June 24, 2024

Dear Friend,

We feel sure you agree that Carl and Anne Braden made our world, our region, and our state a far better place. They lived their convictions against racism and white supremacy in a way very few people, especially whites, do—in fact have ever done throughout U.S. history.

If the Bradens were still with us today, Carl would be turning 110 on June 24, while Anne would be having her 100th birthday on July 28.

In recognition of these momentous people and occasions, **the Board of the Carl Braden Memorial Center invites you to join us in both a celebration and a commemorative gift**.

Please come picnic and celebrate Anne's 100th birthday at the Braden Center on Sunday, July 28, 2024, from 4-6pm at 3208 W. Broadway.

And because the Bradens left us the Braden Center — such a vital meeting spot in West Louisville to bridge race, class, and other divides for more than half a century, and remains one—**please join us in making a gift to support the Center's next decade of work.**

To continue effectively as a hub for social and racial justice organizing, the building needs many upgrades, including plumbing, waterproofing, painting, and other major and minor repairs.

Our fundraising goal for the Braden Center in this, Anne's centennial birth year, is $10,000, and we hope to raise that amount in the month between Carl's and Anne's birthdays.

Please consider making a significant legacy gift to ensure the Braden Center remains the kind of vibrant meeting spot for anti-racist organizing that it was when the Bradens purchased that building back in 1969. Your gift of any amount will be much appreciated— and every dollar of it will go towards strengthening the Center's mission as a meeting place for anti-racist action. Please see enclosed for ways to give.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Carl and Anne Braden Memorial Center in 2024. We look forward to seeing you on July 28th!

Sincerely,

For the Board of the Carl Braden Memorial Center

Below you will find the QR code to make a donation. You can also use the PayPal account for the center, which is our preferred method if you have an existing PayPal account: @BradenCenter. You can also mail us a check to P.O. Box 11051, Louisville, KY 40251.

