

An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, MLK Day falls on Monday, January 16, his actual birthday being January 15. MLK Day is also Federally recognized as Martin Luther King Day of Service, where Americans are encouraged to take civic action by giving time and efforts to those around them and in their communities.

2023 will mark the 60th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I have a dream" speech given from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on August 28, 1963.

The Twin Cities will hold several events and activities in commemoration.
UNCF will hold their annual breakfast in Minneapolis. Tickets at UNCF.org

You can also go to https://www.familyfuntwincities.com/mlk-monday-events/ for more information on events in your area.



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Thank You for Making 2022 a Great Fundraising Year!

Happy New Year Because of your help, commitment to the Peace Garden, love of Philando Castile, and ongoing concern about community violence, we raised $5,703 in online donations to help the Philando castile Peace Garden continue its mission of inspiring a new era of community healing, reconciliation, unity, and transformation by creating a contemplative and peaceful gathering space.

Your contributions helped with:

- Community Engagement
- Garden Design and Renewal
- 25% of Garden Maintenance Fund

Your gifts are still needed for:

- Website Exhibits, Interpretation, and Digital Tour Website Exhibits, Interpretation, and Digital Tour
- Garden Signage and Lighting
- Garden Upkeep/Maintenance
- Visitors' Publications

The Meaning Behind the Sculptures

Have you walked through the Philando Castile Peace Garden and noticed the large metal sculptures? These sculptures are actually West African Adinkra symbols. Each symbol represents its own guiding principle, and most commonly signify a tribute to Philando. Here are two examples, and more will be featured in future newsletters.





Each symbol, carefully selected and constructed holds a powerful message of healing and unity, the mission of the garden.

Volunteers Needed!

The Philando Castile Peace Garden is a wonderful place to visit, to reflect and to keep Philando's memory in your hearts. If you would like to be a part of keeping the Peace Garden beautiful, there are several ways to get involved.

Click here for more information or to volunteer. Donations can also be made, and are always appreciated greatly!

Follow the Peace Garden on Social Media

Are you following us on social media? You can find the Philando Castile Peace Garden on Facebook, Philando Castile Peace Garden and Instagram @philandocastilepeacegarden. Please accept your invitation to these platforms to help bring healing, community change and peace. Learn more about the Peace Garden and get information on upcoming events.

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