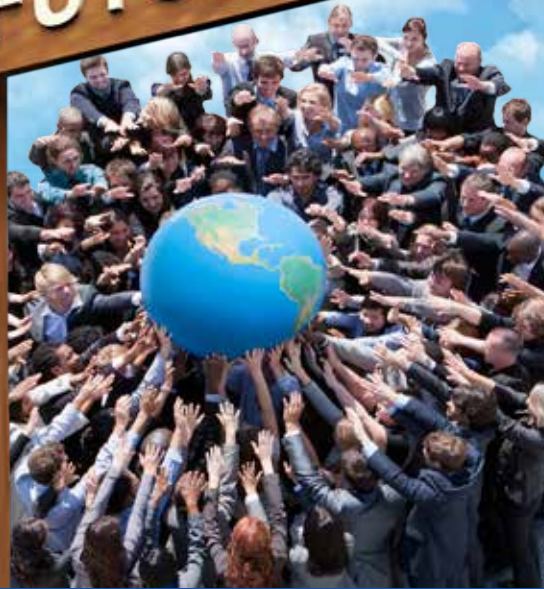




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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 37TH ANNUAL
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMEMORATION & HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors / Tuesday, January 20, 2015



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. Both his father and grandfather were ministers. His mother was a schoolteacher who taught him how to read before he attended school. Martin had a brother, Alfred, and a sister, Christine. He obtained a bachelor of arts degree from Morehouse College when he was only 15 years old.

In 1957, Dr. King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals of this organization are inspired by Christian principles. Its operational techniques are from the teachings of Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke more than twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice and civil unrest. Additionally, he authored five books and numerous articles.

King led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, resulting in what he called a coalition of conscience that inspired his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the Negro revolution. He planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C. of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech; he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; he was named Man of the Year by Time Magazine in 1963; and he became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks, but also a world figure. This year we examine the thoughts and knowledge of King's doctrine by the younger generation as well as the older generation. We ask them, as well as ourselves whether Kings vision and influence has relevance in the 21st Century and if so, how has it affected your life?

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

37th Annual Commemoration & Humanitarian of the Year Awards

Welcome & Introductions Phil Kader, MLK Committee Chair
Master of Ceremonies..... Supervisor John M. Gioia, Board Chair
Musical Performance The Los Medanos College Choir
(Under the direction of Silvester Henderson)

Keynote Address:

Pat Mims, Field Operation Coordinator
Contra Costa County Reentry Network

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Presentation of Humanitarian Awards:

2015 Student Humanitarian Award..... Supervisor Mary N. Piepho
2015 Humanitarian Award..... Supervisor John M. Gioia, Board Chair
Adjournment..... Supervisor John M. Gioia, Board Chair

Lunch Reception

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors:

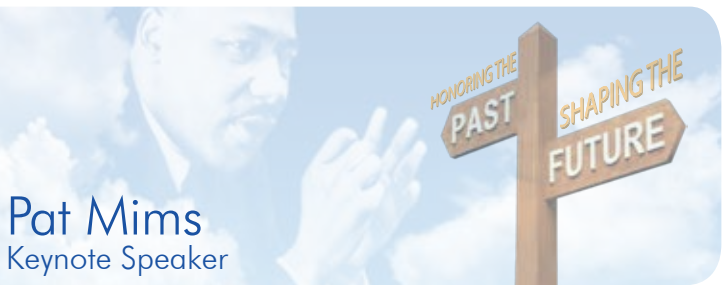
- District 1: John M. Gioia
- District 2: Candace Andersen
- District 3: Mary N. Piepho
- District 4: Karen Mitchoff
- District 5: Federal D. Glover

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Pat Mims
Keynote Speaker



“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pat Mims is currently part of Contra Costa County’s Reentry Network Team, serving as the central county area Field Operations Coordinator. His extensive knowledge of reentry has assisted Contra Costa to develop meaningful and more seamless opportunities for those in the greatest need. He works directly out of the Concord Police Department Office, and helps clients knock down barriers ensuring a more successful return to our neighborhoods. Pat has done this while encouraging an even more comprehensive delivery of services that can serve both the intermediate and long term needs of his clients. Pat recently was accepted on to the Community Advisory Board for Contra Costa County.

He came to our county after devoting several years as a program director of the Sexually Exploited Minors program for “Bay Area Women Against Rape,” the first rape crisis center to be established in America. Pat was the second male hired in the history of the organization. Pat created and directed this nationally recognized trafficking program. Its focus was on advocating for commercially sexually exploited children, and under his leadership the Alameda County program served 228 young victims of sex trafficking in 2013 alone. Pat strongly believes that a child should have

an opportunity to be just that... a child. His actions, respect and genuine caring towards young victims have led him to be the recipient of the FBI San Francisco Director’s Community Leadership Award, the Freedom House Stewardship Award, and Alameda County DA Nancy O’Malley’s “My Hero” Award.

He believes strongly in restorative justice, and that everyone should have a chance to strive for a life that embodies the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Pat has volunteered countless hours to facilitate life skills and run support groups for young men and women who are at risk or involved in the juvenile justice system. He now is making the connections for men and women looking to reinvent their own lives, connecting them with services and programs that can offer them a different path than the one that led them to incarceration.

