**Committee Bio: Doris Landry-Kruse**

Doris Landry-Kruse is a dedicated member of our HV MLK Day Committee and a proud

Highland resident whose journey with the committee began in 2015. Her inspiration

stemmed from her granddaughter who was eager to raise awareness about Dr. King in

her Catholic school. Doris has been an integral part of the committee’s initiatives,

contributing significantly to event planning, maintaining the committee’s website and

playing a major role in the HV MLK Day meal drives.

In 2021, facing the challenges of the pandemic, Doris orchestrated a drive-in “march”

outside the Community Sharing Outreach Center. As the cars lined up, filled with

enthusiastic participants with signs and food donations, Doris felt the community’s

desire to come together, even in challenging times, to support Dr. King’s teachings. This

memorable experience underscores her commitment to fostering a sense of

togetherness and community.

While fundraising remains a challenge, Doris has seen progress over the years and

believes in the committee’s works that draw more people in, step by step. As she

reflects on the importance of celebrating MLK Day, Doris emphasizes the need to keep

Dr. King’s teachings alive by actively practicing the principles he believed in. In

particular, she feels that “the committee’s meal drive is a magical experience, especially

for children, as it allows them to embody MLK’s words by using art to create something

special as well as provide food for our neighbors in need.”

Through Doris’ involvement with HV MLK Day, she hopes to bring more cultural and

ethnic openness to the Milford/Highland area. Looking ahead, her commitment reflects

the committee’s dedication to embracing a more inclusive community, one event at a

time.