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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA (January 14, 2019) Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh honors the historic contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 21, 2019 with activities and programs throughout the day offering Museum visitors the opportunity to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy and contemplate the ways to make changes in our own community. Events will include:

- **Seeds of Change** (10:00 am– until supplies last): Explore forgiveness in the Studio, writing or drawing about something someone did that made you mad or sad. Rip up the paper and mix into a seed and dirt mixture to make seed balls. Plant them and watch them grow, showing how something beautiful can grow from forgiveness.

- **Early Learning: Music Makers** (10:30 am – 11:30 pm): Test different instruments to see and hear the sounds they make and play to discover new rhythms with saxophonist, jazz musician and composer Lee Robinson. Recommended for children under 5.

- **King for a Day** (11:00 am – 3:00 pm): Feel what it’s like to stand before a microphone and podium as you read a segment of one of Dr. King’s speeches during Saturday Light Brigade Radio’s "King for a Day" program. All ages are invited to take the podium at this annual event.

- **Streaming Justice** (12:00 pm – 4:00 pm): SLB Radio Productions and Youth Express will present a live 4-hour webcast exploring civil rights accomplishments, challenges, and dreams for the future. Hosted by area teens, Streaming Justice will originate from the Saturday Light Brigade’s Radio studios in the Children’s Museum and feature music, conversation, listener phone calls and more, all of which will air live at www.youthexpress.org or via the TuneIn app or the Simple Radio app.

- **Self Portraits** (10:00 am – 5:00 pm): Join us to work on Self Portraits! Take a seat in the Studio and talk about the unique parts of ourselves and how to translate them onto paper! Whether your portrait is based in realism or the abstract, we’re excited to see how you see you!

- **Collaborative Sewing** (10:00 am – 5:00 pm): Join us in MAKESHOP to explore community through quilting and applique. Listen and share with MAKESHOP Teaching Artists and other visitors, celebrating community by making an addition to various Children’s Museum collaborative fiber projects.
Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh’s **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration** is sponsored in part by PA Virtual Charter School, MEDExpress, Giant Eagle, and Gateway Health.

Admission to Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh’s **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration** is free with Children’s Museum admission: $14 for children 2-18 and senior citizens, $16 for adults. Admission for Museum members and children under two is free.

Parking is $4 for members, $6 for non-members. On-street, metered parking is also available. Children’s Museum Pittsburgh is located on Pittsburgh’s historic North Side at 10 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. For more information, please call (412) 322-5058 or visit, [www.pittsburghkids.org](http://www.pittsburghkids.org).

**About Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh**

Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh is a place that delights and inspires children, where they can take off on fantastic flights of imagination daily, and return to earth to splash in a river, hammer a nail and ink a silkscreen. With 80,000 square feet of space the Museum welcomes more than 306,000 visitors annually and provides tons of fun and loads of “real stuff” experiences for play and learning. Permanent hands-on, interactive exhibit areas at the Museum include The Studio, Theater, Waterplay, Attic, Nursery, Backyard and MAKESHOP®. The Museum’s award-winning, three-story, center building is screened by a shimmering wind Sculpture and connects two historic structures (Allegheny Post Office Building & the Buhl Building). In 2006 the Museum became a certified green building and was honored by the American Institute for Architects and the National Historic Preservation Trust. In 2015 Parents Magazine named the Museum one of the nation’s 15 top children’s museums and in 2017 the Children’s Museum was Voted One of the Nation’s Ten Best Museums for Families in USA Today’s 10 Best Reader’s Choice Contest.