

Committee Bio – Isaac Perry

Isaac Perry is the founder of Huron Valley MLK Day that has been shaping our community for almost two decades. It all began when he attended West Bloomfield High School's "United We Walk" MLK Day celebration, sparking the idea to bring the Civil Rights Movement's spirit to Milford. In 2004, he and his co-chair, Heather Grace, worked with a group of volunteers to found the HVMLK Day Committee, dedicated to honoring Dr. King's National Day of Service through impactful events.

Isaac remembers the inaugural March on Main Street in Milford—a massive gathering of around 1,000 people marching through downtown Milford. It wasn't just a celebration; it was a legacy-building experience for Isaac and his kids, who actively join in each year. As the committee chair, Isaac wears many hats, from crafting meeting agendas to ensuring flawless event execution. His influence extends beyond the committee; he taps into his role in the school district to spread the word to staff and students, fostering community-wide engagement.

Despite challenges like unpredictable January weather, the committee soldiers on, overcoming disruptions and reinforcing the importance of celebrating MLK Day. Isaac believes it's a crucial reminder of Dr. King's principles—equality, justice, and understanding—to steer our nation away from regression.

Looking ahead to the 20th-anniversary celebration in 2025, Isaac has big plans and exciting visions for the upcoming series of events. His involvement has shown how ordinary individuals can make an extraordinary impact. He echoes Dr. King's belief that true greatness lies in service, and he hopes HV MLK Day continues inspiring folks of all ages, not just locally but also from neighboring communities. In Isaac's eyes, Dr. King's message deserves broad dissemination, reinforcing the promise of America as a land of opportunity for everyone.