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Local Community Organizations Ask “Is Reston Keeping Dr. King’s Dream Alive?”

On Monday, January 15, join the Reston Community Center, the Reston Martin Luther King, Jr. Church, the Southgate Community Center and many other co-sponsoring community organizations as we commemorate **Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Day**. Festivities for the day include:

Reston MLK Day Commemorative March - Participants driving should go to the Hunters Woods Village Center, park and take a free shuttle bus to the March Kick-Off location at Southgate Community Center. Shuttle busses will begin running at 7:30 a.m. through 8:00 a.m. and the March begins at the Southgate Community Center at 8:00 a.m., and ends at the RCC Hunters Wood Center.

“Are We Keeping the Promise?” Workshops Half-Day Series(RCC Hunters Woods Center) – Workshops will feature guest speakers on a range of topics impacting our community today. The **Welcome and Opening** will be at **9:30 am**, followed by a **10:00 am Keynote Address by Mr. Derek McGinty, Anchor, Channel 9 News Now**.

At 11:00 am, workshop leaders will present their topic in breakout sessions to be held in various locations at RCC Hunters Woods. Each session will include 30 to 45 minutes of discussion, where participants will brainstorm action items (recorded by the leaders). These action items will be shared with the entire community following the sessions, at noon. Workshops Topics include:

Affordable Childcare Crisis: A Challenge to the Beloved Community (Panelists: *Judith Rosen, Director, Bernice Mayfield, and community parent activists from Reston Interfaith’s Laurel Learning Center*) The workshop will focus on what direct actions can be taken on the part of individuals and the community to improve state and local efforts to fund affordable childcare opportunities. This session is targeted to adults involved with childcare.

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Turning Obstacles into Opportunities: Confronting Discrimination in Careers (Panelists: Walt Swanston, Director of Diversity Programs for NPR and Lisalyn Jacobs, Vice-President for Government Affairs at Legal Momentum (formerly the Legal Affairs arm of the National Organization for Women). This workshop will be led by two panelists with long and varied careers who have knowledge of confronting discrimination, transforming themselves and using career path changes to their advantage.

Using Your Roots—The Arts and Advancing Yourself in Education and Careers (Panelists: Terlene D. Terry-Todd, Juan Pacheco, and Claudine Varesi) This session is targeted to teens and their parents; Ms. Varesi is a skilled translator; non-English speakers are encouraged to attend.

Making History: Hands On Arts and Craft Activities (Led by Emma Marshall and Norma Morris) A drop-in, ongoing workshop for children ages 5 and older to contribute to a Civil Rights Timeline, a collage portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other arts and crafts activities around the themes of the Civil Rights Movement.

12:30 p.m. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Service Awards

- **Youth Category - Richard Tekperly, Adrian De La Lama, Angela Castaneda and Nivedha Paneer;** members of South Lakes International Club for Education and Entertainment (SLICE) For their work on the 2006 Reston Multicultural Festival in which they attended all planning meetings, contributed to the program content and design, performed and emceed on the day of the event and assisted with event evaluation following the successful September Festival.
- **Adult Category - Mr. John Coleman,** South Lakes High School Safety and Security Assistant - For his volunteer and professional efforts to engage students in positive activities such as the Latino Club he established, a Double Dutch Team, and community-wide efforts to steer young people into self-improvement paths and away from self-destructive activities like gangs, drug and alcohol use.
- **Organization or Business Category - Friends of the Reston Regional Library** -For their ongoing volunteer activities to raise much needed funds directed to book purchases, furnishings for the library, special subscriptions, artwork, and landscaping. Their efforts have resulted in over \$400,000 being raised in recent years' toward these ends and they are dedicated in their volunteer recruitment to diversity and universal access to literacy and culture from all ethnic groups and participants in the community use of the library and its resources.

At the conclusion of the events on Monday, lunches will be distributed to participants so they may enjoy continued conversations with one another informally at the conclusion of the event. For more information, contact Haywood R. Hopson, Sr., Community Events Director at (703) 476-4500, x6161 or via email at Haywood.Hopson@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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**Reston Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Event:
“Are We Keeping the Promise?”
Keynote Speaker and Selected Panelists’ Bios**

Derek McGinty

Derek McGinty is the weekday co-anchor for 9NEWS NOW at 5pm and weeknight anchor for 9NEWS NOW at 7pm, as well as host of Eye On Washington which airs at 7pm on Saturday and 11am on Sunday. Eye On Washington is a politically based roundtable talk show that provides analysis and perspective on top stories from our Nation’s Capital. Each week, Derek is joined by 3 to 5 panelists to discuss current issues. The show airs on W*USA 9 and also is syndicated by PBS.

From March 2001 to June 2003, he was co-anchor of ABC NEWS’ overnight broadcast, World News Now, and anchor of World News This Morning.

Additionally, Derek was a correspondent for "HBO's Real Sports" for 4 years. Prior to joining ABC, McGinty worked for two years as a reporter and anchor for WJLA. Before that, he was a correspondent for the nationally broadcast program, "Public Eye with Bryant Gumbel" on CBS. McGinty previously hosted the nationally broadcast "Straight Talk with Derek McGinty" for PBS. At WETA, he had a similar role for the station's Emmy-nominated "Here and Now," a weekly half-hour local program focusing on issues, events, and people in metropolitan Washington, DC.

