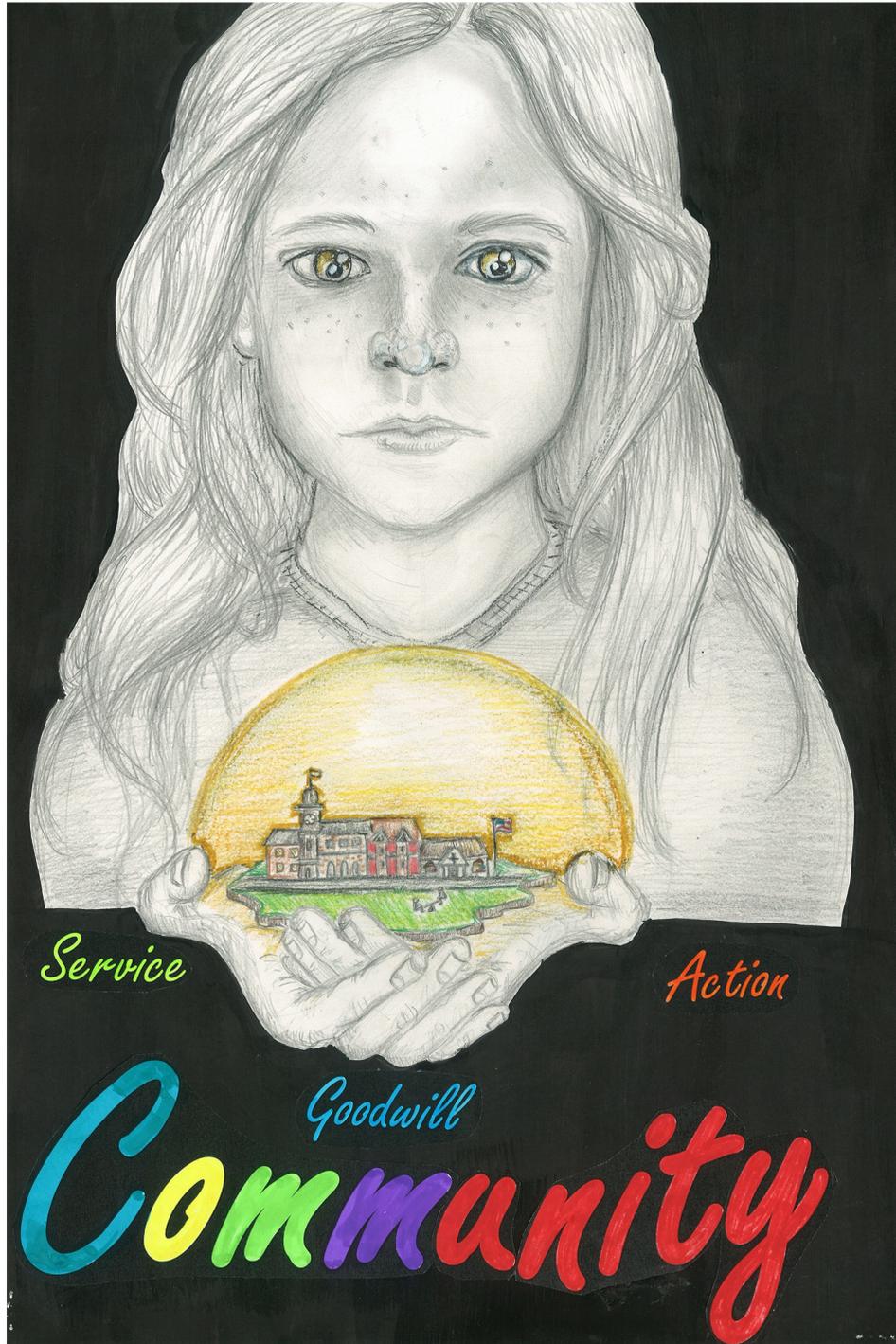




# 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Writing, & Multimedia Contest



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What can one do to impact his community? The answer is simple: look at the community through one's own eyes and offer one's own unique service. Each person views his community from different vantage point; therefore, each person has the singular ability to enact his own influence and decide with which materials the community will be built. Will the community be built with prejudice and hate, or will it be built with tolerance and love? It is a choice. Each individual must make this choice. He must take into account his community's particular circumstances if he hopes to promote cooperation, goodwill, and peace. Furthermore, although each community's struggles are individual, simple acts of kindness and volunteerism are universal. I have provided my community with countless hours of volunteer work. As the illustration depicts, it is the light one shines into the world which makes the community what it is. That light is what inspires me to act instead of remaining in the "appalling silence of the good people," as King asserts. That light is the hope and the heart and the hands that allows a community to come together as one spirit. If one wishes to effect change, he must be moved not only to contemplation, but to action. Whether one realizes it or not, he holds the community in his hands—it is within his grasp. One's community is what he makes it; I choose to make mine one that is "beloved."

## Beloved Community

