Hi {FIRST_NAME|Friend},

“I refuse to accept the idea that man is mere flotsam and jetsam in the river of life which surrounds him. I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.”

It’s been 55 years since Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke those words when he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on December 10, 1964. Like many of the visions Dr. King had, these words seem so very relevant today, and needed more than ever.

In 2019, we at The Next Door tasked ourselves with figuring out what we are actually accomplishing for, and with, our program participants. After much thought and discussion around our 30+ programs, we have landed on four outcomes we’d like to see in each of the many people whom we serve. We would like to help them increase their resilience, build their capacity, have an interest in learning, and, perhaps most relevant to Dr. King’s message: have hope.
Let us say thank you in-person:

**Donor Appreciation Happy Hour**
**Tuesday, February 4th**

Enjoy appetizers, drinks, and a special presentation for our 2019 Philanthropist of the Year!

Email justinez@nextdoorinc.org or call 541-436-0304 for details or to RSVP.

Every day at The Next Door, we try to instill hope. For that is where our future lies. We cannot let ourselves, or the people we serve, get dragged down in negative feelings and haunting memories. We believe that we must work together to give people hope—believing that they can learn to live with the trauma, mistreatment and pain of their past, and sometimes present, and see a brighter future ahead.

On this day, while we honor the memory of Dr. King, a man whose messages were infused with hope, please join me and my co-workers at The Next Door in believing in a “bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood”.

We are so grateful to share our community with you. Thank you for giving us hope.

Sincerely,

Janet Hamada
Executive Director

P.S. Stay tuned next week for a special edition of our enewsletter!