Society Scene

Martin Luther King Jr. Inspirational Breakfast
YMCA of South Florida

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Society will move to Wednesday beginning next week

Children’s Diagnostic & Treatment Center

Dan Marino Foundation
Breakfast, luncheon and service day to honor Dr. King

The YMCA of South Florida will hold its 14th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Inspirational Weekend January 12-15, 2018. The tribute to Dr. King’s legacy started as a breakfast in Broward County, but has grown over the years to include a luncheon and a day of service.

“The YMCA has a long, rich history of bringing people of all faiths and backgrounds together,” said Sheryl A. Woods, CEO and president of the YMCA of South Florida. “Dr. King grew up playing basketball and other activities at the Butler Street YMCA in Atlanta where he held many civil rights meetings, so the Y is a strong supporter of unity and equality.”

Hundreds of top business and community leaders will come together over the Inspirational Weekend to pay tribute to Dr. King. The YMCA and presenting sponsors JM Family Enterprises and the Miami HEAT welcome speaker Clarence B. Jones for the breakfast and luncheon. Jones has served as a political advisor and assisted in the drafting of the celebrated “I Have a Dream” speech for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The breakfast will take place at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, January 12, at First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale, 301 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. The luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 15, at AmericanAirlines Arena, 601 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. The breakfast and luncheon will each include a Spirit Award recipient who has shown commitment to the ideals of social activism, civic engagement and diversity championed by Dr. King; as well as a Youth Leadership Award and scholarship.

That same day, community residents have an opportunity to give back as YMCAs throughout South Florida honor Dr. King’s community spirit. Hundreds of volunteers will mobilize through YMCA MLK Day of Service projects sponsored by FPL, Broward College, Ocean Bank and others at sites throughout South Florida where they can volunteer from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visit www.ymcastandforsomething.org for locations and registration.

The YMCA is a nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Every day, the YMCA works to build healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families and communities through over 200 afterschool, preschool, special needs, sports, camp and youth programs, family centers and senior health outreach sites.

For sponsorships, contact Aimee Fretwell at 954-357-0289 or afretwell@ymcasouthflorida.org. Proceeds benefit YMCA programs serving those in need. Visit www.ymcaofsouthflorida.org.

Showing their support for the Martin Luther King Jr. Inspirational Breakfast were, front row, from left, Lindsey Payne, Julie Edwards and Danene Jaffe with Elizaveta, left, and Aleksands Sheryl Woods, left, Jeff Watts and Dr. Rolando Garcia with Cristian, left, Elia, Bella and Penelope.