The Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission invites the community to Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, January 16 for the 2023 MLK Day Community Commemoration. This year's theme is "The Dream is Not Dead: Democracy is Alive!"

The in-person event features guest speaker Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook, who was appointed by President Obama to serve as the Ambassador-at-large for International Religious Freedom.

The Greater Rochester MLK Commission is committed to promoting Dr. King's message of non-violence, economic justice, and community empowerment in Rochester. Register
Also -- from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nazareth College will commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special program that is open to the public. Keynote speaker Simeon Banister, leader of the Rochester Area Community Foundation and the Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission, will speak on the theme Roots for Change: Approaches to Social Justice Action. The MLK commemoration takes place in the Nazareth College Arts Center’s Callahan Theater. Click here for details. A livestream will be available here.
RCSD Students Bring Positivity to the Stage

Congratulations to Mentors Inspiring Boys & Girls presentation of “The School to Prison Pipeline: The Stage Play” last month at East High School. MIB is a creative arts program that delves into theatre, creative writing, poetry, and dance. Providing positive reinforcements, encouraging youth to use their voices, learn how to express themselves, and break out of their shells, while having FUN.

MIB offers after-school and evening classes in a range of artistic, performance and academic subjects, including Hip Hop and Step Dance, Theater and Spoken Word performance, Boxing, Music, Creative Writing, Math and STEM. Learn more here.

HCR Cares Featured in the Rochester Business Journal:
LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Action for a Better Community Hosts Annual Conference: Empowerment, Equity & Accountability...the Journey Ahead

Registration for Action for a Better Community’s 2023 Signature Conference starts this week! View the full schedule of events here.

The virtual conference -- a continuation of Action for a Better Community's social justice work -- will be held on January 12th and 19th, followed by an in-person awards ceremony and breakfast on January 26th at the Memorial Art Gallery.

Click here for more information and to purchase tickets.

Rochester Area Community Foundation Hosts Virtual Event on National Day of Racial Healing

January 17, 2023, marks the seventh annual National Day of Racial Healing. On this day, individuals, organizations and communities across the U.S. come together to explore
their common humanity and build the relationships necessary to create a more just and equitable world.

Join Rochester Area Community Foundation and other regional foundations for a free, virtual event from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, to hear what best-selling author Heather McGhee learned about the true cost of racism after interviewing Americans of all races from across the country. Register here.

PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 Resources & Guidance From New York State Department of Health

- All New Yorkers 6 months and older should get vaccinated and get their booster dose when eligible.
- If you are experiencing symptoms or were exposed, get tested.
- If you test positive, stay home and talk to your healthcare provider about treatment.
- Masks are still required in healthcare facilities.
- Travelers, domestic and international should continue to follow all CDC travel requirements.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- NEW: The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence is offering youth ages 12-24 grants of up to $1,000 to design creative solutions for fear, hostility, and divisions within their communities. The Institute is interested in supporting projects that incorporate the arts, outreach, and education to bring healing within our communities. Grants will be evaluated based on their creativity, vision, thoughtful planning, and financial efficiency. Applications are due Friday, January 28. Click here for more.

- New York State is creating a $150 million workforce development grant program designed to support training programs and assist education and training providers. The funding will cover two initiatives, $115 million for performance grants that
support training programs that offer certifications in high-demand fields and $35 million for education and workforce training providers who train future employees for high-quality in-demand jobs. Grant applications are available on the Office of Strategic Workforce Development’s website.

- Health-related grant opportunities -- both local and nation-wide -- are posted weekly on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation website.

- The North Star Coalition is committed to a better future in the Greater Rochester area by working with stakeholders from across the region to ensure that Federal and State recovery funds will be used to create opportunities for the benefit and economic prosperity of historically excluded residents. Federal and State grant funding opportunities are posted here.

COMMUNITY BOARD

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Centered in equity, the mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.