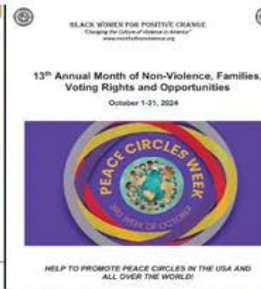


13TH ANNUAL MONTH OF NONVIOLENCE, FAMILIES, VOTER'S RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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**13th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families,
Voters Rights and Opportunities, October 2024**

Presented by

Positive Change Foundation
Black Women for Positive Change

*Thanks to all who are working together to
“Change the Culture of Violence in America, and the World”*

Dear Black Women for Positive Change Supporters,

October 2024 was the 13th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voter's Rights and Opportunities. This year, we encouraged Americans, and international organizers to create events that focused on "*Changing the Culture of Violence in America, and the World.*" We are pleased with the results since over 4,800 people attended forty-two (42) face-to-face and virtual events in 9 USA States, the United Kingdom, South Korea, and six (6) African countries.

The Centers for Disease Control reports we are in a public health epidemic where in Y'2023 over 46,728 people died from gun violence--the third highest number of gun-related deaths in US history (John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health). This is why we are focused on educating people about violence prevention, so children, teens and adults can be educated about violence prevention and tools like Peace Circles. This year, we also examined the growing impact of artificial intelligence on violence through pre-programmed biases and social media.

We appreciate the global organizers and sponsors including Everytown for Gun Safety, Trusted Inc., National Association for Community Mediation, National Black Nurses Association, Mediators Beyond Borders International, The Preeclampsia Foundation, The 100 Fathers Inc., and many more.

Thank you! We hope that everyone reading this report will support our efforts in Y'2025. Go to www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org to donate support.

Thank you!



Dr. Stephanie E. Myers



Honorable Daun S. Hester

National Co-Chairs, Black Women for Positive Change
President and Board Chair, Positive Change Foundation

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REPORT SUMMARY

The 13th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voter's Rights and Opportunities began in 2012 with the first "Day of Non-Violence," held at Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D.C. Over the next decade it spread to Weeks and Months of "Non-Violence, Families, Voter's Rights and Opportunities," in varied States across the USA and Internationally. This year, the 13th Annual Month of Non-Violence was historic because our volunteer network reached out to people of goodwill of many races, cultures, religions and ethnicities. In 2024, there were 36 events with approximately 4,500+ multi-cultural, inter-faith, intergenerational groups of men and women at locations listed below:

Locations of USA Events:

- Alabama
- California
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Kentucky
- New York
- Maryland
- North Carolina
- Virginia

Locations of International Events:

- United Kingdom
- South Korea
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Nigeria
- Zimbabwe

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2024 GLOBAL ORGANIZERS AND LEADERS

United States of America

Alabama, Atty. Carthenia Jefferson, Esq., Birmingham Black Nurses Association

California, Donna Browne and Ayanna Parker, The Encouragement Group

California, Julie Alli and Renata Valree, Peace in Education

California, Sharon Shelton, Positive Results Center

California, Rev. Oliver Buie and Honorable Jan Perry

District of Columbia, Jeannette Mobley, White House Peace Circle

District of Columbia, Imam Talib Shareef, Masjid Muhammad Mosque

District of Columbia, Dr. Frank Malone, 100 Fathers Inc.

District of Columbia, Dr. Cherie Ward, Jim Vance Program
Archbishop Carroll High School

District of Columbia, Vera Fields, Howard University School of Social Work

District of Columbia, DC Peace Team

Florida, Rolanda Hatcher-Gallop, Preeclampsia Foundation

Kentucky, Atty. D.G. Mawn, National Association for Community Mediation

Maryland, Danyell Smith, Baltimore Chapter BWFP & Win With Black Women

Maryland, Constance Kinder, Auntie Connie's Creative Corner

Maryland, Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Artificial Intelligence Workshop and 7 Days of Prayer

New York, Marcia Skeete, National Black Nurses Association

North Carolina, Maura Chavez, Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations

Pennsylvania, Prabha Sankaranarayan, Mediators Beyond Borders International

Virginia, Rev. Dr. Julius Mark Hayes, Virginia Center for Public Safety

Virginia, Glynis Mason, 7 Days of Prayer Committee, BW4PC

Virginia, Charlene Ligon, Website Producer

International Leaders

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Kenya, Biki Ogola, Mathare Young Women's Organization

Liberia, Rev. Dro Gervais, Superior Sanitation & Harvest Intercontinental Church

Malawi, Rosario Kalevina, Future for All in Development

Malawi, Patrick William Phiri, Director of Programs, Harmony for Families and Communities

Nigeria, Adebayo Adedeji, Non-Violence Program

Nigeria, Adamson Eniola, Movement for African Emancipation

Nigeria, Abiola Faleye, Women in Mediation

Nigeria, Sarah Anlade, African Center for Youth Development and Education

Nigeria, Abiye Ram-George, City of Peace

South Korea, Michael Robinson, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

United Kingdom, Zhana

Zimbabwe, Mafa Kwamisa Mafa, Movement for Pan-African Socialism

White House Peace Circle Chaperones/Organizers/Facilitators

Alexis Jones, Thurgood Marshall Academy

Roger Murray, Richard Wright Public Charter School

Dean Ryan Sturdivant, McKinley Tech High School

Debra Budiani-Saberi, Walt Whitman High School and DC Peace Team

Jamal Jones, DC Peace Team

Vera Flowers, Howard University School of Social Work

Sal Corbin, DC Peace Team

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The Preeclampsia Foundation

100 Fathers Inc.

How You Can Help in 2025

In 2025, we hope you will join our efforts at Black Women for Positive Change, to “Change the Culture of Violence in America, and the World,” and to promote “Opportunities as Alternatives to Violence” among young people.

