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social justice &
racial understanding** *in
Southeast Michigan*

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Save The Date!
Wednesday, May 17, 2017



Celebrating 50 Years

New Detroit's Closing the Gap Dinner

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5:30 PM Reception

6:30 PM Dinner & Program

Cobo Center

Grand Ballroom—B
One Washington Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Commemorating the Life & Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Pictured Center, President & CEO, Shirley Stancato with members of the Race Relations and Diversity Task Force.

New Detroit President & CEO, Shirley Stancato was the keynote speaker at the Community House Race Relations and Diversity Task Force in Birmingham for their 25th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. Stancato gave tribute to Dr. King's life work and emphasized how his compelling message is still highly relevant today. New Detroit continues to uplift Dr. King's legacy everyday as we strive for equity, social justice and racial understanding.

Author & Scholar, Chuck Collins, Shares Perspectives on Privilege and Inequality with New Detroit's Board



Special guest, Chuck Collins, a senior scholar at the Institute for Policy Studies, co-editor of Inequality.org, and a national expert on economic inequality and the racial wealth divide spoke at New Detroit's annual board of trustees meeting.

Collins began by sharing information about his childhood, growing up in a privileged family in Bloomfield Hills, and commented that he was 7 years old during the summer of 1967 (the time of civil unrest in Detroit and the year New Detroit was founded). These formative experiences in his life gave context to his topic about privilege and inequality. As someone who comes from a wealthy family, he has watched the polarizations in society based on economics. Collins exclaimed, "I watch these polarizations and know that no good will come of them," and that "all the evidence now suggests that too much inequality is bad for everyone, even the super-rich." He posed the following question about being affluent, do we—including those among the wealthiest population in our nation—really want to live in an economic apartheid society? In an effort to organize members of the most prosperous population of our society, Collins co-founded Wealth for the Common Good, which has now merged with Patriotic Millionaires, to advocate for fair tax policy, living wages, and campaign finance reform.

His valuable perspective engaged our board in a profound dialogue that is rarely a mainstream conversation. His insights can be found in his newest book *Born on Third Base: A One Percenter Makes the Case for Tackling Inequality, Bringing Wealth Home, and Committing to the Common Good* (Chelsea Green, 2016). In addition, he is the co-author, with Bill Gates, Sr., of *Wealth and Our Commonwealth: Why America Should Tax Accumulated Fortunes*.

Welcoming New Leaders to Our Board

As another highlight of the annual meeting, New Detroit welcomed the following leaders to our Board. Their participation and commitment strengthens our efforts as we work as an organization to identify and eliminate racial disparities in this region. We look forward to working together to fulfill our mission to improve race relations in southeast Michigan.

JAMES BELLINSON, Co-founder and Managing Partner, Riverstone Communities

CHRIS LAMBERT, CEO, Life Remodeled

MICHELLE L. REAVES, Executive Director, Detroit Area Pre College Engineering Program (DAPCEP)

MICHAEL A. SOSIN, Vice President, General Counsel, Covisint