

# United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty

**Stopping the Pipeline** – The crisis of oil is not the only one we face. “*A Black boy born in 2001 has a 1 in 3 chance of going to prison in his lifetime, a Latino boy 1 in 6 chance of the same fate,*” -America’s Cradle to Prison Pipeline. Their chance of graduating from high school is equally bleak yet California leads the nation in spending on prisons and is 38<sup>th</sup> in the nation on funding to education.

**On October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Community Center** we will observe the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty. In collaboration with the Children’s Defense Fund and our Oakland partners we call to action the need to stop funneling our impoverished youth down the path that often leads to incarceration. St. Mary’s Center families, seniors, children and grandchildren are keenly aware that race and poverty are the major factors underpinning the Pipeline.

*You are invited* to join us as we hear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s **Call to End Poverty in America** and amplify our call to justice for 2 million California children living in poverty.