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Prairie Village's First Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a Dream [Home]" Action & Celebration Event

Working to better know and welcome our diverse neighbors

[Prairie Village, Kansas, January 03, 2022] — As part of our city's campaign to better know and welcome our diverse neighbors, STAND Up for Black Lives+ Prairie Village, the city of Prairie Village Diversity Committee, the Johnson County NAACP, and Village Church are sponsoring "I Have a Dream [Home]" Action & Celebration event honoring the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

This month we celebrate the national holiday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream for our country. This year you don't have to drive your family to another state or county to celebrate. The "I Have a Dream [Home]" Action & Celebration event will take place down the street in Prairie Village on Sunday, January 16th at Village Church, 6641 Mission Road from 6 to 7:30 PM.

The 60-minute program with a 30-minute reception to follow for the entire family will feature Dr. Jacob Wagner, Associate Professor, Director of Urban Studies, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Mr. Elisha Williams, Race Project KC Students, Shawnee Mission East Jazz Band Combo, youth singer Troy Sanders, and others. A reception with music and desserts will follow the program. Face mask will be required, and a livestream option will be made available. Please plan to join by registering at the Eventbrite website or visit **standupblacklives.com** to find out more information.

Stand Up for Black Lives+ is a grassroots coalition of concerned citizens with the mission to STAND Up to Advocate for Neighborhood Diversity, Equity and Inclusion through compassionate social justice education and action to make our city a better place to live for all our neighbors. Social justice education enables us to see, listen and understand with unconditional empathy and compassion the value of our neighbor, their issues and what we can do, which can bridge the many divides that separate us.