- Please send your tax-deductible donation to the Positive Change Foundation, a 501-C3 organization:

Link to Paypal

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=E82W245NERJFJ&source=url&ssrt=1733089938039

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Send contributions by check, send to:

Positive Change Foundation, 1220 L. Street NW, # 100-281, Washington, DC, 20005

Black Women for Positive Change, 1220 L. Street NW, #100-181, WDC, 20005

Or by Paypal at www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org

2024 Highlights

**13th ANNUAL MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE, FAMILIES,
VOTER'S RIGHTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES, IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA**

WHITE HOUSE PEACE CIRCLE, OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING

White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention



16 Students from 5 High Schools, in the District of Columbia, and Maryland, had a Peace Circle with Greg Jackson, Deputy Director, White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention.



Students met with Greg Jackson in a historic Room in the Old Executive Office Building, where President Johnson signed the 1964 Civil Rights legislation. BWFPC Coordinators were Dr. Stephanie Myers and Jeannette Mobley; Facilitators were Jamal Jones, Debra Budiani-Saberi, under direction of Senior Advisor Dr. Sal Corbin.

SEVEN DAYS OF PRAYER

Led By Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, BWFPCC Chaplain
and Rev. Oliver Buie, Unity in the Community

JOIN THE 7 DAYS OF PRAYER TO STOP VIOLENCE AND SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY
JOIN EACH NIGHT OR ONE NIGHT--ZOOM LINK PROVIDED AFTER REGISTRATION

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPT. 29	SEPT. 30	OCT. 1	OCT. 2	OCT. 3	OCT. 4	OCT. 5
Rev. Oliver Buie, Co-Chair, 7 Days of Prayer	Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Chaplain, BW4PC Co-Chair, 7 Days of Prayer	Rabbi Jeffrey Myers Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburgh, PA	Bishop Otis Moss Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL	Imam Talib Shareef Masjid Muhammad Mosque, Washington DC	Rev. Dr. Cherese Parker-Freeman Associate Minister New Calvary Baptist Church Norfolk, VA	Pastor Keith Magee Th.D. Berachah Church Boston, MA

7 DAYS OF PRAYER
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Rev. Oliver Buie
Bel-Vue Presbyterian Church
Los Angeles, California
Co-Chair, 7 Days of Prayer

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7 DAYS OF PRAYER
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Chaplain
Black Women for Positive Change
Clinton, Maryland
Co-Chair, 7 Days of Prayer

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7 DAYS OF PRAYER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

Rabbi Jeffrey Myers
Tree of Life Synagogue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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7 DAYS OF PRAYER
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024

Bishop Otis Moss
Trinity United Church of Christ
Chicago, Illinois



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7 DAYS OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

Imam Talib Shareef Masjid Muhammad
The Nation's Mosque
Washington, D. C.



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7 DAYS OF PRAYER
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

Rev. Dr. Cherese Parker-Freeman
Associate Minister
New Calvary Baptist Church
Norfolk, Virginia



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7 DAYS OF PRAYER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

Pastor Keith Magee
Berachah Church
Boston, Massachusetts



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The Seven Days of Prayers had an average of 35 people each night, for a total of 245.

Theme: “It’s About Saving Lives”

**Produced by Virginia Center for Public Safety,
in collaboration with Saturday Academy and
Black Women for Positive Change.**



View at Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MeIOsnMXk8&t=12s>

What is the Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Violence, Health, and Criminal Justice?

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AI THE FUTURE OF US: THE PERILS & OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER 23, 2024
7 PM

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Events: United States of America

Alabama, City of Birmingham

Lawrence Mond Jefferson Foundation and Birmingham Black Nurses Association

STOP THE VIOLENCE

I JUST WANT TO LIVE:
PROMOTING SAFETY
AND PEACE CIRCLES

FREE
PUBLIC INVITED

2024 STOP THE VIOLENCE WALK & SUMMIT

VOTER REGISTRATION ON-SITE

OCTOBER 19, 2024
9:00am-12:00pm
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Birmingham, AL 35211

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Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

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SUMMIT MEDIA

Logos: Birmingham Black Nurses Association, Alabama Lawyers Association, Birmingham City Schools, HOK, and others.

Organizer



**Attorney Carthenia
Jefferson, CEO
Lawrence Mond
Jefferson Foundation**



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2024 Stop the Violence Walk 04



Activities included Stop  the Violence Walk, Get Out the Vote, Voter Registration and a Summit at the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church. Participants included Faith Leaders, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Alabama Lawyers Association, Law Enforcement, youth, motorcycle clubs, community leaders, and heads of non-violence organizations. Attendees: 120

California, City of Santa Monica

The Encouragement Group



Ayanna Parker, Founder,
The Encouragement Group



Donna Browne, Co-Founder,
The Encouragement Group



The workshop was held at an interfaith church and included practical hands-on awareness and discussion about domestic violence. Panelists shared their professional & personal experiences, and provided & addressed resources, which allowed for participant Q & A's. Survivor & Rapper, Jean-Pierre Giagnoli performed two songs around Violence & Abuse and the need to end violence within communities & lives. Attendance: 30

