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MEDIA ADVISORY

Hundreds of Foster Children and At-Risk Youth to Honor MLK Legacy at 'Seeing Our Future' Event on Saturday, January 14th

Nearly 300 foster children and at-risk youth ages **8 to 18** from South Los Angeles and surrounding areas will attend the 4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service "Seeing Our Future" event at Loyola Marymount University on **Saturday, January 14, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** The youth will get a chance to explore career opportunities, meet mentors and learn more about college from representatives of local colleges and universities. The youth will also perform their original poetry at the event.

"Seeing Our Future" is hosted by [Peace4Kids](#), an organization providing creative programs for and facilitating the availability of social services to foster and at-risk youth, and the [Volunteer Center Youth Coalition](#). Youth will explore their potential through workshops, exposing them to career and educational resources. In addition to educational programs, there will be performances by Peace4Kids poets, local artists, musicians and DJs.

Women's boxing legend [Laila Ali](#), and Representative [Karen Bass](#) will join Peace4Kids to honor Los Angeles County [Supervisor Gloria Molina](#) with the Peace in Service Award for her work to improve the educational outcomes for foster youth in L.A. County. "Supervisor Molina has been a strong ally to the foster care community," said Zaid Gayle, Peace4Kids Co-Founder and Executive Director. "Her development of the foster youth education program has improved the lives of hundreds of youth in foster care. She has truly exemplified a life in service of others."

In addition, directing and producing duo [Demian Lichtenstein](#) and [Shajen Joy Aziz](#) will receive the Peace in Creativity award for their project "[Discover the Gift](#)" which sets the groundwork for the development of an internship program for local foster youth. "Seeing Our Future" is sponsored by Loyola Marymount University.

WHEN: Saturday, January 14, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Awards ceremony at 10 a.m., performances at 12 noon

WHERE: Loyola Marymount University
1 Loyola Marymount University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90045
(Need exact area at the university where event will be held)
Media parking available

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