

Building *unity* out of diversity.

(spanish) Partiendo de la diversidad construimos la unidad.

(marshallese) Boktok elon kain manit to kajojo nan koba ibben dron.

Upcoming events and programs:

Pilates	1/2
Book Club	1/2
Martin's Big Words	1/4
Intermediate Spanish Begins	1/10
AMP Youth Group	1/10
Cub Scouts Begins	1/11
Yoga Class Begins	1/11
Family Cooking Class	1/12
Intro Marshallese Language	1/12
Computer Class	1/17
Cultural Fashion Class	1/18
Family Reading Night	1/19
Computer Class	1/21
Healthy Choices Begins	1/25
Welcome Dinner	1/26
Resume Workshop	1/31
Valentine's Card Making	1/31
Bank On Your Family	2/2
Family Reading Night	2/9

Current Programs:

- Tutoring/Mentoring program
- Family Reading Nights
- Computer classes
- Spanish for Adults
- Resume Workshops
- Teen Empowerment Program
- Senior Social Club
- Cultural events & celebrations
- NICC English Class
- LGBTQ Teen Group
- Yoga Class
- Book Club for adults
- Family Cooking Class
- African American Museum of Iowa Outreach Programs

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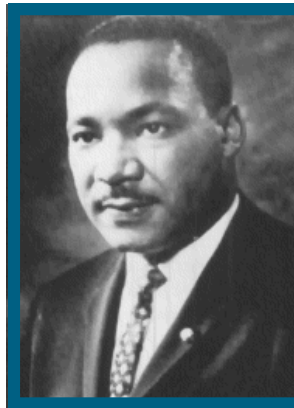
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Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Each January, people gather together to celebrate the work of a man who inspired us to have a dream, and never give up on achieving our goals.

The MFC will be honoring Martin Luther King Jr. by hosting several events throughout the month of January.

On Wednesday, January 4th the African American Museum will be presenting a program called "Martin's Big Words" at the MFC. Youth in grades K-3 will come together to create a project to keep Dr. King's dream alive while learning cooperation and service.



On Monday, January 16th—MLK Jr. Day, the center will be closed until 5 p.m. while the staff participate and host two events for the community. The first is the Faces & Voices MLK Breakfast from 7:30-9am at the Grand River-view Center. The event features a buffet-style breakfast and keynote speakers including Arthur Woodard Jr. and Jim Wuelfing. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for

children when purchased in advance. Then from 12-4pm, the community is invited to St. Patrick's Foley Hall for lunch before completing community service. Make It Day On, Not A

What is Black History Month?

Celebrate African American culture, achievements, and important people throughout the month of February, Black History Month.

On Thursday, December 16 from 5:30-8pm the MFC will be hosting a viewing of A Black Fatherhood Film & a Discussion by the filmmaker.

First-time filmmaker, Jordan Thierry, offers context and conversation in this honest exploration of fatherhood in Black America. Through a telling of his own story and inter-

views with historians, he traces the roots of the fatherless Black home and reveals a history much more complex and profound than is often told. FREE Program, Call to register.

Also, on Friday, February 3, the MFC will be taking a fieldtrip to see the full musical production of Crowns. Call for more information.



MLK Breakfast
1/16
7:30-9am

MLK Day Of Service
1/16
12-4pm

Ethiopia Presentation
1/24
6-7pm

Black Fatherhood Film & Discussion
2/16
6-8pm

Mardi Gras Worldwide
2/21
5:30-7pm

UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Taste of the World
2012
March 31, 2012



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MFC and Program Registration

Returning Members: Please make sure to update all your contact information as we enter the new year at the MFC!

New Members: Please make sure to register you and your family at the MFC. You can get the form at the front desk and it only takes a few minutes. The Multicultural Family Center is open to all members of the community.

Registrations for all programs running from Jan-April may be done at the front desk. Please take some time to sign up for our winter/spring programs.

Come learn more about Ethiopia!

Tuesday, January 24, 6-7:00pm

Come learn the everyday struggles of survival in rural Ethiopia as Joe Wagner presents his experience working on a crop improvement project there. Wagner partnered with Friends of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (FOVC) in October and worked with a group of eight widows in the small village of Shanto.

FREE PRESENTATION, call to register.

Introducing: Senior Programs!

The MFC is excited to offer new programs for senior citizens!

Cards & Coffee — *Every Friday beginning January 6 from 2-4pm*

Open to adults and seniors interested in joining us for an afternoon of playing card games or making homemade greeting cards. Coffee, tea and light snacks provided at no cost.

Senior Social Club — *2nd Tuesday of every month from 2-4pm beginning January 10*

This program is open to all seniors in the community. Programming may include watching old movies, guest speakers, and more.

FREE programs. Call to Register.

Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers and community members who helped make Native Spirit Dancer successful! We had 769 attendees!



Upcoming Family Events

Family Cooking Class: For families with kids 8 and up. Thursday, January 12th from 6-7:30pm.

Family Reading Night: For families with kids in K-5th grades. Thurs, 1/19 & 2/8. Dinner @ 6, program 6:30-7:30.

Bank on Your Family: For families with kids in 2nd-5th grades. Financial literacy! Thurs, 2/2. Dinner @6, program 6:30-7:30.

All programs are free, call to register!

Welcome Dinner

Thursday, January 26, 5:30-7:30pm

Open to all community members who have moved to Dubuque in the past two years.

Program includes dinner and presentations from community organizations that provide environmental, recreational, and educational programming and events for families, youth, and adults.

Free event. Call to register today!

Thank you!

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Farewell to the Director

With great sadness we report that Tara Velez will resign as the director of the MFC on January 4th. She has accepted a position as the Executive Director of St. Marks Community Center. Maddy Cross will serve as the interim director of the MFC. She can be reached at mcross@cityofdubuque.org or by calling 582-3681. We are confident we will have a smooth transition in leadership for the Multicultural Family Center.