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### Daughter of Malcolm X to Deliver Burlington MLK Day Keynote Address

JANUARY 13, 2016 (South Burlington, VT): The Greater Burlington Multicultural Resource Center, organizers of the annual Burlington Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance announced that Illyasah Shabazz – civil right activist, author, and 3rd daughter of Malcolm X – will deliver the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day keynote address on Sunday, January 17, at 3PM at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 152 Pearl Street in Burlington. Ms. Shabazz is known for her memoir, *Growing up X* for which she won the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Nonfiction Literary Work.

At the event, the Greater Burlington Multicultural Resource Center will honor this year's recipients of the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award: Jan Demers, Executive Director of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO), for her work helping homeless and economically disadvantaged community members; and Jay Diaz, Public Advocate for the ACLU of Vermont, for his untiring work to promote stability, access and equal opportunity to low income Vermont children.

The event is free and open to the public, though tickets are required. Free tickets may be obtained at both Fletcher Free Library and City Market in Burlington. This event is made possible through sponsorship from the City of Burlington, **United Way of Chittenden County**, KeyBank, NBT Bank, Champlain Housing Trust, Spruce Mortgage, People's United Bank, Church Street Market Place, Leonardo's Pizza, the Law Office of Robert Appel and the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity.

As part of Burlington's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance, the public is also invited to attend a panel discussion *Racial Profiling, A Community Response* on Monday, January 18, at 3PM at the Echo Science Center. The panel includes Stephanie Seguino, T.J. Donovan, Bill Lippert and Yacobre Bogre, and will be moderated by Robert Appel. The January 18 event is free to attend and no tickets are required.