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**The 13th Annual
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday Celebration**

SAN RAFAEL - In the spirit of the upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s holiday, the Marin City Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition will host the 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on January 17th, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Manzanita Recreation Center located on 630 Drake Avenue in Marin City.

Under the theme, "Empowered to Prosper", the event is being organized to promote opportunities for celebration and reflection on the advancement of social equity in our communities.

The event will feature a Community Service Project and a Community Leadership Brunch & Awards. The Community Service Project will start at 9 am with volunteers beautifying the neighborhood through hands-on projects coordinated by Conservation Corps North Bay. The Community Leadership Brunch will start at 10 am. Junious Williams, CEO of Urban Strategies Council, will be the keynote speaker. This forum will feature other great speakers, leadership awards, and performing artists.

The celebration is free and open to the general public. For more information regarding this event please visit <http://www.maringrassroots.org/mlk2011.html> or contact (415) 451-4350 x 303.

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Marin City Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition members:
Conservation Corps North Bay, Cornerstone Community Church,
First Missionary Baptist Church, Grassroots Leadership Network,
The Hannah Project, ISOJI, Marin City Community Services
District, Marin City Community Development Corporation,
Marin City Health and Wellness Clinic, Marin City Network,
Marin City School Readiness, Manzanita Child Development Center,
and Women Helping All People.

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Grassroots Leadership Network of Marin (GLN) coordinates the Marin City Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition. GLN works to advance social equity and strengthen the voice of underrepresented communities in public policy decision-making to reduce poverty and improve quality of life through education, coalition building and policy advocacy. For more information, please visit www.maringrassroots.org