Pat adopted Dr. King’s approach to measuring his own worth, making a 180 degree life change while in the most challenging of times. Once facing a life behind bars, he is a successful graduate of the San Quentin Prison University Project. He’s continuing his education now, pursuing a degree in sociology at San Francisco State University and focusing on how to make his community a better place for all who call it home.



Bishop Edwina Perez-Santiago 2015 Humanitarian of The Year



Born in Cuba and raised in San Francisco, Dr. Edwina Perez-Santiago is a woman of prayer, faith, and empowerment. The mother of 5 and grandmother of 4, Dr. Santiago is known for her hard work throughout the world on behalf of women and families in need. Among her signature efforts is the opening of Naomi's House, a first-of-its-kind transitional home in North Richmond for formerly incarcerated women and their young children. She obtained her doctorate of theology from Rockville University in Texas in 2010.

Dr. Santiago began her work more than thirty years ago, after serving time in the Federal Prison in Alameda County. While in prison, Dr. Santiago saw women become institutionalized and lose their sense of independence, self-worth, their children and family connections. It was during this time that she pledged to spend the rest of her life helping incarcerated women take steps to improve their lives.

After leaving prison in 1979, Dr. Santiago began her travels throughout Africa, Cuba, China, India, England and Mexico, where she empowered women on the subject of economic development.

In the 1980's, Dr. Santiago partnered with UC Berkeley students to provide Saturday School for children from ages 5-12, which focused on academic achievement and public safety. She prepared hot meals, and provided bags of groceries to participants and their families.

After September 11th, Dr. Santiago spent time at ground zero, preparing hot meals and praying for the citizens of New York.

In 2004, after being diagnosed with breast cancer, Dr. Santiago spearheaded a group that gathered more than 500 women to walk and raise funds for breast cancer education and awareness.

In 2007, Dr. Santiago founded Reach Fellowship International, a gender-responsive program designed for reentry women and their children, which is the first of its kind in Contra Costa County. Reach Fellowship International began in Oakland then expanded to North Richmond and opened a Women's Day Center. Reach's Women's Day Center was originally created to help women diagnosed with HIV and AIDS. By 2011, Dr. Santiago began to expand Reach's Women's Day services to include free job training classes, medical case management services and a weekly Sistah-to-Sistah support group for women returning home from incarceration.

In 2013, Dr. Santiago was able to expand her work to Antioch, where she opened a satellite office under Reach's Reentry Reunite Project. This office is used to help formally incarcerated women from East and Central Contra Costa County obtain assistance in employment and education.

Partnering with the offices of Supervisor John Gioia, Sheriff David Livingston, the Probation Department and Housing Authority, Dr. Santiago realized a dream by opening Naomi House last month, but by no means considers her work done.



Tyler Page

2015 Student Humanitarian of The Year



Some people gravitate towards humanitarian causes over a long period of time; others plunge into them at a very early stage of their lives. Tyler Page is one of the latter, having felt the call to help others at the ripe age of 9. That's when he founded a program called "Kids Helping Kids," which initially focused on rescuing children sold into human trafficking in Ghana. Fast forward to 2015, and Tyler is now an exceptional senior at Heritage High School in Brentwood, where he continues to raise funds for programs aimed at helping kids less fortunate than he has been.

In addition to "Kids Helping Kids," Tyler has shared a passion for boosting other programs geared towards giving children in need a hand. They may be in his hometown or across the globe, but his efforts, combined with his drive to spread the word and make others aware of the huge needs, are uniquely deserving of this recognition today.

Tyler's off-campus work often overshadows a very successful educational path. His 3.37 grade point average puts him in the top third of his senior class, not an easy feat given his volunteer pursuits plus a rigorous schedule of school sports, and rehearsals and performances for high school theater productions. Tyler has also been a strong force within the Junior ROTC program at Heritage High, representing the program with maturity and leadership.

Tyler has a wonderful future ahead, having already touched countless lives in his community, the region, and literally around the world.

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And Justice For All

2015 Humanitarian of the Year **Bishop Edwina Perez-Santiago**

Past Recipients of the Humanitarian of the Year Award

Sister Ann Wetzl, 2014	Orin Allen, 1999
Doug Stewart, 2013	Mary Perez & Neil &
Corrine Sain, 2012	Carol Wilson, 1998
Laura Johnson, 2011	Helen Troxel & Rollie Mullen, 1997
Della Randolph, 2010	Charles Wilson, 1996
Larry Lewis, 2009	Perfecto Villarreal, 1995
Charles D. Tinsley, Dr., 2008	Lloyd Madden, 1994
Veronica Pope, 2007	Bessanderson McNeil, 1993
Jerrold L. Hatchett, 2006	Lucy Donly, 1992
Bishop Curtis Timmons, 2005	January Fredenburg, 1991
Mr. Walter Ruelig, 2004	Yoshiye Togasaki, M.D., 1990
Reverend Phillip Lawson, 2003	Lonnie R. Bristow, M.D., 1989
Robin Poindexter, 2002	Rev. Malcolm & Jo Lee, 1988
Troy Greer Grove, 2001	John "JJ" Johnson, 1987
Eddie Menosse, 2000	Charles Spears, 1986

2015 Student Humanitarian of the Year **Tyler Page**

Past Recipients of the Student Humanitarian of the Year Award

Anand Kannappan, 2014
Casey Leonard, 2013
Andrew Gonzales, 2012
Mario Alvarado, 2011
Shae Hughes, 2010
Brittany Watson, 2009

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