

Carl Braden Memorial Center
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Louisville's historic social justice community center The Carl Braden Memorial Center will host the free event, "We Didn't Mourn, We Organized!" Co-sponsored with the University of Louisville Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research. On Saturday, March 6th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nia Center, this event will commemorate Anne Braden's life and celebrate Women's History Month and International Women's Day. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Included in the event will be live music featuring Carol J. Kraemer and Cynthia Fletcher, storytelling, crafts and a march followed by a shared potluck meal at the Carl Braden Memorial Center in honor of the anniversary of Mrs. Braden's death, March 6th.

"Anne Braden (1924-2006) was a Louisville journalist, organizer, and educator who was among the earliest and most dedicated white allies of the southern civil rights movement. For 60 years, Braden and her husband Carl used the power of the printed word to advance human rights movements across the U.S. South."

During her years of anti-racist activism, Anne Braden drew upon the strength of a community of women who mentored and inspired her throughout her years of struggle in the justice movement.

These women included Ella Baker, one of the most influential African-American leaders of the Twentieth Century and perhaps the most influential woman in the whole civil rights movement. They also included Esther Cooper Axson, an activist in the 1930s and 40s in Alabama but whom Anne met in later years in Louisville. She was also mentored by Mary Agnes Barnett who was a key leader in the interracial hospital movement and the Progressive Party in the early 1950s.

Our guests and community allies will commemorate the life and work of Anne Braden in this intergenerational event, while celebrating Women's History Month and International Women's Day. We will raise up the connections between each of us, the important women in our lives and the movement we're committed to. These women could include Anne, our mothers, a co-worker, another justice activist or friend.

There are threads that tie us together throughout our history and on this day we will lift up those threads woven by women. We invite you to join us as we creatively celebrate those ties and learn who has inspired and sustained us as we gather in strength to continue the fight against women's oppression.

LOCATION: The Nia Center, 2900 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40211

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

COST: Free

For more details:

STOP BY: The Carl Braden Memorial Center, 3208 West Broadway, Louisville, KY, 40211

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FACEBOOK: We Didn't Mourn, We Organized!: Commemorating Anne Braden's life and Celebrating Women's History Month or Carl Braden Memorial Center, Inc.

Both the Carl Braden Memorial Center and Nia Center are wheelchair accessible.

This event is kid-friendly

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Women's History Month

Each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of American women will be recognized and celebrated throughout the country. **SOURCE:** <http://www.nwhp.org/>

International Women's Day

Celebrated March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD) celebrates the collective power of women past, present and future. **SOURCE:** <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

This is a great way to recognize the inspirational-international-intersectional-intergenerational WOMEN in our lives! Come out and join us for this free community event to celebrate the passing of Anne Braden and the continuation of her (and many others) work in Louisville & abroad.

-Mrs. Shameka Parrish-Wright, Voter Empowerment Organizer, Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC)