

# The Art of Including Others

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, in Washington, D.C on August 28, 1963, “ I have a dream... [that] little black boys and little black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and little white girls as sisters and brothers.” I think that there are many ways to promote Dr. King’s dream of inclusion in the City of Richardson, and if everyone works together toward this dream we can become a diverse community in which people include others that are not like themselves. If everyone does their part to learn about other cultures and learns to value their differences Richardson will be a better place.

One way to promote diversity is for everyone to include others. It is a scientific fact that people follow what others do. With this in mind, if I include someone who is different, the people around me will be inspired to include others as well. It will be a slow process, but a slow ripple effect can lead to great things.

Another way to promote diversity is to offer clubs in schools that teach students about different cultures. Every month, the club can focus on a different culture. They can study other culture’s food, dress, holidays, traditions, and anything else about the culture the group wants to learn. After studying the culture, the club can talk about their findings to the school at an assembly celebrating the culture.

A third way to promote diversity is to have people from different ethnic backgrounds come to classes and talk about their culture and background. Each month a person or group of people can talk to students about their culture. This way students will be exposed to cultures they otherwise wouldn’t be exposed to. After the speaker comes and speaks, students can write

down and discuss what they learned. This way it provides an educational benefit instead of just a cultural one.

These are just a few of the ways that we can promote diversity in the City of Richardson. If everyone does their part, our community can continue to be a diverse place that includes everyone... a city in which children of different cultures hold hands as brothers and sisters.