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### **Speaker Announced for 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Breakfast Celebration in Lynchburg, Virginia**

On Monday, January 16, 2023, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Lynchburg Community Council, will host its annual MLK breakfast at The Virginian Hotel. The event begins at 8:30 a.m.

This year's speaker will be Brenda Hughes Andrews, one of four litigants in Jackson, et al vs Lynchburg City Schools, the suit to desegregate E. C. Glass High School. Ms. Andrews, along with the other three litigants Cecelia Jackson, Lynda Woodruff, and Owen Cardwell Jr., were the first students to integrate E.C. Glass High School in 1962.

Ms. Andrews is currently the publisher and owner of the 122-year old New Journal and Guide African American newspaper. She is frequently called upon as a public speaker and program panelist around the country. She serves on the Norfolk State University Foundation board, and is the immediate past two-term National Treasurer of the National Newspaper Association which represents over 200 Black newspapers across the nation. In 2019, Ms. Andrews was named Publisher of the Year. She has also earned numerous other awards. The MLKLCC is delighted to welcome one of its outstanding children home.

The theme of this year's breakfast is "Strength to Love," which is the title of Rev. Dr. King's collection of sermons published in 1963. Coretta Scott King said this work best explained her husband's philosophy of non-violence and his belief in a "divine, loving presence that binds all life."

Music for the breakfast will be rendered by Telly Tucker and Morgan Jones.

Tickets for the event are \$40 and include a full breakfast. Space is limited, and tickets must be purchased in advance online or the Lynchburg Public Library. Tickets may not be purchased at the door. Follow this link to purchase online: <https://www.givelify.com/donate/dr-martin-luther-king-center-for-human-rights-lynchburg-va-2j7wy5NzM1Nzg=/donation/amount>

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Lynchburg Community Council is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization established by Lynchburg City Council in 1991 to promote and conduct community observances in recognition of the national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to maintain the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Human Rights at the Lynchburg Public Library. The MLK Council collaborates with civic, educational, and religious organizations and the City of Lynchburg to support activities that reflect Dr. King's teachings of non-violent social change. For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/lyhmlk/>