



# 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest

## Helping Make World Better Place

Martin Luther King, Jr. has inspired people of all nationalities to live together in harmony instead of hate. Each and every person can do a lot in their everyday lives to make this a reality. Personal relationships, community service and getting involved can all be part of this effort. My plan is that I will work hard to make a difference in all these areas.

Everyday interactions with family, friends and those around me will be my starting point. The words I use when I talk to people will be honest, but positive and kind. For example, if they do well on a test, I would congratulate them. If I see an elderly person who needs assistance, I will offer to help them with carrying groceries, for example. I will help my younger brother, as well, if he needs help with homework or sport activities. There are many ways each day that I could help people around me.

In addition to personal interactions, there are many ways I will get involved in my community to encourage peace and acceptance. By volunteering to help clean up litter and planting trees in parks, I can show a commitment to my community. Volunteering to read to younger children will also set a good example for leadership. Finally, by being gentle and respectful toward all living creatures, human and animal, I can make a difference.

Responsible involvement in the world and using our freedoms will also help me now and as I get older to be a positive force. Voting for candidates who are working for equality for all people will be my goal, when I am old enough to vote. Being a responsible driver is another way I could help support a safe, stable community environment. Finally, writing letters to the elected officials when I am concerned about something that I don't feel is fair is another way to possibly make changes to improve life.

In conclusion, Martin Luther King, Jr. has inspired me to become aware of the many ways I could make the world a better place. Daily interactions, community volunteering and good citizenship are all part of my personal mission to continue the work of Martin Luther King, Jr. My hope is that I could set a good example for my peers and everyone around me.

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# Be the Change

