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### **Power of Peace Award Nominations Now Being Accepted**

*Local non-profit announces nomination process to recognize a Central Indiana resident doing extraordinary work for peace in the community.*

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN** – Peace Learning Center, a local education non-profit, is accepting nominations for the Power of Peace Award online from today until Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The award is an annual recognition of a local leader who, by exhibiting peacemaking in action, has made a positive contribution to the Central Indiana community.

Past awardees include the Latino Youth Collective, Tarik Glenn, Rupert Boneham, Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. J. Stewart Goodwin, and the Efrogmson Family. The nomination form is available online at [peacelearningcenter.org/2015-power-of-peace-award/](http://peacelearningcenter.org/2015-power-of-peace-award/). To be considered by the Power of Peace award committee, nominations must be submitted no later than Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

The *Power of Peace Award* will be presented at Peace Learning Center's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Festival, an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project, on Saturday, January 16 from 11am to 3pm at Christian Theological Seminary located at 1000 West 42<sup>nd</sup> in Indianapolis.

This annual celebration is designed to convey Dr. King's message of peace and the importance of personal responsibility in creating "beloved community" that encourages kindness and positive change. Music, art-making activities, Hip Hop appreciation, poetry, peace games, and yoga help honor Dr. King's vision while creating a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. In addition, the festival includes a community fair with more than 40 local non-profits.

This year's theme is "Planting Seeds of Peace" with a focus on environmental justice issues. Dr. Philip Sakitomo, an astrophysicist and expert on climate change, will speak at the event. The Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra will also perform a preview of their Peacemakers work that will premiere in April during the Butler Arts Festival.

More information about the MLK Community Festival is available at [www.peacelearningcenter.org/mlk](http://www.peacelearningcenter.org/mlk).

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Peace Learning Center (PLC) is an Indianapolis-based non-profit that has impacted the lives of more than 180,000 people locally and internationally since it first began in 1997. Its mission is to educate, inspire and empower people to live peacefully. As a community educational institution, PLC promotes healthy learning, workplace and community environments by establishing safe and common ways to address differences and teaches processes to help build community and healthy communication for youth, parents, adults, and professionals. To learn more, visit [www.peacelearningcenter.org](http://www.peacelearningcenter.org).