

Raising KINGS

Week of Action

January 10-16, 2017 | Wilmington, DE

Changing the Image & Expectations of Men & Boys of Color

Raising Kings WEEK of ACTION!

- 1|10** \$1,000 Pitch Competition
1313 Innovation
- 1|11** "King Me!" Chess Tournament
Ferris School For Boys
- 1|12** RK Mock Trial Competition
Delaware Barristers Association
- 1|13** Film Screening & Talk Back: 13th
Penn Cinema Riverfront
- 1|14** The Raising Kings Conference
PS DuPont Middle School
- 1|15** Raising Kings Faith Observance
The Resurrection Center
- 1|16** Raising Kings Gala #BHIM
Mitchell Center for African American Heritage



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5th Annual Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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2017 Raising Kings Week!

Series of events to foster positive images and expectations of men and boys of color in a society that says Black males will end up one of two places by the age of 25...

WILMINGTON, DE – Honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., One Village Alliance, The Delaware Historical Society, Brandywine School District, and the United Way of Delaware present the 5th Annual Raising Kings Conference honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As we look at where we are today as a nation, it's clear that mere social gatherings are not enough. [Raising Kings](#) is a year-round, high impact opportunity to connect our highest needs youth with positive male mentors, role models and fathers.

Our impact continues year-round beginning in January with Raising Kings Week. **More than 700 men, boys and their families** gather annually for a full schedule of inspiring narratives, thought provoking presentations, and courageous conversations. Our goal is to secure 130 new mentor commitments and build our capacity to support evidence-based programming hosted weekly in schools and community sites including Ferris School for Boys.

Recently, the C.D.C. division that investigates the aftermath of disaster, came to Wilmington to explore a [public health issue](#) claiming the lives of young black males: gun violence. "Our investigation was not focused on the mechanism of injury, but rather the opportunities to intervene on more root causes of violence such as prior exposure to violence, family disruption and limited educational attainment." Courtney Lenard, CDC Epidemic Intelligence [The New York Times](#). Disproportionately high recurrent violence, trauma, substance use and mental health issues among our children devastate entire families throughout the nation. We must change these outcomes in Delaware... We have no choice!

- ▲ Wilmington consistently ranks in the top five [most violent cities](#) in the country.
- ▲ During a [record breaking 2015](#), 151 shooting victims were reported. All but three killed were African American males...
- ▲ 85% of African American youth in Wilmington are growing up [without an adult male in the home](#).
- ▲ [87% of incarcerated black males](#) report being raised in a fatherless home.
- ▲ Delaware has the highest prison population per capita [in the entire world](#). 87% nonviolent detainees are [black males](#).
- ▲ The \$87,965 national average [cost for juvenile detention](#) is disproportionately spent on Black males.
- ▲ Black males are the highest represented population in health disparities, and academic underachievement.

RK presenters and honorees have included: Poets laureate [Nnamdi Chukwuocha and Albert Mills](#); 14 yr. old National Figure Skater, [Emmanuel Savary](#); 16 yr. old Chess Champion, [Johnny Means](#); [Professor David C. Wilson, PhD](#); [Judge William L. Chapman, Jr.](#); [Police Chief Bobby Cummings](#); Civil Rights Attorney, [Jeremy Collins](#); [Dr. Kim Allen and Billy Allen](#), U.S Senator Chris Coons, and Attorney General Matt Denn. The conference is free. Participants must register. Full schedule and info at www.iamthevillage.org or call 855-YOUTH-ED

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**Raising KINGS** is a collaborative commitment to change the prominent image and expectations of African American males by elevating the level of positive male engagement in the lives of boys. The symposium highlights positive Black male images and role models of all age, academic and career backgrounds and continues with a year-round series of evidence based curriculum activities in area schools and community sites.

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One Village Alliance (OVA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded with the assertion that it truly does take a whole village to raise a child, raise a family and raise a community. Our mission is to uplift children and their families on a holistic journey toward excellence through education, entrepreneurship and the arts.

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Young Black Men, Fathers, Sons, Mentors and boys of all ages!

Did you know...

You are loved...

You are valuable...

You are KINGS!

Join us for an MLK celebration that celebrates YOU!

Don't miss **2017 Raising Kings Week** featuring DJ Blare, Meet young Black Authors, Business Moguls, Athletes and Leaders who will share their secrets to success! Pair up for a \$1000 CASH prize Business Pitch Competition! Raising Kings Week - January 10th through the 16th...

REGISTER TODAY at WWW-DOT-I-AM-THE-VILLAGE-DOT-O-R-G or TEXT THE WORD KINGS TO 58885.

It's time to show them who we REALLY are!