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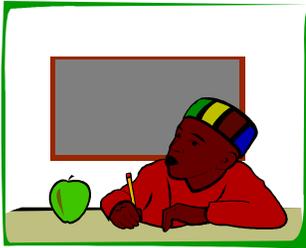
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Back-to-School Festival

15 years ago in 1995 Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs had a dream! Her dream was to provide school supplies to children of low-income families struggling to make ends meet. The name was the Martin Luther King Back to School Picnic. With her family as volunteers, the 1st



Back-to-School festival drew about 200 people to King Park. She gave away about 100 plastic bags stuffed with school supplies that her family purchased. About 300 hundred hot dogs were given away. Two tables, ten chairs and no tents were set-up in the park. Now incorporated, the King Advisory, Inc Board works diligently throughout the year to keep that dream alive. Last year, over 20,000 people attended the festival, 5000 Book Bags, filled with 13,000 pocket folders, 13,000 Theme Books, 12,000 Pencils, 6,000 Glue Sticks, 5,000 Rulers, and 5000 Crayons were distributed! 5000 hotdogs were made; tons of chicken, brats, hamburgers, nachos, and corn on the cob were sold. 25 large tents, hundreds of volunteers, vendor, and sponsors donated time and money to make a little dream become a big reality.

On August 8th we will celebrate the 15th year of that dream and we still can use the help of all of you to prepare our children! We are still accepting donations, volunteers and vendors. For more information

please contact Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs at 414-278-4265 or visit her website at:

<http://www.milwaukee.gov/supervisorelizabetch7923.htm>

"We Can, We Did & We Will Continue"

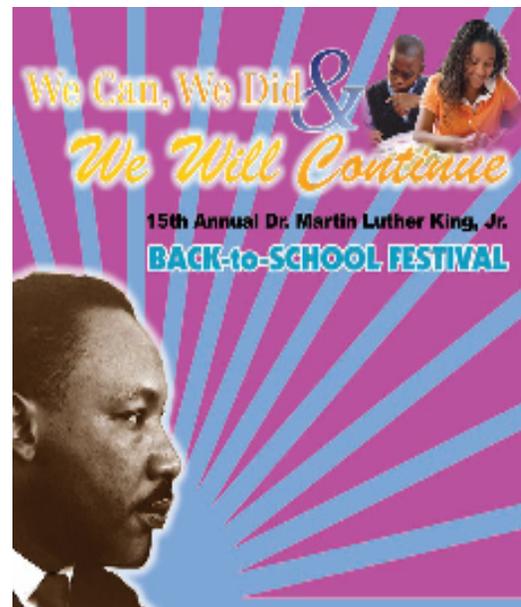
We **Can** continue to give back to our community.

We **Did** go over every mountain, through every storm to make it bigger and better.

We will **Continue** to do what is necessary to insure that children will start school off prepare from the beginning.

Saturday, August 8, 2009
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

1531 West Vliet Street
11:30am to 6:00pm





**Mardi Gras
Fundraiser
on the
River for the
Kids!**



Sponsored by
**Riverwalk boat tours & rentals
&
Great Lakes Distillery**

*Pere Marquette Park Boat Launching
900 North Plankinton Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53233 US*

*Thursday, August 6, 4:30PM
(414) 699-9955 or (414) 278-4265*

*Nawlins Hors d'oeuvres, Mardi Gras Martinis,
Wine Tasting & Assorted Beverages*

*Special Recognition of
Founding Directors
Vanessa Key & Kaylynn Blackwell*

*Presidents...
Michelle Crockett, Jacqueline Zeledon
& Shawn Williams*

*First Boat Launching-6:00 p.m.
Second Boat Launching-7:00 pm*

**One Ticket - \$30.00 or Two Tickets for \$50.00
(we will bring them to you)*

Food, Fun and Festivities'

*King Advisory Inc. invites you
to celebrate our
15th Anniversary Fundraiser for the Kids*

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Back-to-School Festival*

3 on 3 Basketball Tournaments

Registration at 11:00AM
Games at Noon-6:00PM
Boys & Girls
Age Groups

9-11, 12-14, and 15-17

Sign up forms can be picked up at the
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
1531 W. Vliet Street

For More information or if you have questions,
call Roosevelt at (414) 788-1910

Back-to-School Festival Talent Showcase



*Auditions for the Back-to-School Talent
Showcase will be
August 4th, 5th, & 6th
at the King Center from
5:30pm to 7:30pm
each night.*

*Contact Charles Reese @ 837-9300 for more
information.*

“And oh so Beautiful”

First it was a new face to our King Center with the new doors! Now we have added a beautiful array of flowers to the front of the building. With the help of our youth workers, I spent the day playing in the dirt and when it was done, “Oh so beautiful” it is! We utilized our cement planters that were donated by the Hyatt Regency. Big thank you to Kathy McMahon, Greenhouse Center-Park Unit Coordinator at Botanical Gardens for the beautiful flowers! We must also thank John Lewardowski, Manager of Bluemels Garden & Landscape Center for their donation of a host of flower trays to the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Center.

Before

After

1st the youth workers removed the dirt.



2nd our secret Angel “Chris” from Washington Park moved the cement planters



3rd planters are lined up

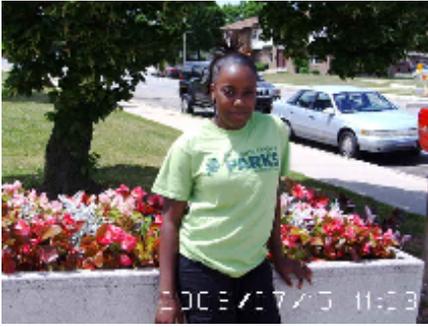


Now with the planters moved to the front of the building, I was ready to teach the youth workers how to really play in the dirt!



