



2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest

Martin Luther King Jr.

How can I fight for equality and justice? How can one girl make a difference? There are many ways that we can live out Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s lifelong dream of promoting dignity, respect, freedom, and equality. We can do it through our actions and our words. I can start small by supporting local politicians who believe in the same things that Dr. King believed in, like justice and equality. I have helped my mom work on several local, state and national campaigns. We canvassed in our neighborhood, delivered and put up yard signs, did voter registration and attended campaign events and rallies. Attending campaign events is a great way to support local candidates. I can bring others with me so they can learn about the issues. Donations for candidates are also a great way to make a difference. Those donations enable the candidate to get their message out. I can always vote! Voting is saying that I care about the world around me. I can start small and work my way up to bigger and more life changing things.

Another way to live Dr. King's dream is by supporting local minority owned businesses and organizations. Third and Perk Coffeehouse and Twist Cupcakery, in downtown Dayton, are both minority-owned. They both also have delicious food. By supporting these and other small local businesses, I help the owners support themselves and their family and contribute to the community. I can also promote small local businesses to family and friends. I can join organizations like Welcome Dayton, which helps the local immigrant community. Welcome Dayton sponsors events to raise awareness of the needs of immigrants who are new to the area. By supporting my local community, I can make a real difference in the lives of my neighbors.

Keeping Dr. King's dream alive can be as simple as standing up for others in my classroom or neighborhood. Words are powerful and we all need to do the right thing. I won't let bullies win. I won't be quiet when I know something that is happening is wrong. I will do my best to keep Dr. King's lifelong dream alive. We all should and there are multiple ways to spread peace and kindness in the world and it starts with me. I will continue Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream and never give up. Will you help me make Dr. King's dream a reality?

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The Journey is Not Complete

