

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

Making the Dream a Reality



Welcome 2024!

Wishing all of you a peaceful and joyous start to the New Year, as well as a heartfelt thank you to all of our supporters of the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden through your gifts of time and generous donations.

We are pleased to announce that $5,600 was raised in benefit of the Peace Garden on Give to the Max Day 2023 alone! Your commitment to honor Philando's legacy and support our communities' healing and growth continues to be a blessing.

Your contributions helped to fund:
~ Community Engagement ~
~ Visioning/Planning ~
~ Garden Design and Renewal ~
~ Website renewal and Web-Based Exhibit Planning and Design ~
~ 25% of Garden Maintenance Fund ~

Continued and new gifts are still needed for:
~ Website and Digital Tour Launching ~
~ Visitors' Publications, Interpretation ~
~ Garden Lighting ~
~ Garden Upkeep and Maintenance ~

If you are interested in starting out 2024 with a donation to the Peace Garden or becoming a Peace Garden volunteer, join us at: philandocastile-peacegarden.org

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Event: Racial Healing Circle - Black Community

On Saturday, January 13, the Penumbra Theatre in St. Paul will be hosting the Racial Healing Circle – Black Community workshop. In this culturally specific space, you are invited to start or sustain your personal healing journey.

The event starts at 12:00pm. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.penumbratheatre.org

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Event: 43rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute

Join the University of Minnesota for an afternoon of music and spoken word, honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. This event, hosted and curated by University of Minnesota alumnus G. Phillip Shoultz, III of VocalEssence, combines the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with reflections and musical performances.

The program starts at 3pm on Sunday, January 14th at Ted Mann Concert Hall.

Free and open to the public, tickets are not required. For more information and details on how to access the program virtually, visit https://diversity.umn.edu/MLKTribute.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 15, 2024

2024 will mark the 61st 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.



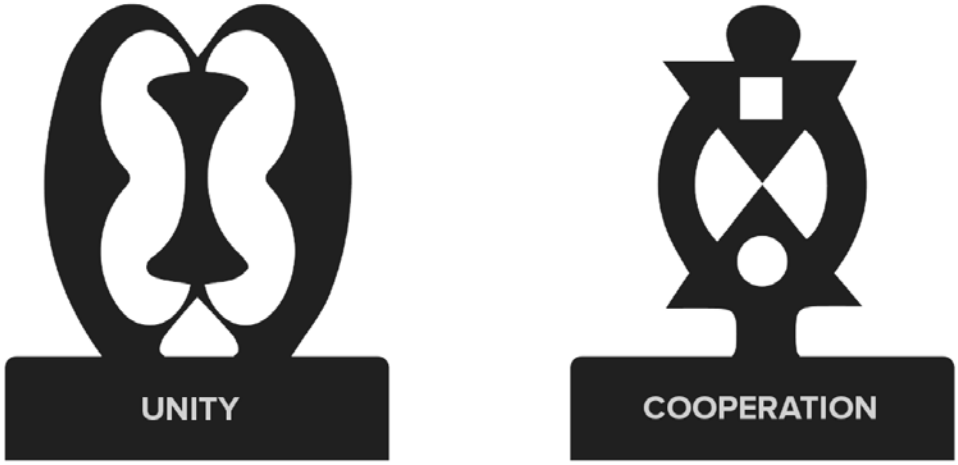
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The Twin Cities will hold several events and activities in commemoration. UNCF will hold their annual breakfast in Minneapolis. Tickets at UNCF.org

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

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.

Join the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden on Social Media

Find the Philando Castile Peace Garden on Facebook - Philando Castile Peace Garden and on Instagram - @philandocastilepeacegarden.
Learn more about the Peace Garden and get information on upcoming events.

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