

# 13th ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WALK-A-THON

**A message from the Riverside Youth Council**

Dear Students:

The Martin Luther King Jr. Walk-A-Thon is organized by members of the Riverside African-American Historical Society to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy of service and reconciliation.

By participating in the January 16, 2006, Martin Luther King Day Walk-A-Thon, all Riverside youth have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of this pioneer for social justice and carry forward his message and spirit of service and tolerance.

The challenge for young people in 2006 is to realize Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community" - a community in which people of all backgrounds share common values and actions. As Dr. King noted, "We have made of this world a neighborhood yet have not had the ethical commitment to make of it a brotherhood." Young people today may attend school together and live side by side, but too often as strangers, incapable of dissolving the misconceptions of the other. We must commit to strive for cultural understanding as a way to bridge conflict and to communicate with one another as a means to discover that the more we know about each other, the more we will find how alike we really are.

Sincerely,

James Ambat	Collin Hord	Brittini Tanenbaum
Kevin Bazan	Vanity Maldonado	Matthew Taylor
Gladys Calderon	Erica Martinez	Bruke Tedla
Cassie Cunningham	Vasti Mejia	Kristina Thai
Elfego Felix	Nikol Schiller	Marvin Tovar
Danielle Hernandez	Brian Schneider	Pamela Velez
Jenny Hong	Roxana Shafai	Christina Wilkinson

THE RIVERSIDE YOUTH COUNCIL 2005 - 2006

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE WALK- A -THON WILL  
BENEFIT BOTH THE MLK VISIONARIES FOUNDATION  
AND THE RIVERSIDE AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE CLARKE AND  
GRIER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

AND FOR THE  
MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR. STATUE



**Riverside African American Historical  
Society**

**Riverside Martin Luther King  
Visionaries Foundation**

**WALK FOR THE  
VISION OF A  
RECONCILED  
WORLD**

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**MONDAY  
JANUARY 16, 2006**

**HE HAD A DREAM**

**A MAGNIFICANT DREAM**

**..... KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
13th ANNUAL WALK-A-THON  
6K Walk • Run 9:00 a.m.**

**From Stratton Center to City Hall**

## Check In for the Walk-A -Thon

7:30 - 8:55 a.m.

Stratton Center, 2008 MLK Jr. Blvd.,  
Riverside

Walk-A-Thon starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

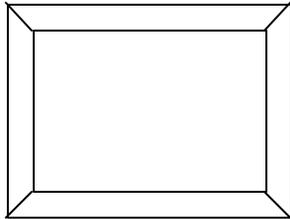
Three special categories for youth recognition and prizes will be awarded:

- Individual with most pledges
- Team with most pledges
- Team with the most creative theme and consistent signs/logo and dress

The Walk-A-thon will start at Stratton Center and proceed to City Hall at the site of the Martin Luther King Jr. statue.

Special events following the Walk-A-Thon include health and fitness booths, recognition awards children's crafts, interactive activities, music, dance, contests, and prizes.

## NUMBER



## THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT

An individual or team number will be assigned to you after we have received your entry fee. Please return the entry and pledge form to the Riverside Youth Council representative at your school or mail directly to the City Hall address on the back cover of this form. Your team or individual number will be returned to you by hand or by mail before the day of the race, January 16, 2006.

## ENTRY AND PLEDGE FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORIES: PLEASE COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

TEAM  TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL  SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

FEE: STUDENT DISCOUNT \$10.00 WITH T-SHIRT \$15.00

### WALK-A-THON PLEDGES

NAME	AMOUNT
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

### WAIVER:

I hereby release the Riverside African-American Historical Society and the MLK Monument Visionaries, the city of Riverside, the Riverside Downtown Partnership Foundation, Elites Social Club, government agencies, co-sponsoring companies and/or individuals from responsibility for any injuries or damages I may suffer as a result of my participation in the 13th Annual MLK Walk-A-Thon. I am in good condition and am able to safely compete in this event. I will additionally permit the use of my name and pictures in broadcasts, telecasts, newspapers, brochures, etc., and I also understand that the entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. As a participating athlete, I certify that all information provided in this form is true and complete. I have read the entry information provided for the event and certify my compliance by signature below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If the participant is under the age of 18: This is to certify that my son/daughter has my permission to compete in the MLK Walk-A-Thon, is in good physical condition, and the Walk A Thon Committee has my permission to authorize emergency treatment if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## BIOGRAPHY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

JANUARY 15, 1929 - APRIL 4, 1968

Martin Luther King, Jr., was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer

Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship from Crozer Seminary, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving his degree in 1955.

In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Ave Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. Always a strong worker for civil rights King was also a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1955 he accepted leadership of the first Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times, the bus boycott. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court declared laws requiring segregation on buses unconstitutional, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a ranking leader of the Negro cause. In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the civil rights movement. He took the ideals for this organization from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi. Between 1957 and 1968, King traveled 6 million miles and spoke 2,500 times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; he also wrote five books and many articles. At 35, King was the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of civil rights.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.