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### Darkness Cannot Drive Out Darkness

The great Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. once said that darkness cannot drive out darkness. To me this means that you should follow the Golden Rule and treat everyone the way you want to be treated. If Dr. King were alive today, he would be saddened by some of the events that have taken place in our world. We can't give up and give into darkness. We must continue to shine our light and be better citizens in our community. There are several things that we can do to brighten up our community and make everyone feel loved and supported.

One example of how we can help better our community is to feed and shelter the homeless. There are too many homeless people in our town. We should make sure that they have a warm place to stay especially in these low temperatures. They also should be given at least three meals a day so that they can stay healthy and strong. This will help them get jobs so they can work and get their own place and buy their own food for their families. This is how we can help our homeless people in our community.

Another example is educating the youth so that they can go to college and get better jobs to help support their families. Education is the key to becoming a success and breaking the cycle of poverty. It is important to educate the youth so after they graduate from college then they can come back to Paducah and help build up our community. Also, Ghandi said if you want real peace in this world or your community then you should start educating the youth. Therefore, education is so important in our town!

Also, instead of judging others when they are going through difficult situations; we should lend a helping hand and assist in any way possible. Sometimes, life can be hard, and people can have different needs. Whenever someone is grieving the death of a loved one or maybe lost their job and source of income, the community should step up and help them out until they get back on their feet. This is what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would want us to do. We should love our neighbors like we love ourselves and family.

Last, we need to stop all the hatred and drive out the darkness from our community and our world. There is too much hatred and ignorance being displayed on social media. We need to educate people about other's cultures, religions, and customs so they can get a better understanding and different perspective from someone else. Sometimes, people let fear and hatred get the best of them and that is why we have police brutality and systematic racism. It is 2021 and racism needs to end now! I think by educating others and having those open discussions with one another will help to educate and teach us how-to live-in harmony and be appreciative of one another.

In conclusion, I agree with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. about needing to drive out darkness. As a society, we just have to be careful with how we react to negativity and do everything in a positive light. I truly feel that if we feed the homeless, educate our youth, help others, and have open discussions with

different races that our community will be on the way to changing for the better. Dr. King worked so hard to promote love and equality for all. We must continue his legacy and make sure that we all are living out his dream by helping the community that we live in! Be the light in this dark and often cruel world. You can make a difference!