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## 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WE HAVE A DREAM BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

**WHAT** 22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We Have a Dream Breakfast

**WHEN** Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-10:00am

**WHERE** Mayo Civic Center Exhibit Hall

**WHO IS INVITED** Community members: Individual Seat - \$10 per person (*Includes General Admission Seating, Breakfast & Program*). Table of 8 - \$175 (*Includes Reserved Seating, Breakfast & Program*). A limited number of **FREE tickets** to this event are available for individuals and organizations. Please contact the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Foundation at 507-288-1122 for more information.

The [22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We Have a Dream Breakfast](#) is hosted in partnership with the [Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce](#), [Diversity Council](#) and the [NAACP](#). This family-friendly event will feature a keynote presentation by award-winning poet, musician, educator and community elder **Louis Alemayehu** and entertainment by **The Donohue Jazz Quartet**.

Born in Chicago of African and Native heritage, Louis Alemayehu developed his poetic skills and musical sensibilities as a part of the Black Arts Movement in the 1970s. Louis crosses and challenges the boundaries between generations, cultures, disciplines, and art forms. Through his ability to mentor, and connect with young people, Louis is a leader in cultivating the next generation of community-engaged artists in the Twin Cities. He teaches classes in poetry and language arts at the Multicultural Indigenous Academy in St. Paul, and facilitates community workshops on racism, culture and community-building.

Following the Breakfast, please plan to participate in the rest of the day's activities:

- 10:00 Gather for Music – North Lobby
- 10:30 Rally and March through Downtown
- 11:15 March ends back at Mayo Civic Center
- 11:30 Commemorative Program – Civic Theatre Lobby
- 1:00 MLK Birthday Party – Civic Theatre Lobby

Rochester City Lines will provide **FREE transportation** to and from this event from two pick-up locations: NW from the Best Buy/Hobby Lobby parking lot; and SW from the Mayo High School parking lot. **Buses will depart at 7:30 am.** Please indicate your pick-up location upon registration if desired. Register online at [www.RochesterMNChamber.com](http://www.RochesterMNChamber.com) or by calling 507-288-1122.

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