California, City of Lancaster

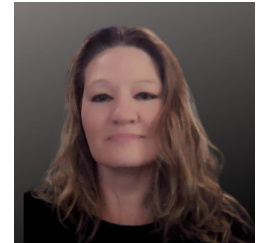
Peace in Education



Organizers Peace in Education



**Renata Valree,
Executive Director**



**Julie Alli, Assistant
Executive Director**



Faith in Blue Community March with Police in Lancaster, California

Peace in Education in Lancaster, California had a three-part series of dialogues about stopping violence and de-escalation. There was also a “Faith in Blue” Peace Walk with the Lancaster Police Department. Attendance: 165

California, Dominguez Hills

Peace in Education

JOIN PEACE IN EDUCATION FOR A VIRTUAL DIALOGUE

**OUR VOTE,
OUR FUTURE:
*2024 & Beyond***

**OCTOBER 29 @
6:00 PM PST
VIA ZOOM**



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A post-election dialogue took place at California State University at Dominguez Hills, with the Loker Student Union. The audience represented supporters of both candidates and there were zero attacks on each other, or any negativity. There was a respectful meaningful dialogue that was the norm. Attendees: 202

California, Los Angeles County Positive Results Center



Organizer



Sharon L. Shelton, MA

**Mediator, Peace Builder
& Executive Leader**



A Black & Latino Peace Circle dinner allowed a real conversation about race, racism, healing, and solidarity with other like-minded young people. The goal was solidarity, understanding, and positive change. They gathered as a Beloved Community with intention and care and focused on building honest and uplifting relationships across differences and similarities. Colonization and racism were discussed, how they impact communities, and how people of color can achieve solidarity. Attendees: 30.

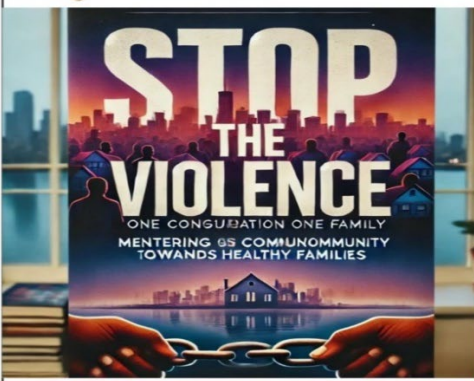
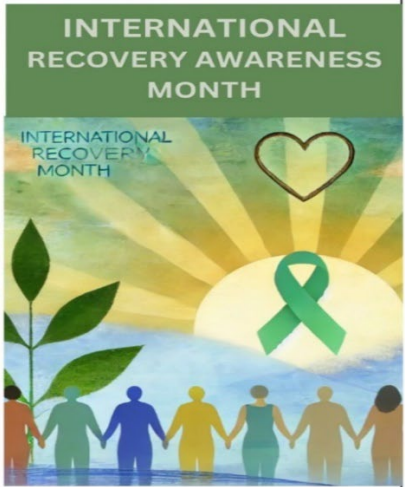
District of Columbia

Masjid Muhammad Mosque

Organizer



Imam Talib Shareef
Leader, Masjid
Muhammad Mosque

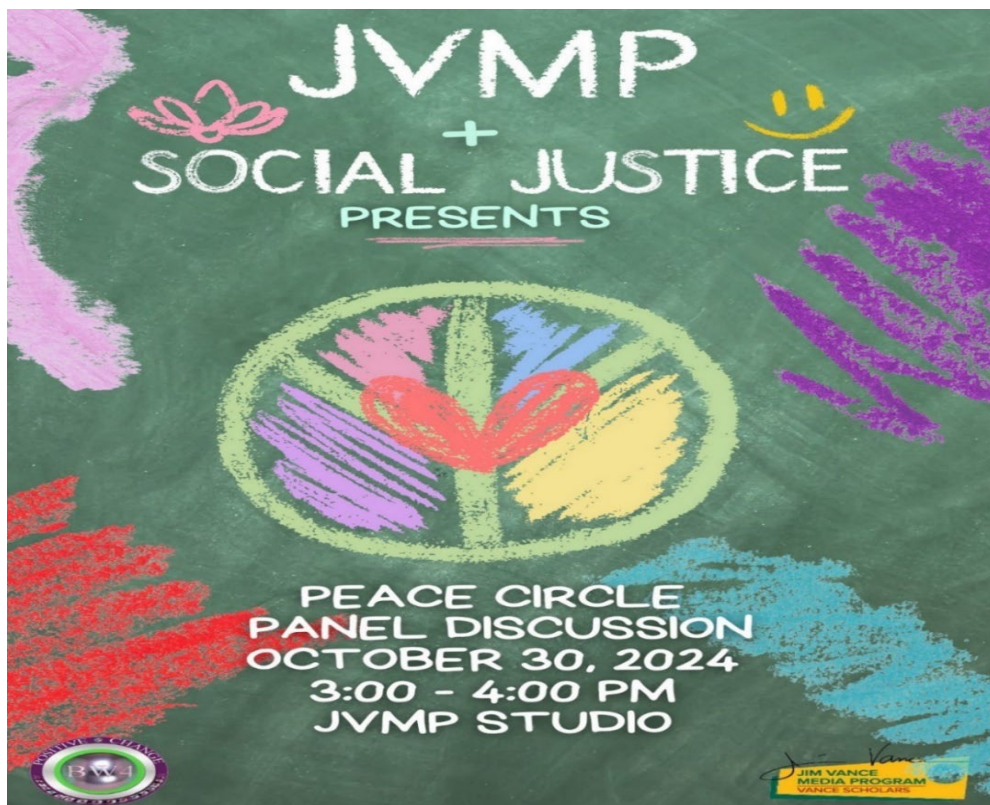
ONE CONGREGATION ONE FAMILY (OCOF) CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES 12pm - 3pm    		SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
 STOP THE VIOLENCE ONE CONGREGATION ONE FAMILY MENTORING OUR COMMUNITY TOWARDS HEALTHY FAMILIES	INTERNATIONAL RECOVERY AWARENESS MONTH 	
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This activity is sponsored by the State Opioid Response grant through the District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health		



