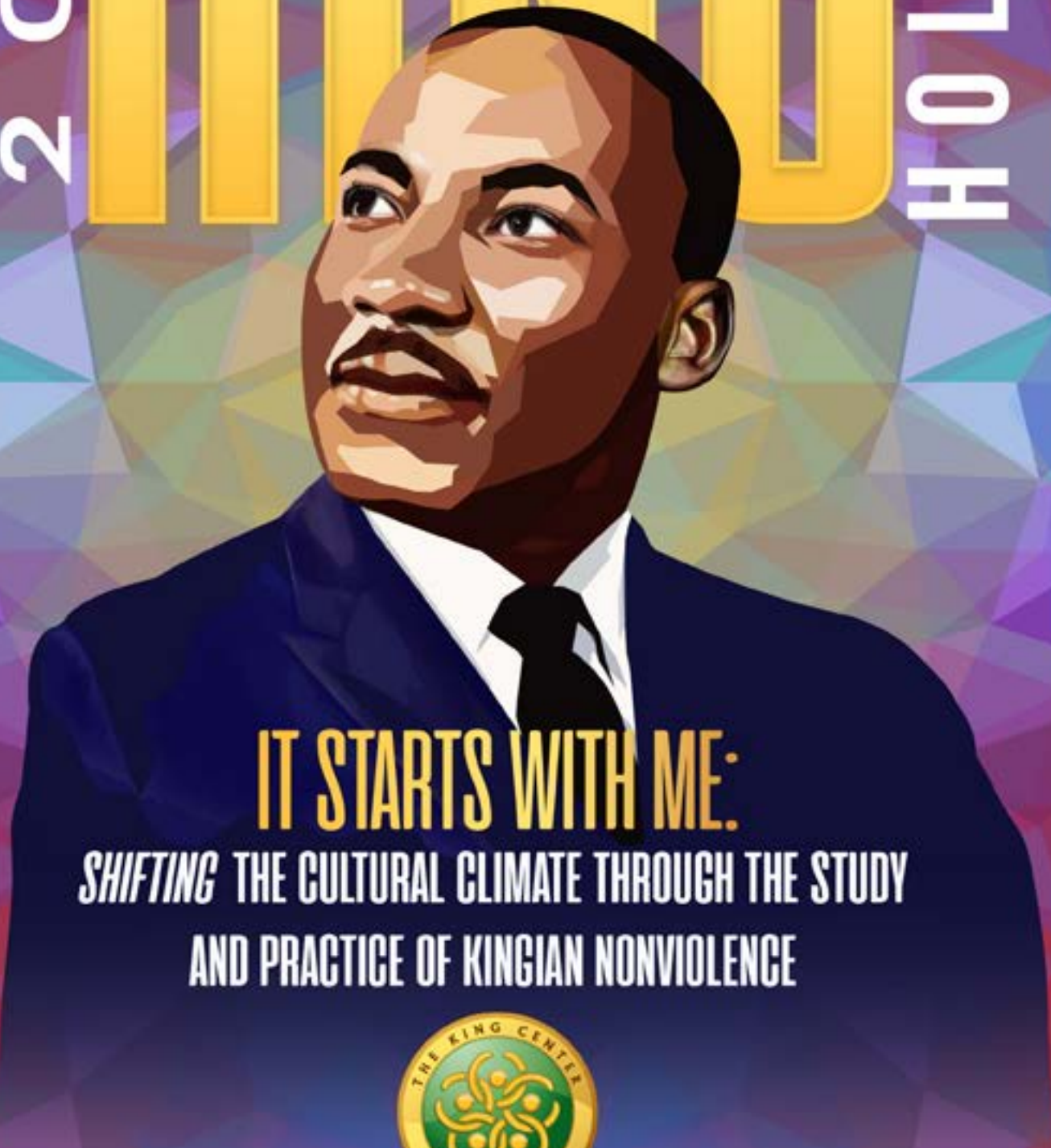


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**KING HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE PRESS CONFERENCE**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024, 10:15 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. EST**  
VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

**THE KING CENTER**

YOLANDA D. KING THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
449 AUBURN AVE NE. • ATLANTA, GA 30312

Dr. Bernice A. King, CEO, The King Center, and King Holiday Observance (KHO) partners and collaborators will share information about KHO events, activities, and programs.

**For media questions, please contact Mina Bryant at  
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**KING HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE KICK-OFF RECEPTION  
AND BOOK SIGNING WITH DR. BERNICE A. KING**  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, 5:30 P.M.- 8:30 P.M. EST  
IN-PERSON

**THE KING CENTER**  
FREEDOM HALL ATRIUM  
449 AUBURN AVE NE • ATLANTA, GA 30312

King Holiday Observance Kick-Off Reception and Book Signing is the opening event for the 2024 King Holiday Observance and is an invitation to the public to join us in celebrating and commemorating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All are invited to this gathering and celebration of the 2024 King Holiday Observance. Dr. Bernice A. King will sign the new children's book, "Coretta". "Coretta" is based off of Mrs. Coretta Scott King's autobiography, "My Life, My Love, My Legacy."

