

Our story so far

Our Mission

For more than 50 years, the Martin Luther King Community Center has served the mid-North Indianapolis community by educating youth, empowering families, and building community through quality multi-generational programs that advocate for neighbors, promote racial justice, and provide a peaceful space to connect. In keeping with Dr. King's insistence that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," we strive to alleviate the effects of structural violence right where they are encountered, in our immediate community.

We are unwaveringly committed to building Dr. King's vision of the Beloved Community – a community in which everyone is cared for, absent of poverty, hunger, and hate. All are invited to join us in this work of building Beloved Community.

2023 Highlights

- 90+ students in after-school programming every day increasing their literacy levels through classroom and one-on-one reading support
- 55 families actively engaged with wellness coaching
- 170 neighbors assisted with access and retention to safe and affordable housing
- Launch of a new housing initiative in partnership with local landlords
- 78 neighbors provided with free or low-cost mental health care
- 230+ neighbors provided with transportation services including the Midtown-Get-Around
- 43 seniors actively engaged in programming at the Center
- Largest cohort of 40 West Digital young adult apprentices



How you can invest in the next chapter of MLK Center

Volunteer

- Kitchen crew
- Welcome Desk
- After-school program
- Seniors program
- Tour ambassadors
- Special Events
- Serve on a committee

All volunteer opportunities start with a tour to learn more about all of our programs and where you might plug in! Email GetInvolved@MLKCenterIndy.org

Host a Tour Group

Gather a group of friends, family, or coworkers and schedule a tour of MLK Center so that more people in our community can learn about the ways we are building Beloved Community. Tours are typically held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. Other days and times can be accommodated, as schedule permits.

Email Leintz@MLKCenterIndy.org to schedule a tour group!

Donate funds or items from our Wish List

- Snacks for after school program (75-100 servings, individually packaged). Snacks like granola and/or breakfast bars, goldfish crackers, whole grain chips, fruit snacks, etc.
- Capri Sun or other brands drinks pouches
- Personal Hygiene items like body soap, deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, razors, feminine hygiene, hair products, etc.
- Gift Cards: Gas Stations, Kroger, etc.
- Stamps
- Sensory Toys, Sound blockers, Emotion Charts for children
- Tablets
- Kid-friendly rugs
- Kid-friendly paint
- Tickets to local cultural events for teens and young adults
- Canon EOS R5 C Body Camera
- Rechargeable batteries