This full-day Summit discussed stopping violence and mentoring families who have suffered hardships. Through mentorship by Masjid Muhammad members, they are surviving and learning how to thrive. Attendees: 40

District of Columbia, October 30, 2024

Archbishop Carroll High School



Organizer



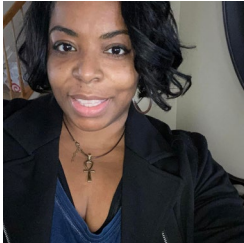
**Dr. Cherie Ward,
Director, Jim Vance
Media Program,
Archbishop Carroll
High School**



Archbishop Carroll High School students engaged in a Peace Circle to discuss the impact violence has had on their lives, and how they deal with it. Good Brother Chris Thomas, a member of 100 Fathers Inc., attended and shared his perspective on stopping violence. Attendance: 60 Students, 4 Faculty, 1 guest, for a total of 65.

District of Columbia Howard University

Organizer



Vera Fields, Howard University,
School of Social Work



Dr. Frank Malone, CEO, 100
Fathers Inc.





**CALL TO ACTION:
100 Round
Drum Circle**

Youth and Young Adult Led Intergenerational Restorative Community Drum Circle.
We need to hear from the youth and young adults to define and bring forth understanding: Heal, Restore, Soul, and Community

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

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- 100 Fathers Inc.
- Parent Watch
- Sounds of my People LLC
- Black Women 4 Positive Change
- HU Multidisciplinary Gerontology Center

INITIATIVE

- STOP the Violence
- Community of Caring

Join us Thursdays at 6:30 pm
Where: Howard University
School of Social Work -
Founders Way Courtyard

MISSION

- To determine, initiate, activate and embrace solutions to heal and restore the soul of our communities.

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**HU 100 Round Drum Circle--Call to Action,
Monthly during 2025; Howard University
School of Social Work**



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THURSDAYS

4:30-8:30 PM

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HU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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Washington DC

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100 ROUND DRUM CIRCLE 6:30PM

Howard University, 100 Round Drum Circle—Call to Action--partnered with 100 Fathers Inc., and Howard University School of Social Work. The goals were to increase intergenerational interaction, to help alleviate social isolation, improve relationships among generations, focus on restorative practices, and stop gun violence and the effect of violence in the community. Drum Circles included knowledge about the broader African Diaspora's rich history, by explaining the importance of the drums and community cohesiveness. Drum Circles will continue throughout 2025. Attendance: 40+

Kentucky

National Association for Community Mediation

Big Tuesday: Focusing on Voters Rights



Organizer



D.G. Mawn, Executive Director, National Association For Community Mediation

One major outcome of Big Tuesday was focusing on the 2024 Election, and the importance of democracy. Those who attended agreed to lean into their local election process and be part of the voting teams to turn out the vote. Participants agreed that voting is essential to our shared mission of justice, engagement, and peace, and those who attended needed a reminder that they are not alone. Attendance: 60 individuals, plus presenters.

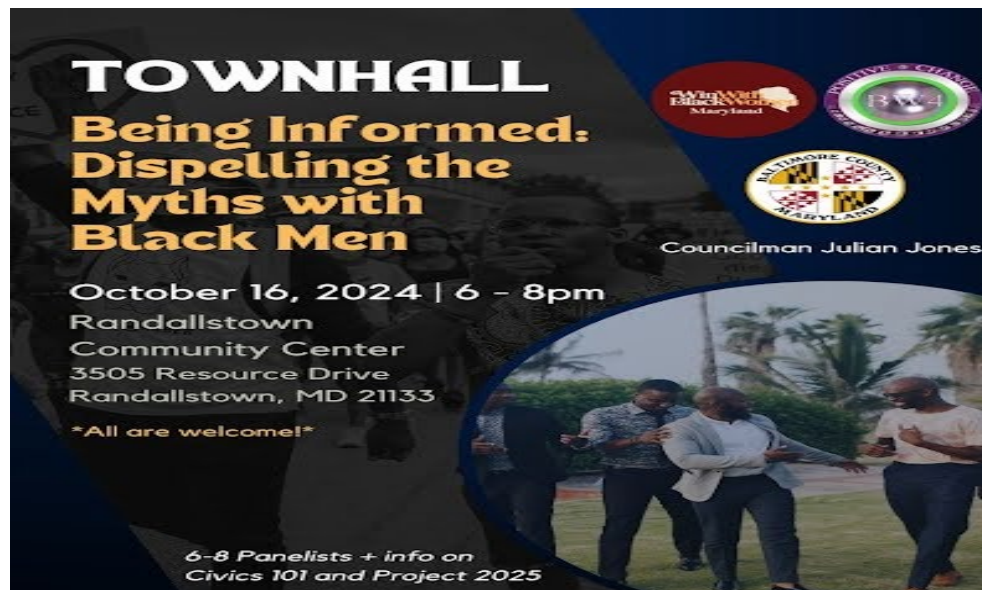
Maryland, City of Baltimore

Black Women for Positive Change & Win With Black Women

Organizer



**Danyell Smith, Chair,
Baltimore Black
Women for Positive
Change and Baltimore
Liaison, Win with
Black Women**



Both events discussed myths and disinformation that prevail in the Black Community. The panelists presented facts and countered untruths presented about Black men and the Black community. Video of the workshop about “Dispelling the Myths About Black Men” is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpGoGH6OrA8&t=1291s>
Attendance: 60.

