

# CHILDREN & FAMILIES FIRST KALEIDOSCOPE

THE VIEWS, VOICES, & VISION OF OUR CFF FAMILY

## AWARENESS

January symbolizes new beginnings, a time to reflect on personal accomplishments in the previous year, or perhaps a time to press the reset button on goals still unmet. In the same spirit of reflection, the EDI Committee challenges you to reflect on equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and your actions in 2021 towards advancing these within each community you are a member of, be it your family, neighborhood, workplace, or religious community.

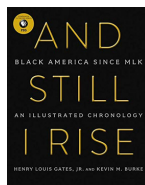
Advancing EDI is *often difficult but always necessary*. Martin Luther King Jr., said it best in his 1963 book *Strength to Love*, when he wrote, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige, and even his life for the welfare of others."

## UNDERSTANDING

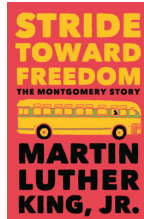
This month, we observe Martin Luther King Jr Day as well as the International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

*Here are some resources to better your understanding.*

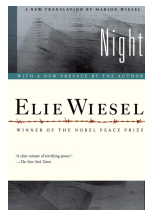
### Martin Luther King Jr.



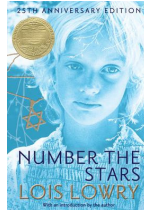
[Speeches](#)



### Holocaust Remembrance



[Visit the Holocaust Museum](#)



**\*DISCLAIMER\***  
The Holocaust has become so prevalent in our media, that depictions are often a combination of stories/accounts.

## ACTION

**You're invited to check out the information shared here and continue to identify ways to advance EDI within our communities, country, and world.**

- Attend an MLK Walk with your loved ones including your children.
- Read to your children about MLK and/or the Holocaust; there are many children's books that help tell these stories in a way that they will understand.
- Volunteer at a charitable organization of your choice; a great way to advance EDI.
- Host a viewing with your family and loved ones and watch UNESCO's "Lest We Forget" Virtual Exhibition - a photo exhibition featuring victims of Nazi persecution and their stories on January 25th @ 4pm.

[aboutholocaust.org/lestweforget](http://aboutholocaust.org/lestweforget)

## TERMS & FAQs

### What does EDI stand for?

EDI stands for Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion

### What is the purpose of this newsletter?

To bring awareness on EDI practices and efforts within and outside of CFF and to allow readers to explore EDI topics and values that may sometimes be overlooked or unknown.

A great guide that connects you the reader to more in-depth resources.

## HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES

1/4: World Braille Day  
1/17: Martin Luther King Day  
1/19: World Religion Day  
1/23: World Freedom Day  
1/27: International Holocaust Day

The entire month of January is known as:  
*Mental Wellness Month*  
and  
*Poverty in America Awareness Month*