**For Questions, please contact Vonna Jones, [vjones@thekingcenter.org](mailto:vjones@thekingcenter.org),  
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**NONVIOLENCE365:  
SHIFTING THE CLIMATE THROUGH A LOVE-CENTERED STRATEGY**  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8 & TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, 11:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M. EST  
VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

**THE KING CENTER**  
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Training Team:

- Dr. Vonnetta L. West, Lead
- Charles Alphin, ret. Captain, St. Louis Police Dept.
- Gerald Alphin
- Cierra Bobo
- Dr. Lili Baxter
- Dr. Elizabeth Rosner

“What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive and that love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote these words in his last book, ‘Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?’, which was published in 1967. The ideals shared within the quote are worth exploring to understand the connection between power, justice, and love.

In conjunction with our King Holiday Observance theme and the Be Love movement, The King Center presents a 2-part, virtual training series. The series will feature a study of Dr. King’s words about power, love and justice, and examine other Kingian teachings that can help us ‘Be Love’ to shift the cultural climate and create the Beloved Community in our homes, schools, workplaces, legislative bodies, and in other areas of life.

**For questions, please contact Dr. Tori Dudley at [tdudley@thekingcenter.org](mailto:tdudley@thekingcenter.org) or [NV365@thekingcenter.org](mailto:NV365@thekingcenter.org).**

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**BELOVED COMMUNITY VIRTUAL YOUTH BOOK READING  
AND PUPPETRY PRESENTATION**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024, 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. EST  
VIRTUAL**

During this inspirational and exciting reading of *Linzy Binzy: Around the World with Friends*, young readers will join Linzy Binzy as she travels Around the World with Friends. In this first adventure, *Loving the Skin We're In*, children explore Linzy Binzy's world of "Let's Pretend," and they meet all of her beautiful friends for the first time. *Loving the Skin We're In* is a fantastic adventure that will take readers to countries like Scotland, India, Brazil, China, Peru, and Liberia with Linzy Binzy and her friends as they celebrate their differences and their beautiful skin. This book will be the first of many adventures with Linzy Binzy and friends.

Special Guests: Bonita Hampton Smith, Author & Elena Paudel, Illustrator  
Jimmica Collins, Puppetry Artist  
Meeka the Bunny, Moderator

**For more information or questions regarding the event, please contact  
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**BELOVED COMMUNITY GLOBAL SUMMIT**  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 & THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024  
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST  
VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

**THE KING CENTER**  
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Humanity is dynamic, with the capacity to live together in just, humane, equitable and peaceful ways far more than we are currently demonstrating. The 2024 Beloved Community Global Summit will challenge those who join across the globe to explore that capacity, and to think higher, love deeper, and commit to the multi-faceted work of creating the Beloved Community. This year, the challenge will be lifted in conjunction with exploring the 2024 King Holiday Observance theme, *It Starts with Me: Shifting the Cultural Climate Through the Study and Practice of Kingian Nonviolence*.

The 2024 Summit will include panel discussions, interviews, 10-15-minute Summit talks, and innovative video presentations, all focused on examining and arriving at solutions about how we can shift the cultural climate in various areas of society. Guest influencers, artists, civic leaders, activists, and concerned global community members will discuss and share action steps for shifting individually and internally, collectively and civically, and relationally and restoratively.

**Registration is required to receive supplementary materials and fully participate in the Summit.**  
**For questions, please contact Andrus Washington, [awashington@thekingcenter.org](mailto:awashington@thekingcenter.org).**

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**BELOVED COMMUNITY GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024 - 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. EST**  
VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

The 2024 Beloved Community Global Youth Summit is a convening of emergent global youth leaders and activists who will explore how youth can engage Kingian Nonviolence to shift the cultural climate in art and entertainment, legislatively, on social media, in schools, concerning our environment, and in thinking and ideation.

The 2024 Youth Summit will include a panel discussion, performances, group exercises, 10-15-minute Summit talks, and innovative video presentations, all focused on examining and arriving at solutions about how we can shift the cultural climate with Kingian Nonviolence.

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**BELOVED COMMUNITY TEACH-IN**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024**

The purpose of the Beloved Community Teach-In is to educate K-12 students about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King's legacies and to champion the completion of their unfinished work. Our goal is to establish an annual day of action and advocacy for creating the Beloved Community. The King Center has educators, trainers, lesson plans, and other resources for facilitating Teach-In discussions. In keeping with the theme, K-12 lesson plans for the 2024 Teach-In will reinforce the knowledge, skills, and dispositions students need to not only be positive contributors to the creation of the Beloved Community but also to succeed in college, careers, and civic life. For example, early childhood lesson plans will focus on the building blocks of character, sharing, caring, and cooperation, while middle and secondary lesson plans will focus on active listening, showing empathy and interdependence.

Full lesson plans with objectives, activities, and measurable outcomes will be sent upon registration. To join The King Center, along with educational institutions and organizations around the globe, for the 2024 Beloved Community Teach-In, please register at [www.thekingcenter.org](http://www.thekingcenter.org).