Maryland, City of Silver Spring

Aunt Connie's Creative Corner



Organizer



**Constance A. Kinder,
M.A, Chief Creative
Officer, Founder, Auntie
Connie's Creative Corner.**



Children designed artworks with “Peace Themes” at Auntie Connie’s Creative Corner, to promote non-violence, peace, and understanding. The children worked together to produce collaborative art with messages of peace, love, happiness, etc. Attendance: 25

Maryland, City of Bowie

Artificial Intelligence Forum

Organizer



Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Chaplain, and Chair, AI Academy Committee



Panel Moderator: Dr. Barbara Reynolds. Panel Participants: Benjamin A. Davis, Dept. of Multi-Media Journalism, Morgan State U.; Calvin D. Lawrence, Author/Engineer, IBM Ethics Board; Michael L. Miller, Miller's Cyber Spec.; Dan Heck, The Understanding Group, Chef AI Ethicist; and Amazon representative Brianna Queen. The panel discussed threats, biases, and the challenges presented by Artificial Intelligence. Attendance: 30.

Book by Rev. Reynolds, "The Rise and Fall of the Techno Messiah: Artificial Intelligence and the End Times." Available at Amazon.com

New York, New York City

National Black Nurses Association

Organizers



Atty. Carthenia Jefferson, Chair, NBNA Violence Reduction Committee



Dr. Monica Debro, Co-Chair, NBNA Violence Reduction Committee

NBNA AD HOC COMMITTEE ON VIOLENCE REDUCTION ANNUAL OCTOBER WEBINAR

TOPIC: Addressing Disparities Faced by African American Survivors of Domestic Violence and Postpartum Mental Health Needs

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time:
 4pm PST
 5pm MST
 6pm CST
 7pm EST

Model: Monica Debro
Image: Casey Perry

In this webinar participants will:

- Be able to identify indicators of domestic violence during pregnancy.
- Be able to identify the barriers faced by African American Women when seeking help.
- Be able to offer resources of support to those African American Women who are experiencing the co-occurrence of domestic violence and postpartum mental health needs.

REGISTER NOW

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEQu6rrz4tHtJpBpDpl1ZLm5rQWjbKIGq>

Chéree Thomas, Guest Speaker
Co-Executive Director
Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

Dr. Carthenia Jefferson
Chair

Dr. Monica Debro
Co-Chair

This webinar discussed the crisis of domestic violence, the importance of identifying victims of domestic violence who are pregnant, and how to seek care for victims. Individual presenters described their own experiences with domestic violence, and how they recovered and survived. Attendance: 100

New York, New York City

New York Black Nurses Association



Suicide Prevention Webinar

How To Save a Life

Hosted by: New York Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Date: October 26, 2024 Time: 10 am EDT | 9 am CST | 8 am PST



Speaker:
Marcia Skeete
MSN, RN, PMHCNS-BC

Join us for a life-saving discussion on mental health awareness and suicide prevention.
Gain insights into warning signs, support resources, and safe effective interventions.

Event Highlights:

- ☐ Recognize risk factors for suicide
- ☐ Discuss findings regarding suicide Post COVID-19
- ☐ Discuss effective ways to offer support
- ☐ Audience Q & A

MUST REGISTER AT: [Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/8598888888) / QRCode
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrfuutqzorHdU05_jUfE64ps2s2e5jk9gp#/registration



Together, We Will Save Lives!



Organizer



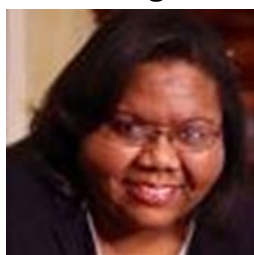
**Marcia Skeete, New
York National Black
Nurses Associaton**

The New York Black Nurses Association Inc. presented a virtual seminar on Violence Reduction, that addressed Suicide Prevention. The objective was to provide information regarding early recognition, and safe, effective early intervention for signs and symptoms of suicidal behaviors, to save lives. There was a Q&A session with the presenter, Marica Skeete, MSN, RN, PMHCNS-BC, and the NYBNA Violence Reduction Committee. The new suicide prevention crisis line number “988” was provided. Attendees: 28.

New York City: Preeclampsia Foundation

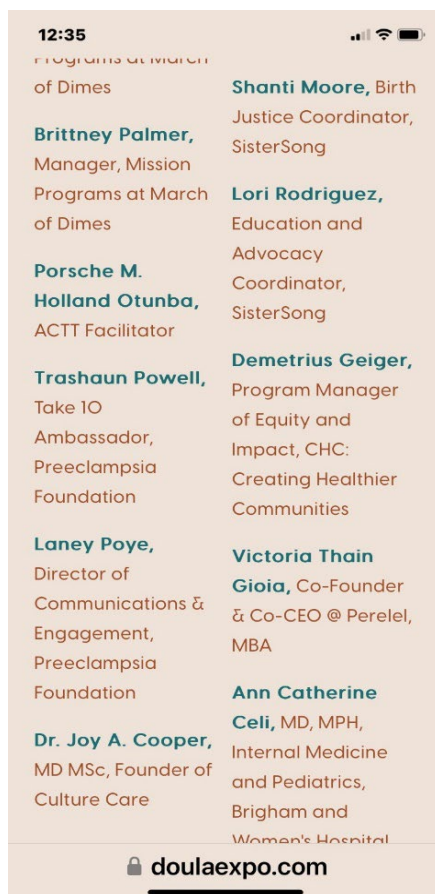
2024 Mama Glow Expo

Co- Organizer



Rolanda Hatcher-Gallop

Communications Specialist /Manager, Take 10 for Preeclampsia Research, the Preeclampsia Foundation.



