

An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality



Happy New Year! We hope you and your loved ones found ways to be together and relax over the holiday season. Thank you to those who bid on original artwork during our art auction in support of the Peace Garden. We raised $950 in funds. A huge thank you also goes to our monthly donors, and the Mardag Foundation and the F.R. Bigelow Foundation for their contributions. The Peace Garden could not have made the progress it has today without your continued support and generous donations.

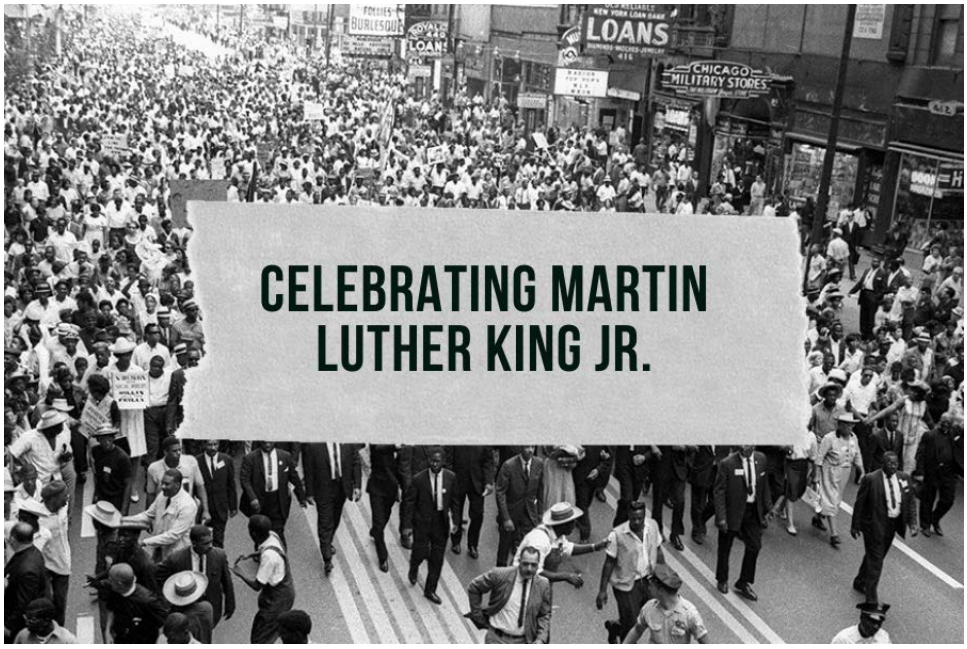
The Philando Castile Peace Garden had an initial fundraising goal of $500,000. We remain just $200,000 short of completing the renewal and interpretation phases of the garden. As part of the interpretation phase, garden signage and lighting will be installed. This will not only let people know the significance and

purpose of the space, but lighting and signage will further beautify the garden. Lighting will be installed along pathways to make evening visits, such as Restoration Day activities that start at sundown, safer.

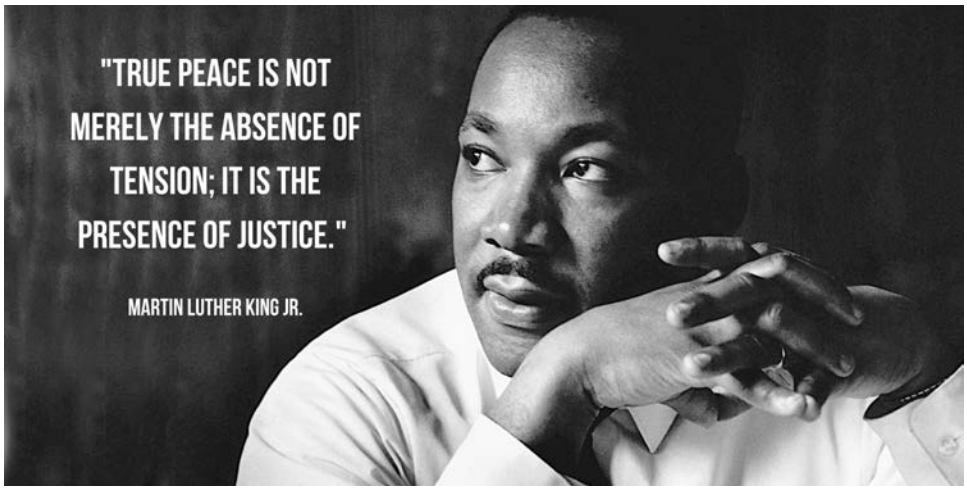
Next, we plan to create a website exhibit and digital tour of the Peace Garden. A website exhibit will allow people who cannot travel to the garden in person to experience it. This will also help to create nationwide-visibility and appreciation of the Philando Castile Peace Garden.

