



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 6, 2022

NEWS RELEASE

Arlington Martin Luther King Jr. "Advancing the Dream" Four-Day Celebration Postponed

Considering the recent rise of COVID -19 cases in Arlington and the surrounding areas, this year's Arlington Martin Luther King Jr. "Advancing the Dream" Four-Day Celebration is postponed. The Arlington MLK Celebration Committee, Inc., made this decision after much consideration and concern for the health and wellbeing of our community. This annual celebration, scheduled for January 14-17, will be held at a later date.

The celebration was set to include the MLK Advancing the Dream Banquet on Jan. 14, Poetry Meets Jazz on Jan. 15, the Hubert Moss Ecumenical Service on Jan. 16, as well as the Zeb Strong Jr. MLK Day of Service, Day of Service Festival and Youth Extravaganza on Jan. 17. The board and committee will reschedule all events for a later date. These events bring together members of the community in honor of and to advance the dream inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"While we are disappointed that we are not able to come together on this Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend, we hope you will find other ways to celebrate and recognize the importance of the holiday with safe and healthy options. Visit our website at ArlingtonMLK.com for a listing of ways to participate in remembering and honoring everything Dr. King has accomplished. We hope you will make this a time to reflect, imagine and build the future for a greater Arlington community. I look forward to you joining us during the rescheduled weekend to Advance the Dream!" said Lisa Thompson, Board President Arlington Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Inc.

Purchased tickets to the MLK Advancing the Dream Banquet and the MLK Poetry Meets Jazz events will be automatically transferred to the new date. Please check your email, arlingtonmlk.com or [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) for all updates, including when the events will be rescheduled.

We appreciate your understanding, and we look forward to bringing the community together, in-person and online, for a weekend filled with inspirational speakers, student performances, culture and art at a rescheduled date.

Residents are invited to learn more about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta Scott King, and significant moments in the Civil Rights movement through [Tarrant County College's virtual MLK Historical Timeline Exhibit](#).

About The Arlington Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee Inc.

Organized in 1989 and established as a nonprofit in 1990, the MLK Celebration Committee has been an active contributor to the community for over thirty years. The MLK Celebration Committee has given out scholarships to graduating students, donated time, and resources to the community while continuing to push forward the message and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The committee is supported by the following organizations:

- Arlington ISD
- Arlington Ministerial Association
- Tarrant County College Southeast Campus
- The City of Arlington
- University of Texas at Arlington

##