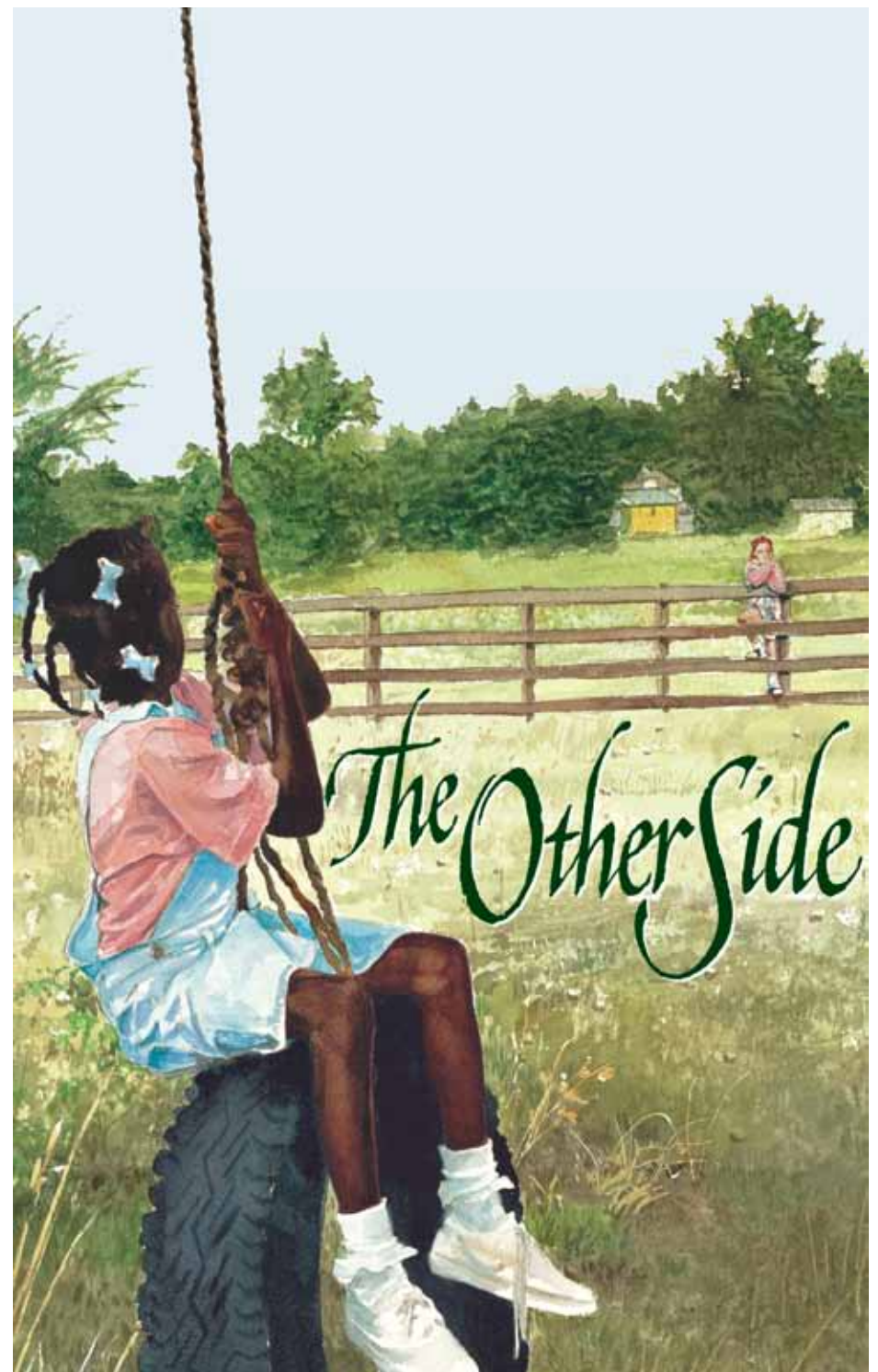
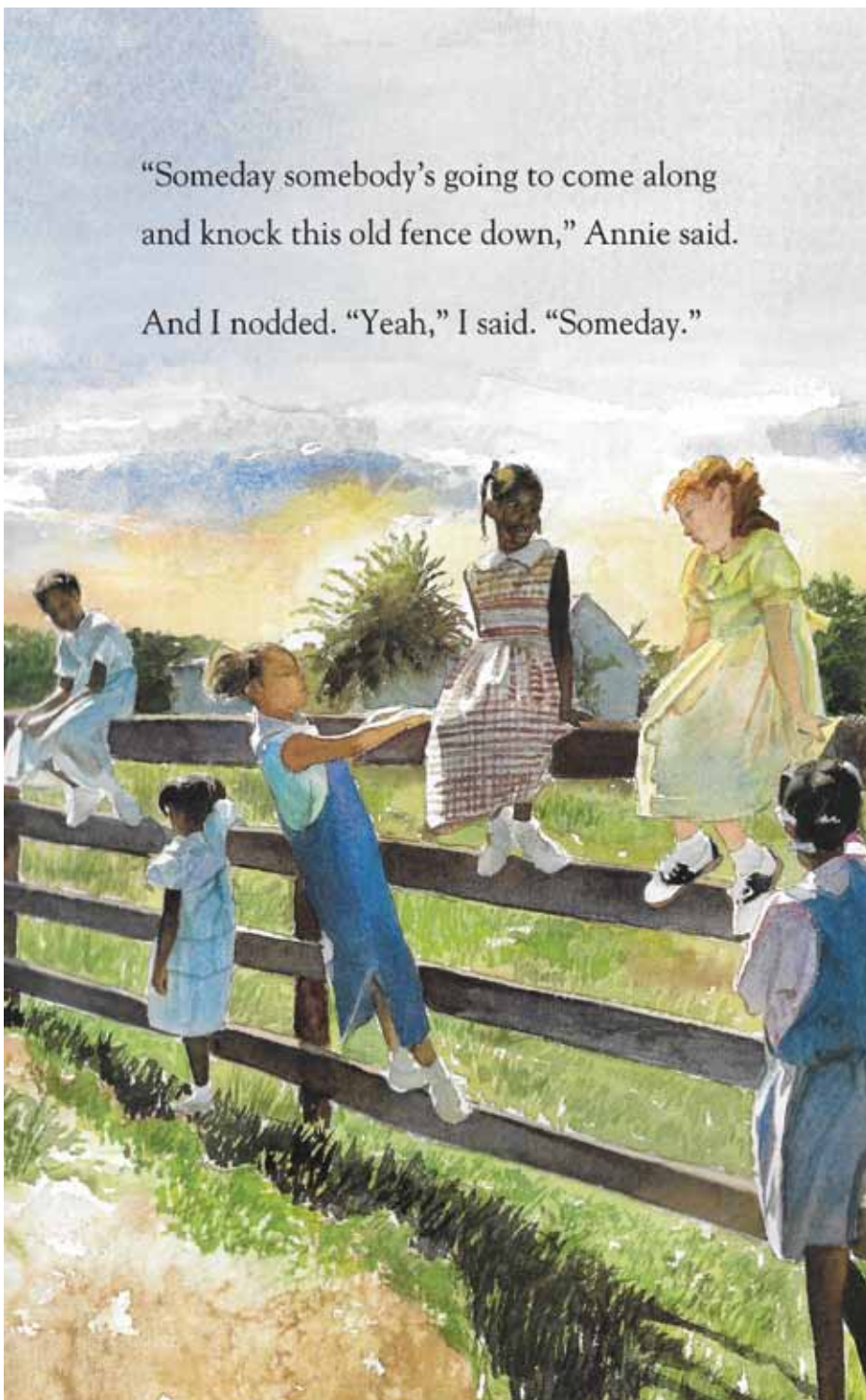


