



*Macedonia Human Services
Cultural Training Center, Inc.*

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September 15, 2023

Macedonia Human Services & First Macedonia MB Church are the organizers of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade for 2024, celebrated on the third Monday in January (January 15, 2024).

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 2024 parade is "Pressing Forward Toward a Better World"

Scripture: Philippians 3: 13-14

A parade entrance form is required. Also, if you wish to be a vendor, a vendor application form is required for all vendors at New Operation Cooper Street Rec Center. For your convenience these forms are available to download at macedoniaservices.org under the MLK PARADE & RALLY INFO tab or 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 11, 2024.** Please return by mail to **MHSCTC, 411 E. Charlotte Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.** Either of these two applications must be received by us no later than Thursday, January 11, 2024.

Please direct inquiries to:

Parade Chairman, Rev. Gerald Anderson (941) 875-0038
Parade Vice Chairperson, Sister Zelda Smith (941)286-3849
General Chairperson, Rev. Ellison Haddock (941) 916-0282

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 and Cultural Training Center
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