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### **KOJO NNAMDI, RESTON 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

RESTON, VA — Reston Community Center announces Kojo Nnamdi as the keynote speaker at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 21, 2008. Join the Reston Community Center, the Reston Martin Luther King, Jr. Church, the Southgate Community Center and many other co-sponsoring community organizations as we commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The commemorative celebration will be held in Reston Community Center Hunters Woods from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Festivities for the day include:

- 8:30 a.m. Reston MLK Day Commemorative March** - Participants driving should go to the Hunters Woods Village Center, park and take a free shuttle bus to the March Kick-Off location at Southgate Community Center. Shuttle busses will begin running at 7:30 a.m. through 8:00 a.m. and the March begins at the Southgate Community Center at 8:30 a.m., and ends at the RCC Hunters Wood Center.
- 9:00 a.m. Ecumenical Choir** sponsored by Heritage Fellowship Church
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening** including special remarks by Gerry Connolly, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Catherine M. Hudgins, Hunter Mill District Supervisor.
- 10:00 a.m. Keynote Address by Mr. Kojo Nnamdi, Host of *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*** on WAMU 88.5 FM.
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation of 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Service Awards & Quilt Project**
- 11:00 a.m. “Are We Keeping the Promise?” Workshops (RCC Hunters Woods Center)** – Workshops will feature guest speakers on a range of topics impacting our community today. Workshop leaders will present their topic in breakout sessions to be held in various locations at RCC Hunters Woods. Each session will include 30 to 45 minutes of discussion, where participants will brainstorm action items (recorded by the leaders). These action items will be shared with the entire community following the sessions, at noon. Workshops Topics include:
- ***Immigration Issues Forum*** – (Moderated by Kojo Nnamdi) – Community Room
  - ***Affordable Housing and Homelessness Simulation Experience*** – (Led by Reston Interfaith) – Rooms 1 – 4

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- ***Non-Violent Conflict Resolution and Civil Rights Experience Dialog*** – (Led by Emma Marshall) – CenterStage
- ***Quilting Project and History Discussion*** (Led by Giselle Schneider) – Room 6

At the conclusion of the events on Monday, lunches will be distributed to participants so they may enjoy continued conversations with one another informally at the conclusion of the event. For more information, contact Haywood R. Hopson, Sr., Community Events Director at (703) 476-4500, x6161 or via email at [Haywood.Hopson@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Haywood.Hopson@fairfaxcounty.gov).

For more information, contact the Reston Community Center at (703) 476-4500, VA Relay (800) 828-1120 (TTY) or visit the website at <http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com>. The Reston Community Center is completely accessible to persons with disabilities and will provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request.

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**Kojo Nnamdi** is the host of *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*, which airs on WAMU-FM 88.5, and the *Evening Exchange*, which is broadcast by WHUT-TV. The *Washington Post* has called him "maybe the best interviewer in town". *Washingtonian* magazine named him Washingtonian of the Year in 2005.

The Kojo Nnamdi Show debuted in 1991 as *The Derek McGinty Show* and was renamed *Public Interest* when McGinty left the program in January 1998. Nnamdi became host of the show in August 1998 and the name changed to *The Kojo Nnamdi Show* in September 2002. His show casts a global perspective to front page headlines and explores emerging stories before they are news. Kojo's inviting on-air style encourages guests and callers to discover new points of view, embrace controversy and spark new ideas. Listeners are encouraged to call into the show, offering everyone a chance to be part of the dialogue. *The Kojo Nnamdi Show* airs on WAMU weekdays, noon to 2 pm.

A native of Guyana, Nnamdi immigrated to the United States in 1968 to attend college and explore the civil rights movement. He began his broadcast career in 1973 at WHUR-FM, as news editor and director. He has hosted WHUT-TV's public affairs show *Evening Exchange* since 1985, and he worked as a news editor before that.

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