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## **Scottsdale community celebrates 3 annual events to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

On Monday, January 14, Community Celebrating Diversity (CCD), in collaboration with the Scottsdale Unified School District, celebrates its 8th annual “Youth Voices” program in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 2 p.m. at Saguaro High School Auditorium, 6250 N. 82nd Street.

This free event will feature Louis Gossett, Jr. addressing the Valley’s youth. As a respected African American actor, Gossett has earned an Emmy for *Roots*, an Oscar for *An Officer and a Gentleman* and a Golden Globe for *The Josephine Baker Story*. As an impassioned activist, Gossett believes in empowering others. Through the “Youth Voices” program, inspirational speakers share their life experiences of hate and prejudice and how they transitioned into a positive vision of acceptance. Event Information: (480) 484-6187.

Also on Monday, January 14, CCD and APS present the 14<sup>th</sup> annual “Scottsdale Community Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner Celebration”. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and will feature keynote speaker Louis Gossett, Jr. at the Chaparral Suites ballroom, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road. The evening will also feature emcee and 12News anchor Lin Sue Cooney, local and retired Tuskegee Airmen, and live entertainment. Event Reservations/Information: (480) 312-3030.

On Sunday, January 20, CCD, in cooperation with the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, presents the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual “Peace and Community Day, Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts Mall, 7380 East Second Street from noon to 4:30 p.m.

The event will feature a diverse selection of arts and crafts, children and family activities, food, refreshments and community information. Entertainment will include jazz pianist Andy Margolis and jazz singer Nancy Gee. The event is presented in partnership with the City of Scottsdale, the Scottsdale Unified School District and APS. Admission is free. Event Information: (480) 994-2787.

CCD is a 501c3 organization providing programs and services that support increasing the awareness and appreciation of the Scottsdale community’s growing diversity, thereby enhancing the community’s ability to honor and benefit from all of its citizens.