

## Executing Dr. King's Vision in Our Community

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Dr. Martin Luther King was a preacher and a leader who fought against segregation and pushed for peace and equality for mankind. Although he is not with us today, his legacy continues as we carry on his dream to improve our modern world.

Dr. King's vision for America was summarized in his famous speech "I Have a Dream" and the events are happening today. He spoke about equality when he said, "we hold these truths to be self-evident that, all men are created equal." He also talked about racial discrimination when he said; "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but the content of their character." My favorite quote of Dr. King's speech is; "one day right here little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers"

When I think about Dr. Martin Luther King, I ask myself, how can we improve our community so that it matches Dr. King's vision? This is a good question for me because I am an African American. First of all, Dr. King's vision was to have no segregation between blacks and whites. The way I think we as a community can achieve Dr. King's vision is by trusting and loving each other in a way where there is no racism among ourselves. Today we are living his dream. As an African American young man, many of my best friends I can call my brothers are Caucasians.

When I moved to Pennsylvania few months ago, my parents heard about a soccer try out at Keystone FC and there was only one spot left to fill the team. My mother sent an email to the coach informing him about my passion for soccer, so the coach invited me for the try out, not knowing about my ethnicity until I got there. Although there were other kids who played just like me, I was selected to fill the last remaining spot. This is the part where they enhance Dr. King's words. They could have not selected me for the team simply due to the color of my skin, but instead, they focused on the content of my character,

in this case, was my skills. The next day, they offered me the last spot for the team. All I could think about was how they received Dr. King's words and used it. My teammates and I get along very well and we have a very good team.

Unfortunately, there are still foul languages about racism in our world today, but together as a community (of all races) we have come pretty far and we are working very hard to say NO TO RACISM.