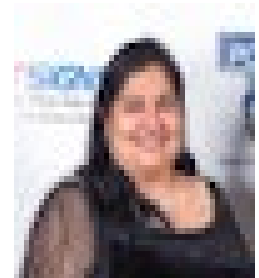
This workshop was sponsored by the Preeclampsia Foundation's "Take 10" mission and the 2024 Doula Expo in Brooklyn, New York, where Mama Glow sponsored a discussion about Black maternal health. Trashaun Powell, a New Jersey-based maternal health advocate, and Laney Poye, the Preeclampsia Foundation Director of Communications & Engagement, chatted about "Advocating for Preeclampsia: A Doula Centered Approach to Enhancing Education and Support for Better Health Outcomes." Ms. Poye thanked partnership organizations including Black Women for Positive Change, and their 13th Annual Month of Non-Violence observance. The workshop focused on preeclampsia awareness to deter sometimes violent trauma associated with labor and delivery for pregnant women in the throes of preeclampsia or a related hypertensive disorder of pregnancy. Ms. Powell's own experience was shared about how knowledge of the disorder could have saved the life of her daughter, who was delivered at 23 weeks in an emergency cesarean section due to HELLP Syndrome, a life-threatening pregnancy complication considered a variant of preeclampsia. "What you don't know can hurt you," Ms. Powell told the crowd. Attendees: 80.

North Carolina, Charlotte

Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations



Organizer



**Maura Chavez,
Charlotte
Mecklenburg
Community
Relations Director**



The BWFP microgrant of \$500 was split between two schools in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School District. They received \$250 each for having the most submissions towards the Annual Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Martin Luther King Arts Contest. One of the students at Druid Hills Academy won first place in the Writing category and he is in 2nd grade. This event teaches the children about peace, understanding and the importance of justice everywhere.

Pennsylvania/Nationwide

Mediators Beyond Borders International



Prabha Sankaranarayan, President and CEO, Mediators Beyond Borders International, was the Presenter for the "Will Work for Food" event during the 13th Annual Month of Non-Violence. The organization works primarily with attorneys, mediators, and arbitrators. Her theme was to discuss the role of mediators and peacebuilders in building social cohesion. A special thanks to Mediators Beyond Borders International for their assistance with global fiscal management.

Virginia, City of Portsmouth

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The intergenerational gathering at New Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, discussed ways to prevent violence in Virginia communities. Attendance 30.

Virginia, City of Portsmouth

Basketball Showcase



Peace Circles were held at the beginning of the Basketball Games, in Portsmouth, Virginia. Local youth produced Wall Murals with the theme “It’s About Saving Lives.” Attendance 100.

International Events

Ghana, City of Accra

Future Generation Africa

Organizer



Paul Dadzie Jr.,
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Future Generation Africa
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**A MONTH OF
NON-VIOLENCE
ACTIVITIES.**

ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY INCLUDE:

- ✓ Non-Violence sport/ games using the Ubabalo Whole Life coaching methodology
- ✓ Face to face town hall meeting using the practical lessons learned from the games as the focal point for discussion
- ✓ An art competition to portray non violent images.

**DATE:
18TH
OCTOBER 2024**

10AM

HOST: PAUL K. DADZIE

**KINGDOM HEIRS MONTESSORI SCHOOL IN KASOA,
AWUTU SENYA EAST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT.**

There was a Day of Non-Violence in the Kasoa, a peri-urban town in the Awutu Senya East Municipal District of the greater Accra region of Ghana. There were three major activities that began with Non-Violence sport/games using the Ubabalo Whole Life coaching methodology, This was followed by a face-to-face town hall meeting using practical lessons learned from the games as the focal point for discussion, The third activity was a art competition intended to help kids to graphically express their concepts of Non-Violence they have gathered. Attendance: 100 teens.

Kenya, Nairobi

Mathare Young Women Organization



Organizer



Biki Ogola Omwa

Mathare Young
Women's Organization



Youth Poetry and Skits focused on Dangers of Violence

The Mathare Young Women's Organization (MYWO) in Nairobi, Kenya, started in 2019 with the aim of empowering women and helping them to become self-reliant. The Month of Non-Violence activities included a Women's Forum of Civic Education on Voting Rights. It also included a Poetry and Skits forum that focused on the dangers of violence in the slum area, with prevalent issues such as domestic and tribal violence. Attendance: 55 women and youth.

Liberia, Abuja

Superior Sanitation Company

Organizer



Rev. Dro Gervais

**CEO, Superior Sanitation
and Pastor, Harvest
Intercontinental Church,
Wondersland, Marshall**



There were three days of Non-Violence workshops with youth, adults, and teens at Ellen's Estate, in Liberia. Activities included Peace Circles with students, business ideas, and a Sanitation Workshop with Women in the Marketplace. The events had a huge impact on the facilitators, participants, and communities. The students and their school leadership were excited because the program brought cohesion and highlighted the need for mutual respect and human dignity for everyone and allowed them to articulate their views and experiences with violence, and the need to preserve peace and harmony in classrooms, homes, and communities. Attendance: 95 people.

