April 4th Foundation Gala

Each year on the evening of April 4th, the anniversary date of Dr. Martin Luther King’s assassination, Dr. King and his legacy are honored at a formal gala where past and ongoing civil rights leaders speak and are recognized for their contributions. Footsteps students both attend and participate in the gala. Money raised from the gala supports the Footsteps program.

Recognition at the gala includes:

- **The I AM A MAN Award** is presented to those individuals who continue to strive to keep Dr. Martin Luther King’s “Dream” alive and to bring it into being.

- **Past recipients of this prestigious award include:** Congressman Harold Ford Sr., Judge Joe Brown, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, The Rev. Joseph Lowery (SCLC), President William (Bill) Clinton, Congressman John Lewis, Mr. William (Bill) Lucy (AFSCME), Congressman John Conyers, Mr. Harry Belafonte, Father Michael Pfleger, and Rev Dr. C. T. Vivian.

- **The Open Door Award,** based on 2nd Corinthians 2:12, is given to persons who have ‘opened doors’ for others. Starting in 2000, this award provides a way to recognize the work of those paving the way to the realization of the “Dream.”

Please visit the website for more information or call 901-859-3364:

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FOOTSTEPS
Youth Leadership
Summit
On Civil Rights

The April 4th Foundation is proud to present the sixth annual FOOTSTEPS Youth Leadership Summit on Civil Rights. The Summit is designed to enlighten, empower, and educate 9th and 10th grade students about the historical events surrounding the April 4, 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther, Jr.

Participants in the Summit will study the events and the lives of Civil Rights Leaders and organizations which have made impeccable STEPS for this generation to follow.

FOOTSTEPS Youth Leadership Summit on Civil Rights participants will also use this experience to create their own footsteps for future generations to follow. Thus keeping the April 4th Foundation motto, “Tell the Story...Pass It On!”

Footsteps History

The mission of The April 4th Foundation, Inc. is to “Tell the story...Pass it on” of the incredible sacrifices and successes of the civil rights movement. Since its inception, “Footsteps,” the youth component of The April 4th Foundation, has educated and inspired thousands of youth throughout the City of Memphis. These students have been able to meet and talk with the living legends and civil rights icons of the movement and to visit historic civil rights locations throughout the south. A few of the inspirations who have actively participated with “Footsteps” have been Dr. Joseph Lowery, Dr. Christine King Farris, the sister of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Hattie Jackson, the wife of Pastor H. Ralph Jackson, Jocelyn Wurzburg, and renowned actor and activist, Harry Belafonte. The Summer group has been able to travel to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Washington DC for special events and meetings. All of this is through the generous contributions and support of our sponsors.

In Summer 2018, a group will have an exciting weeklong experience including travel to Civil Rights leaders and venues. Registration and nominations for the 2015 class begins May 7, 2018. For more information, please call 901-481-6218.

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