sexual health resources, Jynesis also serves as a student activist for the EC4EC (Emergency Contraception for Every Campus) advisory committee, an engagement intern for the Carolina Abortion Fund, and a two-time fellow for the Advocates for Youth: Condom Collective.

Jynesis is also a member of the NAACP chapter and the Public Health Alliance chapter of Claflin University, where she is pursuing a degree in biology with a minor in chemistry with an eye to becoming a registered nurse specializing in neonatal intensive care.

In the meantime, this Summerville native serves as a senator in Claflin’s Student Government Association and intends to continue educating young people.



**The
time
is
always
right
to
do
the
right
thing**



**Dominion
Energy®**

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

JOIN US IN SONG

Lift Every Voice and Sing: 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Lift every voice and sing
'Til Earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith
That the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on 'til victory is won

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chast'ning rod
Felt in the days that hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet

Come to the place
on which our fathers sighed
We have come over a way
That with tears have been watered
We have come, treading our path
Through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
'til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our star is cast

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God
Where we met Thee
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world
We forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
may we forever stand
True to our God, true to our native land

**CPM is a
proud sponsor
of the YWCA 2023
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Celebration**



cpmfed.com | 800.255.1513

JOIN US IN SONG

We Shall Overcome: 51st Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

According to the Library of Congress, this song has its roots in African American hymns dating from the early 20th century, and was first used as a protest song in 1945, when striking tobacco workers in Charleston, South Carolina sang it on their picket line.

We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome some day

CHORUS:

Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
We shall overcome some day

We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand

We shall all be free some day

CHORUS

We shall all be free
We shall all be free
We shall all be free some day

CHORUS

We are not afraid
We are not afraid
We are not afraid today

CHORUS

We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome some day

The SC AFL-CIO congratulates
YWCA Greater Charleston on
another successful Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr. Celebration.



*True peace is not merely the absence of tension;
it is the presence of justice.*

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



WELCOME KEYNOTE SPEAKER,
MS. LOU W. KENNEDY



MotleyRice[®]
ATTORNEYS AT LAW LLC

843.216.9000
www.motleyrice.com

SCIRIICTINYIWVIDCINJIPA

Proudly representing South Carolinians
for two decades in a variety of matters

CAUSES, NOT JUST CASES[®]

28 BRIDGESIDE BLVD., MT. PLEASANT, SC 29464

Marlon E. Kimpson is the attorney responsible for this communication.

We lead best when we lead together.

The Citadel is proud to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy of principled leadership. Learn more about our mission to promote a culture of inclusion and equality at citadel.edu/together



THE CITADEL

THE MILITARY COLLEGE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA