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**DISCOUNTED ADMISSION, SERVICE PROJECTS AND SPECIAL PERFORMANCES IN HONOR OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, JANUARY 16, 2017, AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

\$5 Admission courtesy of Macy's

Philadelphia, PA (January 6, 2017) – The National Constitution Center will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s lifelong dedication to justice, liberty, and service for the greater good on **January 16, 2017** with community service projects, special performances and fun for the whole family. The Constitution Center will again join with the [Global Citizen's Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service](#) for the daylong commemoration.

The National Constitution Center is also serving as a drop-off location for donations of school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, copy papers, hand sanitizer and folders for Philadelphia school students. Items can be dropped off at the Constitution Center's box office through January 16, 2017.

The museum's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day programs are part of a series of Macy's Family Days at the Constitution Center. Admission on January 16, 2017 will be \$5, courtesy of Macy's—visitors will receive access to the museum and all activities.

In addition to the events hosted at the museum, the Constitution Center will participate in the Kids Carnival and Civic Engagement Expo at the Day of Service Signature Site at Girard College.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Programs

Service Projects

Book Drive and School Supplies Kits

11 a.m. – 1 p.m., *Grand Hall Overlook*

In the spirit of service emulated by Dr. King, the museum will serve as a drop-off location for those who wish to **donate books** as well as **school supplies** including pens, pencils, crayons, copy papers, hand sanitizer and folders for Philadelphia school students. Visitors will be invited to help museum staff and Alex Holley, co-host of "Good Day Philadelphia" on FOX 29, sort the supplies in preparation for delivery to the schools and other facilities, including [Women Against Abuse](#), a local nonprofit that provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal services, behavioral healthcare, advocacy, and education to victims of domestic violence.

Special Performances

Two of a Kind

11 a.m. and 1 p.m., *F.M. Kirby Auditorium*

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Visitors can sing along with “Two of a Kind,” an award-winning, nationally touring, husband-wife duo, during an interactive musical program. Focusing on themes related to Dr. King, the performance will encourage audience participation through songs, sign language, movement, and stories.

“I Have a Dream” Speech

12 p.m. and 2 p.m., *F.M. Kirby Auditorium*

A diverse ensemble of local actors will join students from local colleges to perform a passionate reading of the “I Have a Dream” speech.

The 12 p.m. reading will include a performance by the [Sister Cities Girlchoir](#). Modeled after Venezuela’s monumental music program, El Sistema, the Girlchoir is a music-for-social-change program targeting adolescent girls. The tuition-free choral training academy offers an intensive musical curriculum, unique performance opportunities, peer mentoring, a wellness curriculum, and visits from world-class musicians and artists.

Educational Programs and Activities

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and His Legacy

10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., *Main Exhibit*

In this engaging show, visitors can learn about Dr. King’s vision of himself as an agent of service, how that understanding led him to the use of nonviolence, and how other leaders from around the world were influenced by his legacy. Visitors will also discover ways they can serve their own communities.

Craft Activity Tables

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Visitors can create “I Have a Dream...” mobiles and express their dreams for their communities, the country and the world.

Day of Service Story Corner

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

At the National Constitution Center’s Story Corner, museum staff will engage the youngest visitors. The Constitution Center’s staff will read beloved books about Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, like *Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen* by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](#) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America’s leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter “to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis.” As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America’s Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.