“Someday somebody’s going to come along  
and knock this old fence down,” Annie said.

And I nodded. “Yeah,” I said. “Someday.”





## The Inaugural Collin County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Appreciation Day Steering Committee

Co-Chairman Pastor Timothy Jones, Rockbridge Church Allen-President CCCA\*  
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### Opening Video

**Musical Selection**—*Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Plano*

**Welcome**—*Dr. John McCaa, WFAA-TV News Co-Ancor*

**Invocation**—*Rev. Bryant Phelps, Grace Avenue United Methodist Church Frisco*

**Introduction of Participants on Pulpit**—*Dr. John McCaa*

**Introduction of Appreciation Day Steering Committee and Others**—*Dr. John McCaa*

**Opening Comments**—*Dr. John McCaa*

**Musical Selection**—*First United Methodist Church Allen/Grace Avenue United Methodist Church Frisco*

**Reading of Collin County MLK Appreciation Day Proclamation**—*Judge Keith Self with City Mayors of Allen, Fairview, Frisco, Plano, and McKinney*

**Comments**—*Rev. Todd Harris, First United Methodist Church Allen*

**Presentation of Student Art Contest Winners**—*Tim Carroll APR, Allen Independent School District Director of Public Information Services/Director of Community Services*

**Comments/Introduction of The MLK Appreciation Day Community Choir and Dance Participants**—*Dr. Wayne Stafford, Sr., EdD, Fellowship Christian Center Church Plano*

**Musical Selection and Dance Program**—*Fellowship Christian Center Church Plano*

**Comments / Presentation of MLK Drum Major Awards**—*Pastor Timothy Jones, Rockbridge Church Allen*

**Musical Selection**—*The MLK Appreciation Day Community Choir*

**Closing Prayer**—*Rev. Billy Echols-Richter, Grace Avenue United Methodist Church Frisco*

**Closing Comments**—*Dr. John McCaa*

**Informal Reception**



January 15, 2018

Greetings!