From 1991 to 1998, Derek became increasingly popular on a nationwide basis with "The Derek McGinty Show" on WAMU. His guests have included DC Mayor Marion Barry; former Secretary of State James Baker; former House Speaker Newt Gingrich; jazz musician Wynton Marsalis; rapper Ice-T; and author Robert Ludlum. In 1994, the show received the highest programming honor in public radio, when it won the Gold Award for Public Affairs Programming from the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

Prior to his work at WAMU, McGinty co-hosted "The Daily Drum," a news and interview program covering local politics on WHUR-FM. Derek was a reporter/editor for UPI's Washington metro desk and a news editor at WTOP radio. He began his professional career as a desk assistant for ABC Radio News in the Washington bureau. Articles by McGinty have appeared in The New York Times; The Washington Post; The New York Daily News; and Washingtonian Magazine.

A native of Washington, DC, Derek is a graduate of American University, where he received a bachelor's degree in communications.

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Walt Swanston

Walt Swanston is Director of Diversity Management for National Public Radio (NPR) in Washington, DC. Her job is to shape diversity strategies in staff development and programming. She joined the NPR staff in March 2003.

Walt has had more than two decades in print and broadcast journalism and more than 18 years in diversity-focused work with the media. She came to NPR from the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation (RTNDF), where she directed the organization's diversity, educational and international programs. Walt has served as the executive director of UNITY: Journalists of Color, and spearheaded the UNITY '94 and UNITY '99 conventions. She has also served as executive director of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), directed diversity programs at the Newspaper Association of America Foundation and consulted for Knight-Ridder Inc. and other media companies.

Walt's journalism career included posts as executive editor at WUSA-TV in Washington, D.C. and reporter/producer for WETA-TV. She has reported for The National Journal, The National Observer, Washingtonian Magazine, The Washington Post, The Washington Star, the San Francisco Examiner, the San Francisco Sun-Reporter and KQED-TV in San Francisco.

Lisalyn Jacobs

Lisalyn R. Jacobs joined Legal Momentum as Vice-President for Government Relations in March of 2003. She began her legal career at the National Partnership for Women and Families under the auspices of Georgetown's Women's Law & Public Policy Fellowship. Following three years in private practice, she joined the Office of Policy Development of the U.S. Justice Department in 1995 and worked on a number of issues including implementation of the Violence Against Women Act, the welfare reform law, judicial nominations and affirmative action. She also served as Chief of Staff of the Civil Rights Division, as well as Special Counsel to the Director of the Violence Against Women Office. In May of 2000, she left DOJ and for nearly three years, Lisa was a civil and human rights consultant on issues ranging from capital punishment to affirmative action, and international human rights. She has testified before congressional committees at both the state and federal levels, and appeared widely in television and print media including CNN and the New York Times.

Judith Rosen

Ms. Rosen is a national leader in providing quality early childhood education services. She has pioneered coordinated systems of care that bring together in one organization government, private and non-profit organizations, aimed at providing affordable, accountable, quality early childhood education services for a diverse, multi-ethnic community. Ms. Rosen is the founding director of the Fairfax County Office for Children – the early childhood education agency of the Fairfax County Government, which supports and enhances the education, care and healthy development of children (from birth through elementary school ages.) Using a combination of federal, state, local, and community funds, Ms. Rosen works toward making child care affordable for families, assists parents in choosing and paying for child care, provides professional education and technical assistance for the child care/early childhood community,

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and operates School Age Child Care (SACC) programs. As the Head Start and Early Head Start grantee for Fairfax County, it partners with a local child development agency and the public schools to build children's social and educational skills through carefully planned activities and family focused experiences. The OFC also strives to protect children in child care through the regulation of family child care homes. As part of the county's human services network it works with county, schools, and community service providers to assure all children a safe, healthy, and stimulating childhood.

Bernice A. Mayfield

Over 20 years ago Bernice A. Mayfield told her then new boyfriend Michael Brown that she wanted to have ten children just like her grandmother. He never blinked an eye, and now they are only one child short of that goal. They are parents to four- Michael Lewis (age 16), Matthew Leonard (age 10), Veronica Nicole (age 7), and Melton Lawrence (age 3). Additionally for the past 4 years, they have worked together to care for five other children in their family child care business, A Place Like Home. Michael was obviously born with the same love for children, because he left a management career to work for the past ten years as a Fairfax County Public School bus driver. Bernice received a Masters in Early Childhood Education from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. She has served as a parent educator, child care advocate, early childhood educator, and center director. She currently serves as Supervisor's Hudgins' appointee to the Fairfax County Child Care Advisory Council where she provides citizen input to the government's response to child care needs in the county.

Terlene D. Terry-Todd

Terlene D. Terry-Todd has been a dance specialist for over 30 years. Mrs. Terry-Todd holds an undergraduate degree in Physical Education from Hampton University, an MS in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, and an MA in Dance History and Choreography from American University.

Terry-Todd's career has included performance, choreography, directing, and dance education. She has received numerous awards and accolades for her choreography, contributions to the arts and her work with special needs children. Both private and public schools have benefited from her curricular design and development work. Terry-Todd has served on the faculties of both Howard University and American University and has been appointed to numerous arts councils' boards, the Virginia State Commission on the Arts Advisory Panel and she has held various national leadership offices in arts service organizations.

Terry-Todd is currently a master artist for the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning through the Arts, the founding artistic director for the Reston Institute for the Arts, a certified dance and Adapted Physical Education specialist for Fairfax County Public Schools, national presenter on dance education and a free-lance consultant and choreographer.

Other Panelist Bios will be featured in programs on the day of the event.

