

**Desiree Rogers**

**1-15-07 MLK/Rainbow PUSH event remarks**

Good morning. It's a pleasure to join PUSH Excel and all of you to help honor the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at this annual scholarship breakfast.

I am Desiree Rogers, President of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas.

Dr. King's legacy of hope and progress will never fade. One of the things I admire most about Dr. King was the sense of community he instilled among people. He set a great example of caring and positive action in helping bring people together and do what was right.

Part of the way Peoples Gas employees let you know we care about our community as your natural gas delivery company is making sure that you and your family are safe.

Recently, it became the law in Chicago, and now in Illinois, to have a carbon monoxide detector installed in your home. Having a working carbon monoxide detector is crucial because carbon monoxide can kill. It is colorless and completely odorless. But tragedies resulting from carbon monoxide are preventable by simply installing a detector.

Peoples has developed a Web site called [KeepingUWarm.com](http://KeepingUWarm.com), where you can learn more about carbon monoxide and other important home safety issues.

In some small way, we hope to honor Dr. King by informing you about the importance of taking this step to protect your family. We've provided an information card and magnet on your chair today to help remind you.

Please read it. Take it home and put it on your refrigerator or by the phone. Help us to keep you and your family safe as we deliver your natural gas.

Thank you and enjoy this celebration of Dr. King.