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**2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Medallion Award nominations are now being accepted**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Dec. 9, 2014)** — Nominations are now being accepted for the [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Medallion Award](http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CRC/Celebrations/Pages/MedallionAward.aspx), presented annually by the [Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee](http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CRC/Pages/default.aspx) to individuals in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community who exemplify the ideals of Dr. King.

Nominees must be a resident of MecklenburgCounty and promote the ideals of racial equality and social justice as espoused by Dr. King, including, but not limited to celebrating and promoting the worth of all human beings, pursuing equal rights by non-violent means, encouraging people of diverse cultures to live together in a spirit of love and acceptance, active involvement in community service, resisting injustice wherever it is found and promoting inter-group relations and understanding.

The deadline for submitting nominations is January 5, 2015. The nomination form is available online at <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CRC/Forms/Pages/MedallionAwardnomination.aspx>

Forms may also be faxed to (704) 632-8315 or mailed to:

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Questions may be addressed to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee by calling (704) 336-5271.

The 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Medallion Award recipient will be honored on Monday, January 19 at the [21st Annual MLK Holiday Prayer Breakfast](http://www.ymcacharlotte.org/mlk), one of several events marking the Charlotte-Mecklenburg MLK National Holiday Celebration.

**About the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee**

For more than 30 years, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee has been working to help the community deal effectively with issues impacting human relationships. As a statutory agency of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County the CRC:

* Promotes the Quality of opportunity for all citizens
* Promotes understanding, respect and goodwill among all citizens
* Provides channel of communications among the various racial, religious and ethnic groups in Charlotte-Mecklenburg
* Studies problem in the area of human and Community relations and makes the results available to the public

As an integral part of the human relations support system for the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, the CRC members and staff pursue activities that:

* Ensure fair housing practices and access to public accommodations
* Assist in settling dispute and group conflicts
* Improve race, ethnic and community relations
* Prevent discrimination
* Improve communications among various community groups and individuals

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*The City’s focus areas are Housing and Neighborhood Development, Community Safety, Transportation, Economic Development and the Environment.*

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