Malawi, City of Zomba

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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY REPORT
FOR

THE 13TH ANNUAL MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE,
FAMILIES, VOTING RIGHTS AND
OPPORTUNITIES



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Organizer



Dr. Rosario Kalavina,
Executive Director, Future for
All In Development (FAID)

This event focused on Voter's Rights and was motivated by voter apathy and the high number of null and void votes in the 2019 General Elections, and the 2020 Fresh Presidential Elections. In response, FAID spearheaded a public event to provide civic education for local community members to register and take part in the 2025 Malawi forthcoming general elections. To encourage mass attendance, FAID organized a Football Bonanza as bait for a crowd gathering and then took advantage of the large gathering to conduct the voter civic education activity. Attendees: 676



Malawi, City of Zomba

Harmony for Families and Communities

Organizers



**Brown Masingati, Executive Director,
Harmony for Families and
Communities**



**Patrick William Phiri, Programs
Director**



THE ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE TRAINING
WORKSHOP TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR GENDER-
BASED VIOLENCE AT MTIMA VILLAGE IN ZOMBA,
MALAWI.

FOR

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This workshop raised awareness about the ways of reporting and eradicating gender-based violence in Mtima Village, in Zomba District. A community assessment showed local people had limited understanding about the forms and consequences of gender-based violence, and how cultural and traditional practices and societal attitudes contribute to the persistence of violence. The event also addressed the need to raise awareness about laws and policies that are used when dealing with gender-based violence. Attendees: 44 women, girls, and Chiefs from Mtima and Liti Villages.

Nigeria, Lagos

The Role of Non-Violence

13TH ANNUAL
MONTH OF NON VIOLENCE : **THE ROLE OF
NON VIOLENCE**
IN SOCIAL CHANGE

ANCHOR: ADEBAYO ADEDEJI

DATE: Friday, October 25th, 2024

TIME: 12 PM

VENUE:

10 Acme Road, Ikeja Lagos, Nigeria

Organizer

Adebayo Adedeji, Anchor,
Non-Violence Program,
Nigeria

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The session was open and interactive and people were asked if they believed non-violence can affect social change. Most participants were skeptical about the limitations of non-violence for social change. One example raised was the 'End SARS' protests, a peaceful demonstration to stop police brutality in Nigeria that led to retaliation of armed forces towards the protesters, resulting in thousands of lives lost across the country. After hours of deliberation, there were 5 suggestions for non-violence for social change including: (1) Educational and Sensitization; (2) Social Media Advocacy; (3) Community Organizing; (4) Leadership Orientation for the youth; and (5) Civil Engagement. Participants were asked to return to their communities and identify themselves as agents of social change.

Attendance: 12

Nigeria, City of Lagos

Movement for African Emancipation

Organizer:



Adamson Eniola
Simisola, Department of
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Small Business Owner &
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GUEST SPEAKERS
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Mr oriade Adelani
Mrs Adekoya
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War Against Violence T-Shirt

Before the Main day of the event Adamson Einola, the Organizer went on Evangelism with flyers and signs to preach and educate people about the advantages of staying away from violence and how the World can be a better place by doing so. At the event, students and attendants learned that being a discriminator or bully doesn't just hurt victims, it also builds a bad personality for the person doing the bullying. Adamson Eniola, the organizer, used herself as an example of how she has been discriminated against and bullied for being an Albino, and the toll it took on her. A t-shirt was made with BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHARGE LOGO on it. Attendance: 45 young children and adults

Nigeria, City of Lagos

Women in Mediation Network



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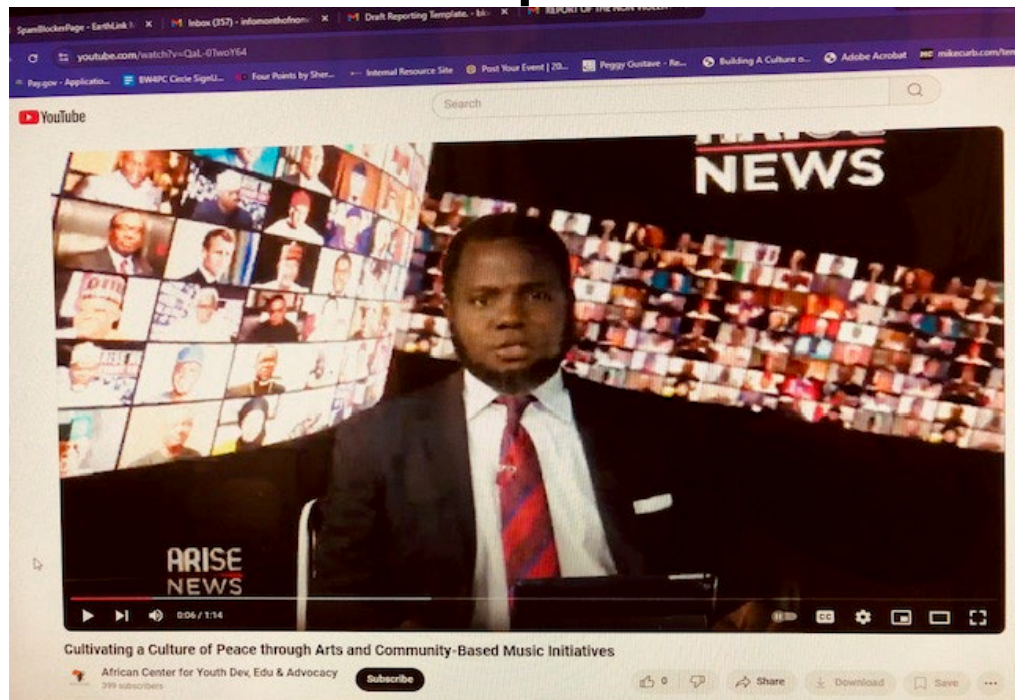


