

**First Place Winner**  
**2010 MLK “Sharing the Dream” Essay Competition**

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It took only one man and one dream to start a revolution. Many didn't have faith that his dream would reach such lengths. No one thought that one man could possess such strength. Past the physical, his love ran deep and true. His dream possesses a brighter future for not only his daughter, but for a greater life for me and you.

He didn't use violence or other means of attack. He marched on peacefully, knowing justice and the Lord had his back. He didn't do what he did out of self ambition or righteousness, but so his children and your children could live in equality and fairness.

He had a dream that one day the color of one's skin wouldn't matter, but that what was on the inside could create interracial bonds that could not be shattered. The steps he took, the sacrifices he made, allow me to have the opportunities I have today. To be considered an equal, and to have the freedom to choose any place for my head to lay. To get an equal education amongst my diversified peers, to learn from each other - to love and respect diversity - to have a white hand wipe away a black person's tears.

So when you think “I have a dream, but I will never make an impact on this world,” look back at what one man, Martin Luther King Jr., could do starting with one dream about a better life for his little girl.

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