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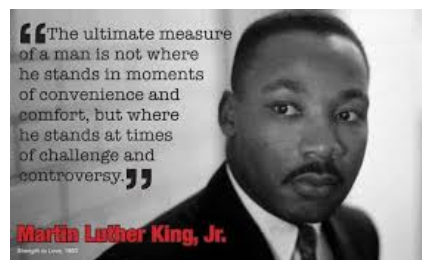
Today is GivingTuesday!

GivingTuesday brings together a global community around ideals of generosity + collective action. Our ultimate goal is a more racially inclusive and equitable community. We hope you will consider a donation today! [Donate here](#)



MLK Observance—Save the Date!

Join us virtually **Monday, January 18, 2021 at 3 pm** for this community-wide celebration of Dr. King Jr. and his vision of the *Beloved Community*. The theme this year is **Community in Times of Challenge and Controversy**. The celebration will include a virtual community choir led by renowned, African American composer and musician Mark Miller, a virtual dance performance, spoken word, film screenings that capture SOMA's response to 2020 challenges, and a featured message by Andrea McChristian, Senior Legal Counsel for the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. For more information on participating in the virtual MLK Community Choir (deadline is soon) [click here](#).



Visit our website, communitycoalitiononrace.org, later in December for additional links and information for the MLK event!

Get Ready for Luminaries!

The Luminary Project has been sponsored by the Community Coalition on Race at sunset on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday (the 3rd Monday in January), each year since 2013. People light up the outside of their homes or businesses with Luminaries (white bags with votive candles inside that can be decorated with Dr. King's vision) as a sign of solidarity. This year, we ask that families join us for the virtual launch of the MLK Luminary Project 2021 on Tuesday, December 8th, 7:30-8:30pm. RSVP for the Launch Party here: [MLK Luminary Project 2021 Virtual Launch Party!](#)



This is an uplifting community project, from beginning to end [Read more about the project here...](#)

Talking about Unconscious Bias with SOVCA

Thanks to Julie Doran, Executive Director of The South Orange Village Center Alliance, and all the business owners who attended our Unconscious Bias Training in November. We had a robust discussion about handling racial bias within businesses and in public-facing, service situations. To learn more about [SOVCA](#), [visit their website here](#).



Volunteer: Our Committees Need You Now!

What can you do to make our towns integrated and equitable? Our committees are a great way to meet new people, be active in community life, and use your talent in support of stable racial integration. Become one of the 100+ volunteers that makes the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race work! [To learn more about our committees and projects, and to fill out a volunteer form, click here](#).



Foreclosure & Eviction Prevention: Resources to Share

Working with La Casa de Don Pedro, the Coalition on Race's Residential Committee is provided a workshop on homeowner and tenant rights. La Casa de Don Pedro is a Newark-based nonprofit whose mission is to foster self-sufficiency, empowerment, and neighborhood revitalization in the Greater Newark and Essex County area. The [video presentation](#) provides practical advice and guidance on accessing support and resources in New Jersey..



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