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**The Honorable Beth Bernstein will be the Keynote Speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Keeping the Legacy Alive Breakfast.**

 [Columbia, S.C. – January 16, 2023] The Columbia Urban League (CULSC) will resume their 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Keeping the Legacy Alive Breakfast in-person with The Honorable Beth Bernstein as keynote speaker on Monday, January 16, 2023.

Bernstein, as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives since 2012, has been a strong voice for social justice and hate crime legislation. She exemplifies Dr. King’s Beloved Community: a community in which everyone is cared for, absent of poverty and hate.

Each year, The Breakfast provides programming to honor Dr. King’s legacy by promoting the need for diversity and awareness in the workplace and society, in which, this year’s theme is *“Promoting a Beloved Community.”* This event also gathers diverse stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds to amplify the dialogue around equal opportunity and social justice.

Additionally, this Breakfast celebrates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a civil rights icon, who changed the global approach to justice, humanity, and civility. “It is a call to action to continue the legacy of Dr. King in promoting a beloved community that promotes inclusion, and social and economic justice for all” such a community will eradicate hate”, said Mr. James T. McLawhorn, Jr., president, and CEO of the Columbia Urban League, Inc.

The event is a call to action to promote a beloved community at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center, located at 1066 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169, on Monday, January 16th, beginning at 8 am.

The Columbia Urban League, Inc. is a multi-service, non-profit agency that promotes financial stability and racial inclusion in our community. The Columbia Urban League offers programs designed to provide economic empowerment and educational opportunities for those in need.

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