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**City of Bowie Contest Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Allows Children to Paint the
Picture of Progress**

BOWIE, Md--- The City of Bowie's "Dreams of Growth, Unity, and Progress" contest honors the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by allowing participants, grades K-12, to illustrate their perspective on the dream. Entrants must live within the municipal limits of Bowie or attend a school located in the City. All entries should be submitted to the City Manager's Office, Bowie City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Rd., Bowie, Md. 20716, including "MLK Contest" as the subject, no later than Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 5 p.m.

The contest divides the participating grades into groups of 3. Grades K-2 enter a coloring contest in which participants color the provided picture of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Grades 3-5 are to create a poster illustrating how Dr. King worked, and others are still working, to ensure that all people are treated fairly. Grades 6-12 honor the life and work of the Civil Rights leader by creating a short 60-90 second video that depicts the contest's theme of "Growth, Unity and Progress."

Entries are judged on a myriad of criteria including appearance of the work, neatness, and artistic expression. Finalists are selected shortly after the deadline, and their artwork is displayed at Bowie City Hall. The Martin Luther King program recognizing finalists is Saturday, January 16, 2016. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place are awarded in February. For contest rules and list of eligible schools, visit www.cityofbowie.org/mlk.

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