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**Springfield's 17th Annual Martin Luther
King, Jr.
March & Celebration**
Monday, January 19, 2015

What: A celebration recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through K-12 student entries of essays, speeches, poetry, and art. The theme for this year's event is "Dare to Take a Stand."

When/Where: March begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Springfield Justice Center at 230 4th Street, followed by a celebration from 2-4 p.m., at Springfield High School, 875 7th Street.

Who: All community members and visitors are encouraged to attend this free event.

Program:

March Kick-Off Speakers: Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg and Springfield Police Chief Tim Doney.

Celebration Speakers: Springfield Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Hertica Y. Martin, Springfield High School Principal José da Silva, First Place essay contest winner and Springfield High School junior Sydney Baker, and Second Place essay contest winner and Thurston High School sophomore Charlotte Westover.

The celebration features Eric Richardson's Invisible Arts Project, the Mt. Vernon Elementary School Choir, the Springfield High School Jazz Band, the community-based choir In Accord, and Springfield High School's Mariachi del Sol. Spanish and Sign Language interpreters will be available.

Additional information: The 17th annual MLK March and Celebration showcases the achievements and talents of local students. This family event is organized annually by Springfield Alliance for Equality and Respect (SAfER), in partnership with the Springfield School District, Willamalane Park and Recreation District, and the City of Springfield. Safer is a program of the Community Alliance of Lane County.

Event sponsors also include: Oregon Community Credit Union, SELCO, Lane County Commissioners, Springfield Arts Commission, Springfield Education Association, and Springfield Family Resource Center.