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## There's A Winner Inside You!

"Pushing through is the only option available to you! Life becomes a different kind of fight when our adversary realizes that we don't have a quit option! There's a winner living inside us that only knows how to win my friend! - AUBREY R. TAYLOR



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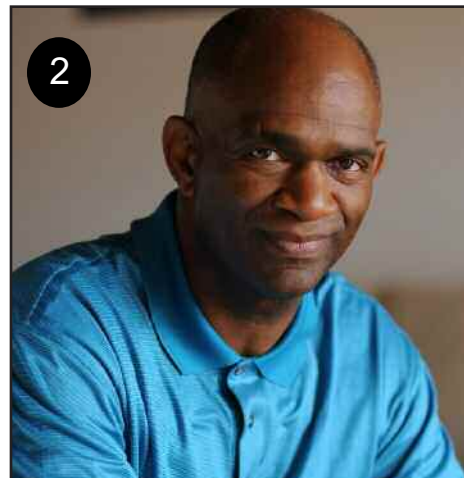
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### A FEW THOUGHTS FOR YOU TO PONDER



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**2) Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell -** *"Who driving, you or God? When life takes us on a detour, sometimes we get upset and fight to turn the wheel back in the direction we want to go. But that detour could be God telling you, My child, I see what's at the end of both paths, trust me this is the better route for you. So let go of the wheel and let God steer you in the right direction."*



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**3) Paula White -** *"Appreciate those who are in your life, forget about the ones who left! Gratitude is confirmation of relationship!"*



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**4) Anjelica Shearé Webster -** *"Never lose your identity to any collective entity because it's highly probable that your authentic friends will become your inauthentic ego's enemy."*



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**5) Tammi Matthews - Durden -** *"Knock the devil off your back, stand up straight and press forward. You have bent over and bowed down to the enemy too long. It's time to Get up! Get up...dust yourself off and get back in the game. It's not over until you win!"*

# MLK GRANDE PARADE

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CO-GRAND MARSHAL

CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN - 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

*"I am proud that we Houstonians have once again shown our admiration for the many accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King as well as our dedication to celebrating his legacy. Thank you for your commitment to making the 2013 MLK Grande Parade such a success. I trust that we will continue using this holiday as an opportunity for us to reflect on the story and the numerous contributions of Dr. King. Let us also continue to remember the many other unsung heroes and heroines who sacrificed while seeking positive societal change. 'Keep the Dream Alive.'"*

# THANK YOU!



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### About the MLK Parade Foundation

Our sole purpose is to promote Racial Harmony through Educational and Promotional concepts and ideas.

### Our Educational Concepts include the following:

- Consensus Building through the awareness of oneness and common values.
- Networking through the Public, Private Schools and Churches by interacting with Administrators, Educators, and Ministers on the importance of respecting all cultures ethnicity and spiritual beliefs.

### Our Promotional Concepts include the following:

- Emphasizing The Greatness of Multi-Cultural Diversity through Community Sponsored Events.
- Raising the Awareness of Commonalities through differences that culminates each year on the Third Monday in January, the official Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration.

### About Our Theme

There is but One Race, and that is The Human Race. This message was articulated very clearly by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a Visionary who saw things from a different perspective. Almost Forty Years later, we now see those things, and we will strive to incorporate those things into our everyday lives in the knowledge of "Change Begins With Self"

America is a unique experience. While it is home for all who desire peace and prosperity, it is an awakening for others to the possibilities of positive change.

Americans are a collective inheritance of cultural, ethnic and spiritual differences whose sum total epitomizes all that is good in the human experience.

The key to America's strength is her shared differences. Her shared differences are what we applaud and celebrate. . It is these differences that make us uniquely gifted, strong, and reflects the greatness of Collaborative Cohabitation. The common thread of The Whole of Humanity, is its' multicultural diversity. Accordingly we proudly announce our theme.

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