



**The Huron Valley MLK Day Committee  
Expanded Series of Events to Celebrate MLK Day in Milford**

All residents of Huron Valley and the surrounding communities of Metro Detroit are invited to take part in the events celebrating the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service. In addition to the 14th annual March on Main Street through downtown Milford, held on Sunday, January 20, the HV MLK Day Committee will also offer an expanded list of opportunities for citizens to get involved with the MLK Day holiday. Per their mission, the HV MLK Day Committee will host a series of events open to everyone in the Huron Valley Community and the Metro Detroit Area to provide opportunities to serve the Beloved Community while celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The aim of the events is to encourage volunteerism throughout the year, to explore the connection between the Civil Rights Movement and our lives today, and to support the dreams of all citizens related to building a better society.

**Let Love Unite! - Art/Writing/Multimedia Contest  
Submissions due Friday, January 11, 2019**

The first opportunity to participate is the annual Art/Writing/Multimedia Contest. Held each year in the months preceding the holiday, the contest awards prizes in three age groups for submissions based on a specific theme, this year's theme being "Let Love Unite!" Submissions can be in any creative medium, including visual art, speeches, poems, songs, and essays. Individuals of all ages can register their pieces at [www.HVMLKDay.org](http://www.HVMLKDay.org) under the Artist Contest tab. In addition, selected submissions and winners will be on display at The Suzanne Haskew Arts Center (The SHAC) located at 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700. Winners of the contest will also be awarded at the Conclusion Ceremony of the March on Main Street and recognized for their efforts.

**Throughout January - Soup Food Drive & Meal Assembly  
benefiting Community Sharing**

All area residents are invited to observe the MLK Day National Day of Service by donating requested ingredients to Community Sharing's collection bins during the first three weeks of January, and then participating in the Soup Food Drive Meal Assembly being held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at The SHAC on Monday, January 21. As in previous years, Community Sharing has partnered with HV MLK Day to design a family-friendly community service event to support efforts to combat food insecurity faced by local families.

From January 1st through the 20th, several red plastic collection bins will be placed in area grocery stores and businesses along with a list of requested ingredients that customers can buy and donate. The selected recipe, called Southwest Chicken Soup, requires only four ingredients that can be purchased at a low price, although donors are also encouraged to add a bag of tortilla chips as well. All donations will be transported to The SHAC on Monday, January 21st for the Food Drive Meal Assembly event where volunteers of all ages can assist in creating and decorating packages that include all necessary ingredients for the soup recipe along with a few MLK Day themed extras. The event is free and open to the public.

The Community Sharing collection bins will be located at Little Caesar's Pizza next to Kroger of Milford, Matti's Fresh Market (formerly Milford Grocery), Colasanti's, The SHAC, River's Edge Brewing Co., and in the main office of both Milford and Lakeland High School. Other businesses may also be added to the list of donation sites. Be sure to make a donation of ingredients and attend the weekend's events so that you can be a part of this community-wide effort to answer what Dr. King identified as life's most urgent and persistent question: What are you doing to help others?

**Sunday, January 20th – 14th Annual March on Main Street  
Prospect Hill Shopping Center to The SHAC, 1:00 p.m. (12:30 line up)**

This year's March on Main Street from Prospect Hill (Milford's Kroger parking lot) to The SHAC is being held on Sunday, January 20th. Line up for the march starts at 12:30, and the ceremony commences promptly at 1:00 p.m. with a brief presentation and National Anthem performance. The march travels through downtown and ends at The SHAC for the concluding ceremony where there will be multicultural finger foods, hot beverages and other assorted refreshments, a presentation of awards for the contest winners, as well as music in celebration of the holiday. The HV MLK Day Committee will also provide information on how to be a part of upcoming community service projects in its efforts to continue Dr. King's vision of the Beloved Community where citizens of all ages and backgrounds donate time, effort, and energy to promote peace and unity.

**Monday, January 28th – Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition  
The SHAC, 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)**

All Huron Valley Schools students are invited to participate in the Poetry Out Loud regional competition where students can select from a collection of hundreds of poems from published poets, memorize them for performance, and then compete to represent Milford, Lakeland, and Harbor High School at the state competition in March. Winners of the state championships from all 50 states, D.C., US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico move on to the national competition where the top performer wins \$20,000! Each Huron Valley high school will be sending 3-5 representatives to the regional competition being held at The SHAC where the overall winners will be selected to advance. In addition to the contest performances, other students and community members will read poems that explore the themes relevant to Dr. King's legacy, the American Civil Rights Movement, and the modern day struggle for justice and equality. The event is free and open to the public. Please join us as we use the power of poetry to conclude our celebration of MLK Day in Huron Valley, and send three deserving local high schoolers to Poetry Out Loud's state competition in Lansing. Full information on Poetry Out Loud is available at [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org), and a special website for Huron Valley students can be found at [www.poetryoutloudhvs.weebly.com](http://www.poetryoutloudhvs.weebly.com).