



*Macedonia Human Services  
Cultural Training Center, Inc.*

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Macedonia Human Services Cultural Training Center, Inc. along with First Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church are the organizers of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade for 2020, celebrated on the third Monday in January (January 20, 2020).

During this event we organize and implement a county-wide parade in honor of the extraordinary efforts, influences and accomplishments of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. toward peace, justice and equal opportunity for all (The youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize). The parade is followed by a rally program where a local citizen is recognized with the MLK award, as well as dignitaries, sponsors and a theme speaker. The program will be held at the New Operation Cooper Street Recreation Center, 650 Mary Street in Punta Gorda, FL

The parade route will be the same as last year's route. Staging will be near the Charlotte Harbor Event Center, located at 75 Taylor Street in Punta Gorda, FL. Staging time for parade float participants will be at 9:00 AM and walkers at 10:00 AM. The parade will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at 75 Taylor St in Punta Gorda, traveling south on Taylor St to Charlotte Ave, east on Charlotte Ave, then south on Mary St. to the New Operation Cooper Street Recreation Center for disbanding.

**The theme for the 2020 parade will be “We’ve Come Too Far To Stop The Dream Now”, Gal 6:9**

**A parade entrance form is required.** This form is available by request through email to MHSCTC.MLK@gmail.com OR return by mail to **MHSCTC, 411 E. Charlotte Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950**. Please submit all applications by Thursday, January 16, 2020.

**A vendor application form is required** for anyone wanting to be a vendor at New Operation Cooper Street. For your convenience, you may request the application form to be sent through email to MHSCTC.MLK@gmail.com and return either by **email** to same address, **FAX** to (941) 637-0846 or **mail** to above listed address. **Vendor fees must be paid to MHSCTC before January 16, 2020.**

**Please direct inquiries to:**

Parade Chairman, Gerald Anderson (941) 875-0038  
Parade Vice Chairperson, Zelda Smith (941)286-3849  
General Chairperson, Rev. Ellison Haddock (941) 457-4820

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the event!

Sincerely,

*Reverend Carl F. Brooks*

Rev. Dr. Carl F. Brooks, Executive Chairman MLK, Jr. Parade &  
CEO, Macedonia Human Services Cultural Training Center, Inc.