**For more information or questions regarding the Teach-In,  
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**STATE OF GEORGIA'S ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024, TIME TBD**

**GEORGIA STATE CAPITOL**  
206 STATE CAPITOL • ATLANTA, GA 30033

Held annually in the North Wing of the Georgia State Capitol; the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration of Service has long been the signature state-sponsored event recognizing the contributions of Dr. King and his allies in the fight for civil rights. This event features government and business leaders sharing stories of the impact Dr. King had on them, as well as awards and acknowledgements of those carrying on the fight today.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Contact Person: Rusty Haygood: [rusty.haygood@dca.ga.gov](mailto:rusty.haygood@dca.ga.gov)**

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**BELOVED COMMUNITY AWARDS**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

**PRE-RECEPTION: 6:00 P.M. EST**  
**AWARDS SHOW: 7:30 P.M. EST**  
**AFTERGLOW: 9:45 P.M. EST**

**THE HYATT REGENCY ATLANTA,**  
265 PEACHTREE ST NE, ATLANTA, GA 30303

Annually, The King Center in Atlanta leads the nation-wide observance of the national holiday commemorating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the marquee programs of The King Center's holiday experiences is the Beloved Community Awards (formerly The Salute to Greatness Awards). The Beloved Community Awards recognize national and international individuals and organizations that exemplify excellence in leadership, pursue social justice, and who are helping to create the Beloved Community, as envisioned by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**The Awards Show will be livestreamed on Facebook, Twitter and via our website, [thekingcenter.org](http://thekingcenter.org) on Monday, January 15, 2024, 5:30 P.M. EST.**

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### **BELOVED COMMUNITY AWARDS**

THIS YEAR'S HONOREES INCLUDE:

**Beloved Community  
Civic Leadership Award**  
Faith and Politics Institute

**Beloved Community  
Technological Innovation Award**  
Gitanjali Rao, Innovator,  
Author, STEM Promoter

**Beloved Community  
Social Justice Award**  
Attorney Ben Crump

**Beloved Community  
Christine King Farris Legacy of Service  
in Education Award**  
Spelman College

**Beloved Community Coretta Scott King  
Soul of the Nation Award**  
Mrs. Deloris Jordan,  
Advocate & Philanthropist

**Beloved Community  
Yolanda D. King Higher Ground Award**  
Michael J. Fox,  
Award-Winning Actor, Best-Selling  
Author, and Founder of  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation  
for Parkinson's Research

**Beloved Community  
Youth Influencer Award (individual)**  
Sara Mora,  
Student, Storyteller,  
and Immigrant Rights Advocate

**Beloved Community  
Environmental Justice Award**  
Captain Planet Foundation

**Beloved Community  
Salute to Greatness Corporate  
Social Impact Award**  
Lowe's

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### **BELOVED COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT** **MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024, 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. EST**

*Collection and assembly of care kits for the unsheltered and homeless.*

In partnership with Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID), The Elizabeth Foundation and other partner organizations, The King Center will host a Beloved Community Service Project on Monday, January 15, 2024.

We will be hosting a donation drive until January 10, 2024, and on January 15, volunteers will sort donations and assemble care kits for the homeless and unsheltered at The King Center.

These care kits will provide essential items and basic necessities to help improve their well-being and provide some comfort during challenging times.

#### **How Can You Help?**

We are requesting donations from generous supporters and will **ONLY** accept the following items: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Soaps (bars), blankets, Tissues (small packs) Deodorants, Lotion (Hand or body) Wet Wipes, Toilet Tissue, Blankets, Socks (men & women), shampoo/conditioner, and sanitary pads.

We will **NOT** accept ANY clothing or shoes.

To give from the comfort of your home, check out our **Amazon Wish List**. If you would like to drop off the items in person, please reach out to schedule an appointment by emailing [volunteer@thekingcenter.org](mailto:volunteer@thekingcenter.org)

Limited Volunteer Opportunities available to assist with receiving and sorting, assembling care kits from 11am-3pm. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**For more information or sponsorship opportunities,  
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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
BELOVED COMMUNITY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. EST**

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
101 JACKSON ST NE, ATLANTA, GA 30312

The culminating program for the week-long celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy is the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Beloved Community Commemorative Service. This event will be live streamed on Monday, January 15, 2024, beginning at 10:00 am EST on multiple platforms, including Facebook and [thekingcenter.org](http://thekingcenter.org), as well as televised on Fox 5 Atlanta.

**Keynote Speaker: Rev. Shavon Arline-Bradley,**  
Ordained Minister, President and Founding Principal of R.E.A.C.H. Beyond Solutions LLC,  
and the President & CEO of the National Council of Negro Women.

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MARCH**  
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024 • 1:45 P.M. EST

**ASSEMBLY LOCATION:**  
CORNER OF PEACHTREE & BAKER, ATLANTA, GA

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RALLY**  
Monday January 15, 2024  
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MARCH)

**LOCATION:**  
AUBURN AVENUE, ATLANTA IN FRONT OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CENTER

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