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### Important Dates:

- 04/02 Racial Harmony Double Good Pop-corn Fundraiser
- 04/11 Racial Harmony Board of Directors Meeting
- 04/20 Peace & Harmony Youth Forum
- 04/27 Cities In Harmony

**Letter from President Donna M. Moody:** Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly newsletter *The Accord*! We are excited to share with you some exciting updates and news from the Center for Racial Harmony.

As some may know and others may not, the Center has been around for over 30 years dedicating its purpose toward promoting understanding, cooperation, and communication among all races and ethnic groups via our Dinner Table Discussion Forums, The Gathering, which is our student recognition program, The Peace Fest, and our community outreach initiatives.

We are deeply grateful to continue our legacy and hope to continue for another 30 years or more. Hoping after reading some of the recent highlights of our organization plus the upcoming events, one might be interested in joining and participating via membership or sharing.

### Scholarship Application Period Is Open



Racial Harmony is excited to open its application for the \$1,000 Racial Harmony Scholarship. The application period runs from February 25, 2024, to April 15, 2024. The Racial Harmony Scholarship application can be completed online at <https://bit.ly/RacialHarmonyScholarship>.

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Racial Harmony T-Shirt



\$25<sup>00</sup> each  
Size S-3XL

### Racial Harmony Awarded Healing Illinois Grant

Racial Harmony was awarded the Healing Illinois Grant, the grant will be utilized to continue to integrate, collaborate and execute events focused on Peace and Harmony in the community. Look for upcoming Dinner Table events in May and June.



### Racial Harmony Honors Area Students



The 2024 Gathering, themed *Kindness Creating a Better World*, honored 60 area students for their leadership and conflict resolution. The honorees were nominated by their school administrators, principals and teachers.

### A Call For Membership

Racial Harmony is accepting applications for Board Members and General membership. Please visit our website, [www.centerforracialharmony.org/membership](http://www.centerforracialharmony.org/membership), for additional information.



*Racial Harmony is a third party neutral organization dedicated to promoting understanding, cooperation, and communication among all races and ethnic groups. Racial Harmony partners with other community organizations that share a similar mission, vision, and goals. We seek to build more inclusive communities that welcome all people to learn and grow together via positive interaction and respectful dialogue.*

# SAVE THE DATES!

## Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser April 2 to April 6, 2024

Please join Racial Harmony in supporting Popcorn for a Purpose to support our Fundraiser to continue to provide community programs. <https://popup.doublegood.com/s/r4b6hf65>



## Peace and Harmony Youth Forum April 20, 2024— 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

We are so excited to announce our 2024 Youth Forum will take place on Saturday, April 20th at Belleville East High School. All area 9th-12th graders are invited and encouraged to attend and share their voices as a part of the Healing Illinois grant funded event. The day will include various breakout sessions and interactive fun. Free registration includes breakfast and lunch. Register at [www.bit.ly/PeaceAndHarmonyForum](http://www.bit.ly/PeaceAndHarmonyForum)

## Cities In Harmony April 27, 2024

2300 West Main St. Belleville 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Southwest Illinois Justice Workforce Development. Family Centered Day of Inclusivity and Harmony. Racial Harmony will collaborate and partner.



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Belonging Begins with the Metro East

### CITIES IN HARMONY

Let's join together to create a memorable day for our metro east region and surrounding communities. This event will be a student and family centered day of inclusivity and harmony!



**Who:** Everyone, this is a free community event for all!

**When:** April 27, 2024 from 11AM to 2PM

**Where:** SIJWD Campus 2600 West Main Street Belleville, IL 62226

**What:** We will have activities, performances, speakers, food, beverages, and more!

★ The racial harmony award winners will be recognized during this event. ★

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