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EVERETT GATHERS TO HONOR MLK AT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

The Zion Church community and the City of Everett gathered together this past Monday at the Connolly Center to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. The 13th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast was once again well attended by residents, local officials, school administration and members of the Zion Church community in an effort to raise scholarship money for college-bound students.

Senior Pastor of Zion Church Ministries, Bishop Robert Brown, was pleased to welcome this year's keynote speaker, Ron Walker. Mr. Walker has over 45 years of experience serving as a teacher, principal, staff developer, and consultant in various educational communities. Currently, Mr. Walker serves as the Executive Director and is a founding member of the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color. The mission of COSEBOC, founded in 2007, is to connect, inspire, support, and strengthen school leaders dedicated to the social, emotional, and academic development of boys and young men of color.

In addition to Mr. Walker, speakers at the breakfast included Bishop Robert Brown, Mayor Carlo DeMaria's Chief of Staff, Kevin O'Donnell, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Representative Joe McGonagle, Council President Anthony DiPierro, Chairman of the Everett School Committee Bernie D'Onofrio and Scholarship Recipients Corrin Jackson and Khayla Reese.

The Zion Church Community presented Senator Sal DiDomenico with the Martin Luther King Jr. Service Recognition Award, honoring his involvement and commitment to the Everett community.

The Zion Church Ministries Choir delivered moving renditions of traditional hymns throughout the breakfast and concluded the ceremony with the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

*photos included in email

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