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Local Business, Big Mama's Kitchen, to Host Special Events to Commemorate MLK Day

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 16, Big Mama's Kitchen and Catering is hosting a special luncheon for 100 members of the North Omaha community to commemorate the life of Dr. King and the ongoing campaign to promote the rights of all people.

"My mother, Patricia 'Big Mama' Barron, believed that bringing people to the table to share a delicious meal could change the world," said her daughter, Gladys Harrison. "Inspired by her legacy, we're inviting people to come together in fellowship to enjoy a free meal, celebrate community and honor Dr. King and his legacy."

The luncheon will be held at the Highlander Dining Room – 2112 North 30th Street, Suite 201 – from Noon to 1:30 p.m. and will feature Big Mama's MLK Day Special meal: oven-fried chicken, collard greens, candied yams, cornbread, pound cake, ice cream and cranberry tea.

State Senator Justin Wayne will be the guest speaker for the event, and he'll discuss criminal justice reform and LB1024 which provides \$335 million to create jobs and facilitate economic growth in north and south Omaha.

In addition to the luncheon, Big Mama's and Dena's Place are inviting the entire Omaha community to a special cocktail event on January 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Highlander. This free event was created to encourage professionals from across the metro to come together and network in celebration of the work of Dr. King. Throughout the MLK Happy Hour event, a cash bar will be available – featuring a uniquely curated drink and food menu – and a DJ will provide music.

Both events are made possible by: Big Mama's Kitchen and Catering, Black Men United, Dena's Place, Nebraska HBCU + Greek Collaborative and United Way of the Midlands.

For additional information, go to: www.unitedwaymidlands.org/MLK

About Big Mama's Kitchen and Catering

Big Mama's Kitchen & Catering is a family-owned and -operated business specializing in soul food and traditional American cuisine. They offer a unique variety of delicious homemade appetizers, entrées, cakes and desserts, but they're best known for their famous oven-fried chicken and their delectable sweet potato pie ice cream! Big Mama's last wish was for her daughters and family to carry on her passion for serving delicious soul food from Big Mama's Kitchen, which she so dearly loved. Big Mama's legacy will continue on through future generations.

About United Way of the Midlands

For 100 years, United Way of the Midlands (UWM) has served the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro by bridging the business and not-for-profit sectors to create a Circle of Support that helps our neighbors overcome difficult challenges and start building a better future. UWM's funded programs and direct services address social and economic disparities and meet families' essential needs such as healthy food, safe and stable housing, physical and mental health services, career preparation and job training. For more information, visit www.unitedwaymidlands.org.

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