

Initiators/ Sponsors

Because we are all committed to fighting poverty in Massachusetts, the Green-Rainbow Party, Economic Human Rights Project, and Sisters Together Ending Poverty are founding sponsors of a 16-day, history-making march through the lowest income communities in our State.

Other sponsors include:
Low Income Welfare Organizing Collaborative (LIWOC),
Campaign on Contingent Work, National Welfare Rights Union (NWRU), Survival News, and Fairness In Taxes for Everyone (FITE),
The National Association of Social Workers - Mass. Chapter, ARISE For Social Justice,
Mass Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition
United for Justice with Peace (UJP)
Mass. Jobs with Justice, SAGE,
Family Diversity Project,
Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPPAX).



We invite you to join us in action and in sponsorship.

Martin Luther King, Jr. April 30, 1967

"I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today - my own government...
I'm convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values...
When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, militarism and economic exploitation are incapable of being conquered..."

EHRP/CuttingEJ

March to Abolish Poverty, c/o
Economic Human Rights Project
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Somerville, MA
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TO:

**OUR VOICES, VIEWS,
AND STORIES
WILL BE HEARD.**

**OUR LIVES, HEALTH,
JOB SECURITY,
CHILDCARE, HOUSING
WILL NO LONGER BE
SWEEPED UNDER
THE POLITICAL RUG.**

THE MARCH TO ABOLISH POVERTY

March 20-April 4, 2004

Join us on this statewide anti-poverty march across low-income Massachusetts. As our State's situation worsens, we remember the 36th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King that took place in the midst of organizing the Poor People's March on Washington.

**BECOME ONE OF THE NEW ABOLITIONISTS
AT THIS HISTORY-MAKING EVENT!**

Educating the Public

The voices and struggles of Massachusetts' low-income communities are not even being heard. This is a critical time for educating the public on issues that the major parties will not even address!

These issues include:

- Welfare and the safety net,
- Homelessness and lack of decent, affordable housing,
- Loss/lack of jobs, pay and benefits, and
- The lack of affordable health coverage.

THE MARCH

We will march 5-15 miles/day through the lowest income communities in our state. We'll travel by vehicle to each new location, staying in halls, campgrounds and other accommodations. Every day we will wake to pick up the torch of justice with each new town.

THE PROPOSED ROUTE:

Hyannis through New Bedford, Fall River, Worcester, Southbridge, Ware, Springfield, Holyoke, S. Berkshires, Pittsfield, North Adams, Greenfield, Northampton, Amherst, Orange/Athol, Gardner, Fitchburg, Lowell, Lawrence, Salem, Lynn, Chelsea, Somerville, Cambridge, and on to Boston.

We end on the anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination to remind all that *you cannot snuff out the call for justice!*

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - MLK, 1963

Standing Together

The March to Abolish Poverty is a unique opportunity to bring together constituencies that we don't usually find standing together, such as:

- Health Care
- Low-wage/Low-Income Families & Individuals
- Human Rights
- Immigrant Rights
- Homeless/Housing Issues
- Workers' Rights & Unions
- Environmental Justice
- Seniors' Issues
- Emotionally & Physically Challenged
- Underemployed/Unemployed
- Education & the MCAS
- Workers' Rights & Unions
- Green-Rainbow Locals

Any groups that brings issues to the public:

- Artists
- Medical Professionals
- Child Care Workers

MANY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

Help organize turnout, sites, press coverage, food/sleeping in local communities;
Pass out flyers at every event possible;
Come march and bring people;
Entertain & inform marchers & the public what the real issues are;
Staff a medical van at the March;
Staff a childcare van; help with childcare needs;
Make donations of items and money to make this March possible...

(all tax deductible)

*Economic Human Rights Project
March to Abolish Poverty*

How About Your Group?

Are you part of a group that you recognize in our list?

Can you get your group involved?

Add my organization as an endorser:

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

We will send a rep. to planning meetings.

We will bring at least _____ people to the local protest in _____ (town).

We will bring our banner/ wear union or organization's shirt/hats, etc.

We will outreach by our fax/email networks, article in our newsletter.

We can donate money.

CONTACT US NOW!

To get involved with the statewide planning committee or to help your local group to organize for the March through your part of the state:

CALL

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WRITE

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