

OUR SHARED MISSION

TO CELEBRATE ANNUALLY THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BY EMBRACING THE CONTINUING INFLUENCE AND IMPACT OF DR. KING'S DREAM OF CREATING A BELOVED COMMUNITY THAT VALUES DIVERSITY, PROMOTES UNITY, AND UNDERSCORES THE WORTH OF EVERY PERSON.

SPECIAL THANKS

TO OUR AMAZING COMMITTEE

- Bazzi, Dr. Dania - Superintendent
- Dobson, Kenneth
- Donley, Aliyah - Student Co-Chair
- Estill, Russell
- Glinz, Jamie
- Graham, Jennifer
- James, Sonja - Adult Co-Chair
- Kieft, Tyler
- Lynch, Martie
- Leverett, Tieast
- Macon, Deb
- Mandel, Kate - Student Co-Chair
- Mandel, Kelly
- McCaskill, Riley - Student Co-Chair
- McIntosh, Kevin C.
- McPherson, Samiya - Student Co-Chair
- Mindell, Amy
- O'Brien, Juliann
- Owens, Daniel - Student Co-Chair
- Payne-Jackson, Dr. Valerie
- Qureshi, Inaya - Student Co-Chair
- Roberts, Renee
- Robinson, Shaura
- Scott, Dave
- Tobin, Emily
- Warshay, Jonathan - Adult Co-Chair
- Welcome, Sue - Adult Co-Chair
- Williams, Denisha
- Woodruff, Hertha
- Young, Dale - Police Chief

STUDENT CO-CHAIRS IN TRAINING

- Jackson, Sasha
- McQueen, Hannah
- Rubinstein, Abbigail
- Tate, Jacob

TO OUR OUTSTANDING SPONSORS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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- WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
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- WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
- WINNING IMPRINTS AND CUSTOM TROPHIES

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- Hospitality House Food Pantry
- City Covenant Baptist Church
- Fueling Kids Futures

United We Walk sends a world of thanks to all event sponsors, donors of charitable items, and participants who supported the 2026 event at West Bloomfield Middle School.



UNITED WE WALK

32ND EVENT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

West Bloomfield Middle School

1:45 p.m. Gather

2 p.m. Program

3 p.m. Walk with Drumline

3:45 p.m. Complimentary Refreshments

Service Projects

Pizza & Storytelling for Kids

www.wbsd.org/community/united-we-walk

32ND EVENT PROGRAM

Welcome

by Tieast Leverett - Mistress of Ceremonies

Invocation

by Pastor Tim Holzerland, Shepherd King Lutheran Church,
West Bloomfield, MI

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Student Co-Chairs

by Inaya Qureshi, Student Co-Chair

Introduction of Adult Co-Chairs

by Kate Mandel, Student Co-Chair

Welcome To West Bloomfield Township

Jonathan Warshay, West Bloomfield Township Supervisor

West Bloomfield High School Laker Express, Director, Jolene Plotzke

Introduced by Samiya McPherson, Student Co-Chair

Elected Officials

Noah Arbit, Michigan State Representative

Introduced by Daniel Owens, Student Co-Chair

Welcome & Remarks from West Bloomfield School District

Superintendent, Dr. Dania Bazzi

Introduced by Riley McCaskill, Student Co-Chair

Welcome & Remarks From West Bloomfield Middle School Principal,

David Gardner

by Kate Mandel, Student Co-Chair

Legacy Dance Studio, LLC.

Crystall White Winkler, Director

Introduced by Samiya McPherson, Student Co-Chair

*Thank You to Mrs. Gina Gregory, President of the Greater West
Bloomfield Historical Society, for placing United We Walk into the
permanent collection of the Orchard Lake Museum.*

by Inaya Qureshi, Student Co-Chair



Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., Learning Nugget #1

by Daniel Owens, Student Co-Chair

2026 Button Contest Winner,

Eleaza Long, 5th Grade, Sheiko Elementary School

by Aliyah Donley, Student Co-Chair

Introduction of Keynote Speaker,

Kenneth Gutman, Superintendent, Oakland Schools

by Kate Mandel, Student Co-Chair

West Bloomfield High School Laker Express Choir,

Jolene Plotzke, Director

Introduced by Samiya McPherson, Student Co-Chair

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., Learning Nugget #2

by Inaya Qureshi, Student Co-Chair

Expressions by Brandon Young, WBHS Senior, Vocalist

Introduced by Samiya McPherson, Student Co-Chair

Legacy Dance Studio, LLC.

Crystall White Winkler, Director

Introduced by Daniel Owens, Student Co-Chair

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., Learning Nugget #3

by Riley McCaskill, Student Co-Chair

Donovan Elledge, WBHS Junior, Vocalist

Introduced by Aliyah Donley, Student Co-Chair

United We Walk Sponsors & United We Walk Committee

by Inaya Qureshi, Student Co-Chair

Community Engagement Librarian,

Emily Tobin, West Bloomfield Township Public Library

by Daniel Owens, Student Co-Chair

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., Learning Nugget #4

Kate Mandel, Student Co-Chair

Special Recognitions & Closing Remarks by Sonja James

Introduced by Riley McCaskill, Student Co-Chair