Finally, the garden will require frequent maintenance to stay beautiful. This will include installation of rotating community art pieces, weeding, snow removal, and other upkeep projects.

We are so close to reaching our goal. As we progress into 2022, we hope to raise the remaining funds to complete this campaign. Please continue to donate and ask your friends and family to help us with these efforts.



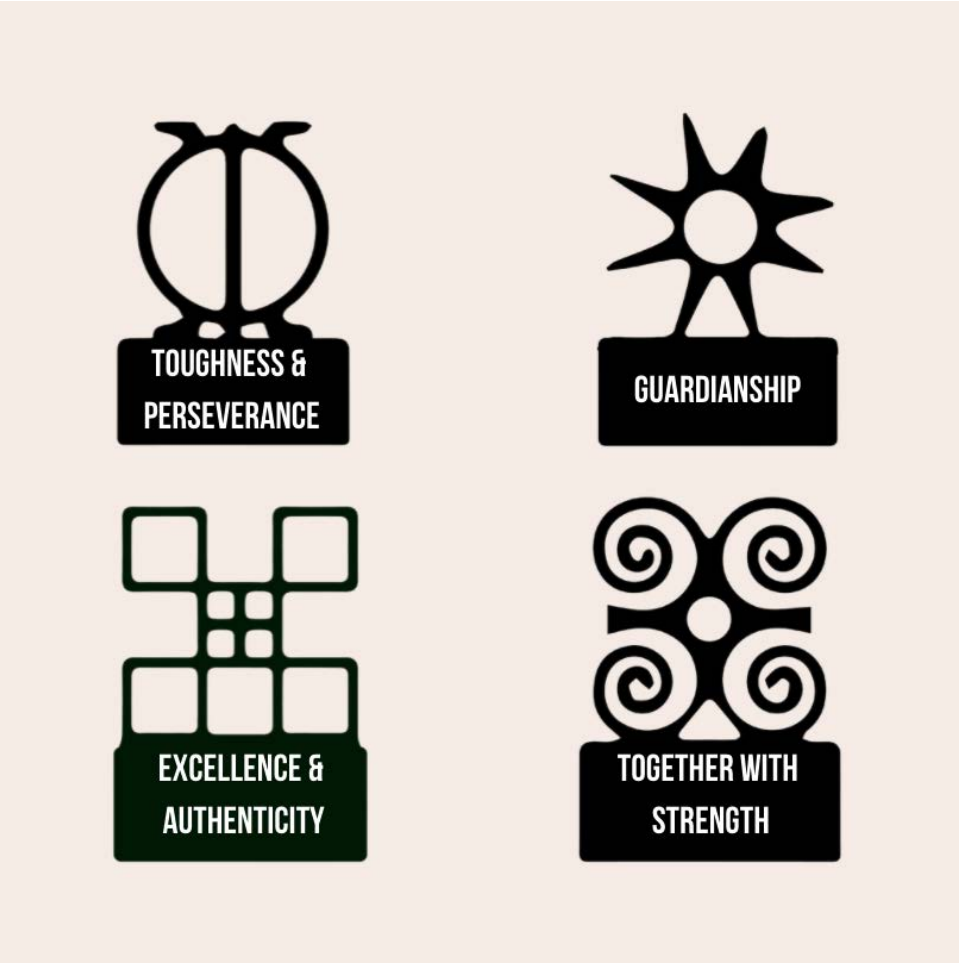
On January 17, we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr., a man who dedicated his life to the nonviolent struggle for racial justice in the United States. King's leadership played an instrumental role in ending racial segregation for African Americans and to the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. King was assassinated in 1968, but his writings, words, and legacy remain meaningful today for all those seeking justice across the United States and the world.





Take a stroll through the Philando Castile Peace Garden and you'll notice metal statues scattered all over. Each one is a different West African Adinkra symbol that will be used as hangers for community art to be installed later in the spring.

Adinkra symbols were designed by the Akan people from Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana in the early 19th century. Many are symmetrical in design and express proverbs related to life and death, human behavior, wisdom, and the environment. Adinkra symbols were often painted or stamped onto fabrics and pottery as patterns. Below are examples of some symbols in the Peace Garden and what they represent.



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