Meet our King Center Summer Youth Workers!

LaShabra Owens



LaShabra will be a senior in September and attends Bayview High School. Her goal once she graduates is to attend college

and pursue a degree in nursing.

Kendall Carter



Kendall will be senior in September and attends Riverside University High School. When she graduates, her plans are to attend college to

pursue a psychology degree.

RaSheeka Mathies



RaSheeka will be a junior in September and attends Custer High School. Although she has two

years of high school left her dream is to attend college and pursue a degree in nursing.

Taurus Greenlee



Taurus will be a senior in September and attends Pulaski High School. When he graduates he plans on

attending college to pursue a degree in the dental hygiene field

Babatunde Fajembola



Babatunde or Babas as he is called will be a freshman at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in September. He

plans to major in Broadcast Journalism.

Thomas Jones



Thomas will be a junior in September and attends North Division High School. After completing High School he plans

on attending college to major in Law.

Youngest Applicant!

We had one young man named Kevin plead with us to let him become a King Center Summer Youth Worker Team Member. He showed us his work skills and unfortunately we had to explain to him, he would have to wait 14 years and 7 months; however, we will keep his application on file!



Summer Camp Program Visit the Domes

Both beautiful and serene, some of the King Center's youth in our summer program spent a day at the domes and it is a spectacular place

for the whole family. I was so moved by the eagerness of the children to read



each description of each plant I decided to give you the history of the domes and encourage you to make it a point to put it on your things "I must do" list.

In 1898, Mitchell Park land was purchased by the Park Commission and is the oldest park in the Milwaukee County Park System. In 1898, construction began on the impressive conservatory building designed by the local firm of H.C. Koch. The glass and iron conservatory structure was built on the west side of Mitchell Park and included a formally planted sunken garden and reflecting pool to the south of the conservatory. The conservatory served the public until 1955 when it was determined to be unsafe and impractical to repair. The raising of the old conservatory to make way for our present facility took place in 1955 and a national search for the best design began.



The current glass, concrete and aluminum conservatory was designed by Milwaukee's architect Donald Grieb and built from 1959-1969. The Domes are comprised of three

complex conoidal structures, each 140 feet in diameter and 85 feet high. Each is 15,000 square feet and has a distinct climate and



floral displayed in naturalistic settings. It has been deemed a Milwaukee County Landmark building and remains the only conservatory of its kind in the world!



Goodbye Mikaylah

Mikaylah, who participated in the King Summer Youth Camp, was here for the summer was from Memphis, TN visiting her Godmother. She left on July 29th to return home to prepare for the upcoming school year. Our team member Mr. Fred as the kids called him nicknamed her "Mississippi" due to her southern drawl. She was definitely a pleasure to have and hope to see her again next year!



Dee says, two things are a must in life, we must pay bills and we will leave here one day! What is important is not the year you got here or the year you left but what you did with the years in between! How will you be remembered? Take time to "smell" the roses!

Current King Center Programming

Adult Programs

***Open Weight Room**

Monday – Friday 9am – 7:30pm

Saturday 9am – noon (**Members Only**)

*** Exercise Classes**

Mon – Thurs 9am, 4pm, 5pm / Saturday 9am -11am

***Adult Open Basketball**

Monday - Thursday Noon-3pm / Friday 9am – 2pm

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm-7: 30pm

Saturday 9am – noon (**Members Only**)

*** Older Adult Basketball 30ys up**

*Wednesday - 9am-11am

Adult Resources

***GED Classes**, sponsored by MATC

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am – 7:30pm

Free and open to the public. Call (414) 344-5788

***New Concept Self-Development Center Social Services**

To receive a variety of social service based assistance, including parenting classes, please call (414) 344-5788

***George Sanders Fathers Resource Center**

Monday - Thursday

9:00am -5:00pm & Friday by appointment only. Please call (414) 344-50146

Youth Sports & Programs

***Youth Open Gym**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 5:00pm – 7:30pm

***3-on-3 Basketball Tournaments** Starts in August

***Future Heroes Football,** August – November

***Game Room**

Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 7:00pm

***Kiddie Korner, ages 5-9**

Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 7:00pm

***Homework Assistance**

Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 5:00pm

***Healthy Snack Day & Movies Night**

Thursday 5:00pm

***Youth Exercise Class**

Wednesday 6:00pm

For All Ages to enjoy

- **Tapping Out Rhythm, Monday 6:00pm /** Call Lamont Johnson (414) 344-5600
- **Saleem Karate-Do/** Practice the art of Kempo Goju. Additional fee. Call (414) 461-2782
- **Al Mooreland Amateur Boxing**
Train with some of the best coaches in the amateur boxing circuit. Call (414) 263-4461
- **Bopping Classes, Thursday 6:30pm,** Teens and Adults / Call Ron Johnson (414) 760-9007
- **Theater at the King!**
Olsen Arts Theater Group Contact Christel Blake (414) 736-9899

King Center Yearly Memberships

Milwaukee Adult Resident	\$31.68
Adult Non-Resident	\$85.00
Junior Resident (13-17)	\$21.12
Child (5-12)	\$13.73
Family of four (4)	\$68.64
Day Passes - Resident	\$2.00
Non-Resident	\$4.00

Room Rentals

240 & Multi Purpose Room
\$70.00 (2hr minimum)
Additional Hour \$35.00

Conference Room
\$120.00 for 6 hours

Auditorium
\$425.00 for 6 hours
\$80.00 Additional Hour

Gymnasium
\$65.00 per hour (Weekdays)
\$75.00 per hour (Weekends)

King Center Team

**Alvin Boyd *Dominic Conner *Rita Echols *Jasen Jasper *Fred Jones *Greg McBeath *Tommy Sundebird
*Tawau Saleem *Lamont Johnson**