



**Martin Luther King Jr.
Community Celebration Committee**

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**Martin Luther King Jr., 27th Annual Community Celebration
Announces Community Award Honoree and Beneficiary
Recipients**

THEME: "WHY WE CAN'T WAIT"

The 27th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration is excited to announce its Community Award Honoree and Proceeds Recipients.

The community honoree award is presented to a resident of the greater Charlottesville area who has demonstrated Dr. King's commitment to the civil rights of all people and to improving understanding between peoples of different races and ethnic backgrounds. This year's honoree is Mrs. Dorothy J. Palmer, lifelong civil rights activist and Charlottesville native. The award will be presented posthumously.

The celebration proceeds are awarded to a local non - profit community service group or organization that also works to further the ideals and legacy of Dr. King. The size of the award depends upon the size of the offering. This year's recipient is Public Housing Association of Residents Internship Program.

The 27th Annual community celebration will be held on Sunday, January 15th at 5:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church on Lankford Avenue. The MLK community mass choir will again provide spirited music for the occasion. The keynote speaker will be Mrs. Holly Edwards, former City Council Member and community activist.

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