

Jackson County Challenge Day

The Middle School Challenge Project



The Martin Luther King Diversity Committee,

a partnership between the Greater Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Jackson Human Relations Commission and other Community groups.

The Martin Luther King Diversity Committee annually provides an opportunity for Jackson County middle school students to participate in a series of activities designed to motivate, empower and support them to make positive changes in their community. The Middle School Challenge Project helps the students **“be the change”** they wish to see. The investment has proven to raise student self esteem, increase student kindness, reduce bullying, improve school climate, and inspire community service.

The most life-changing part of the Project is participation in a Challenge Day. Challenge Days are powerful, high energy programs in which youth and adult participants are guided through a series of experiential learning processes.

The overall goals of the program are to:

- increase personal power and self-esteem
- shift dangerous peer pressure to positive peer support
- eliminate the acceptability of teasing, violence and all forms of oppression
- unite and to carry the themes of the program back to the greater school population

Our goal is to raise enough money to support participation of **400 local 7th grade students** during November 2009 (double our goal in the previous two years).

We are seeking your support to keep this program going and growing. Donations in the following amounts will help us:

- sponsor a single student - \$50
- sponsor 20 students - \$1000
- or anything in between

If you would like to find out more about Challenge Day, or you'd just like to know more about the Project, please let us know by completing the form below, and a Committee member will contact you.

Students we have supported to date have been positively impacted. They, in turn, have positively impacted their schools and families. Please follow their example and **“be the change”** you wish to see in our community.

Please complete the form below, and send it to us with your check. (Contributions may be tax-deductible.)

See www.challengeday.org for more info.

Thank you

The Middle School Challenge Project Sponsored by the Martin Luther King Diversity Committee

Name _____

I prefer to be contacted via ___ phone ___ e-mail

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

Enclosed please find my check to support the 2009-10 Middle School Challenge Project.

Please send a receipt to the address above.

Please contact me to volunteer my time for a Challenge Day during November 2009.

Please provide me/my group with more information about the Middle School Challenge Project.

Checks should be made out to: **Jackson HRC/MS Challenge Project**

Forms and checks should be mailed to: Jackson HRC/MS Challenge Project, 161 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201.

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