On behalf of Allen City Council and our wonderful citizens, I welcome you to The Inaugural Collin County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Appreciation Day in Allen, Texas. This new event, a day of reflection, celebration and service culminates a weekend of activities paying tribute to Dr. King. Today, we are honored to expand the commemoration of his life and legacy as part of the Collin County celebration held for more than thirty years.

Dr. King's powerful vision of equality and commitment to nonviolent resistance has helped shape our city, our nation and our world. After his death 50 years ago, his words on justice, peace and love continue to inspire people of all races, ages and cultures. Reminding us that "the time is always right to do what is right" and that "hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

I hope this event inspires you to join in Dr. King's legacy of service, and look forward to holding this ceremony in his honor for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Stephen Terrell  
Mayor

## MLK's Most Remembered Quotations

*We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools!*

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*Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere!*

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*I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character!*

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*At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love!*

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*I have decided to stick with love, hate is too great a burden to bear!*

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*Life's most persistent question is what are you doing for others?*

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*We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope!*

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*Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase!*

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*Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend!*

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*The time is always right to do what is right!*





Welcome to this esteemed event appreciating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I would like to personally thank you for attending this inaugural event for Collin County. As we appreciate Dr. King and the effects of his words and actions on our great nation, I appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to be here to celebrate and learn today. In the words of Dr. King, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."

In my role as Mayor of the Town of Fairview, I work to serve the interests of a diverse group of people with varying interests and goals. In those times when our Council has to make unpopular choices, I am often reminded of Dr. King's counsel that, "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right."

Finally, I would personally like to thank the many individuals that contributed their efforts and hours to create this Collin County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Appreciation Day event to honor the legacy of a monumental great leader.

In current times, it is hard not to reflect on the positive message of Dr. King, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Thank you for joining us today and in the future to be a part of that love.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darion Culbertson".

Darion Culbertson, Mayor  
Town of Fairview, Texas

December 4, 2017

Greetings,

On behalf of the residents of McKinney and of the City Council, it is my honor and privilege to participate in the Inaugural Collin County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Appreciation Day event. McKinney is proud and honored to be a community supporting the endeavors of the Appreciation Day Steering Committee.

In light of recent events in our country, there couldn't be a more appropriate time to reflect on the teachings and aspirations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I'm reminded that McKinney is made great in part because of our great diversity, and our city remains committed to be a place where all can feel safe, valued, and given an opportunity to thrive.

We are proud of to be a part of this appreciation day, and I am truly honored to join you as a representative of our entire community. Speaking on behalf of the City of McKinney, it is my pleasure to extend the best wishes of our entire community on this occasion and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Fuller".

Mayor George Fuller



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Greetings!

Thank you for attending the inaugural Collin County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Appreciation Day event. Today is a day for us to celebrate the invaluable body of work and impact Dr. King has had on our nation and the entire world over the past six decades. This event is an enhancement of commemorative events that have been held in Collin County for over thirty years initiated by the late John Hightower, Fred Moses, and Arthur Young.

Dr. King once said, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." It is incumbent upon each of us to be there for one another and to support each other. I believe Dr. King's philosophy could be summarized as: "Love will always supersede hate." This day of appreciation is a step toward the realization of Dr. King's dream to unite people in peace through love.

It is my hope that this event grows bigger and better each year hereafter and provides a place for citizens of Collin County to pause and reflect on the life aspirations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sincerely,

Harry LaRosiliere  
MAYOR

Thank you for taking time to commemorate and honor **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, whose life we celebrate during The Inaugural Collin County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Appreciation Day.

We're gathered to express gratitude for the man who was committed to civil rights through non-violence. Great works and wisdom are timeless, never aging, despite the fifty years having passed since Dr. King's death.

Dr. King is quoted often, arguably most famously from his 'I Have a Dream' speech. Some of his other prose are lesser known, but no less wise. One quote that resonates most with me is simple, yet imposing: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

As we pause to remember Dr. King's legacy, one of hope and inspiration, let's consider committing to helping our neighbors or those in need. Simple acts of kindness or volunteerism are always welcome and everlasting.

We hope The Inaugural Collin County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Appreciation Day grows, just like the county and communities represented here today. It's easy to get sidetracked with our day-to-day demands, but we should never forget to make time to remember Dr. King's enduring example and contributions.

With gratitude,  
  
Mayor Jeff Cheney