Restorative Peace Healing Circles brought together students, teachers, and volunteers to foster understanding and address the root causes of violence in schools and homes. The objective was to provide a safe space for teenagers to share experiences of violence, identify triggers for such violence, to find healing, and explore ways to foster peace both in school and at home. The most remarkable outcome was experienced by two girls and one boy who had struggled with the negative impacts of violence but were unaware of how those experiences affected their sense of self-worth. The circle allowed them to process these emotions, leading to a profound sense of self-awareness and they realized they had been carrying the burden of these experiences for years. By the end of the sessions, they achieved closure knowing that they were not the source of the violence they had experienced. Attendance: 50 students, 9 adults or 59.

Nigeria, Jabi Lake, Abuja

African Center for Youth Development & Education

Organizer: Sarah Anlade Dantsoho, The African Center for Youth Development, Education and Advocacy Initiative



Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaL-0TwoY64>



The Peace Circle strengthened conflict resolution skills by having participants engage in interactive discussions and activities. Attendees were equipped with practical tools for mediating conflicts within their families, workplaces, and communities. There was a focus on Community Cohesion with a spirit of togetherness through the arts and music that created a shared space for dialogue and reflection. The goal was to help reduce divisions rooted in ethnic, religious, and socio-political differences.

Attendance: 44 participants, including youth, CSOs, and peace advocates. Indirect beneficiaries: Over 100 million viewers on the media platform of the media house ARISE in Nigeria.

Nigeria, Lagos

City of Peace Program



Organizer

Abiye Tam-George Esq.

Communications
Coordinator, City of Peace.



The 'City of Peace' Training program focused on restorative justice, mediation, peaceful communication, and conflict prevention. Participants learned: (1) How to overcome habits, such as defensiveness, avoidance, or aggression; (2) Realized the importance of restorative justice practices on broader societal issues, from criminal justice to educational discipline; (3) Achieved the promotion of personal growth, understand emotions like vulnerability, empathy, accountability and a better understanding of a better self and others; (4) Improve understanding of non-judgmental dialogue to display peaceful outlook and encouraging posture. Participants were happy with the training, and they desire more training sessions. Attendance: 50.

South Korea

U.S. HUMPREYS ARMY BASE

Organizer



Michael Robinson, 13th International District Fatherhood & Mentoring Chair. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



**OCTOBER IS
NATIONAL BULLYING
PREVENTION MONTH**



Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi promoted violence prevention in an Anti-Bullying Month Campaign that included a display table at Camp Humphreys Army Base Exchange Lounge where 17 students and family members signed the anti-bullying pledge; Lambda Xi Chapter and Republic of Korea Divine Nine supported Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Supported "Bowling Against Bullies Event," where 16 students and family members signed the anti-bullying pledge; set up display table at Osan Air Base Food Court, where 15 students and family members signed the anti-bullying pledge. A Youth leadership Conference was held for high school students, where 31 students attended the session on Bullying/Violence Prevention, and they all signed the pledge. Local activities were featured in Korea Stars and Stripes Newspaper and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Connects News. Total number of pledge signers: 79; Total participants 1,671.

United Kingdom Blogging Carnival for Non-Violence

Interfaith Summit

"Peace and Nonviolence"

Different religions, spiritual traditions, and faiths feature teachings about nonviolence and peace.

**Saturday,
October 19, 2024
3:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

PEACE OVER VIOLENCE



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84083674275?pwd=IuV6iDmxS2xUP63h4h96gStOP9hV1>

Meeting ID: 840 8367 4275
Passcode: 627358

Organizer



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United Kingdom

Inter-Faith Summit
and Blogging
Carnival for Non-
Violence

<https://blognonviolence.weebly.com/2024-blogs/archives/08-2024>



Riots are erupting across Britain daily, based on racism, Islamophobia and anti-immigrant sentiments. Tensions are being stoked by far-right groups spreading disinformation. Interfaith prayer and peace sessions are needed to address ways to reduce conflict. Attendance: 6.

Zimbabwe, City of Gweru

Movement of Pan African Socialism



Organizer



Mafa Kwamisa Mafa

**Movement of Pan African
Socialism**



This event involved students from Midlands State University and youths from the Senga Training Center neighborhood. There were presentations by resource people who addressed the audience on topics including Gender Based Violence; Entrepreneurship; Reproductive health; Leadership; and Women's Empowerment. Other stakeholders were invited to exhibit and showcase about reproductive health and safe sex. Pink balloons were displayed to evoke the traditional feminine gender roles of caring for others, being beautiful, being good, and being cooperative. Attendance: 55.

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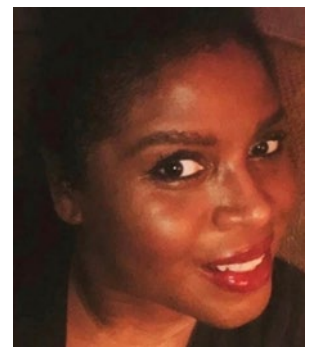
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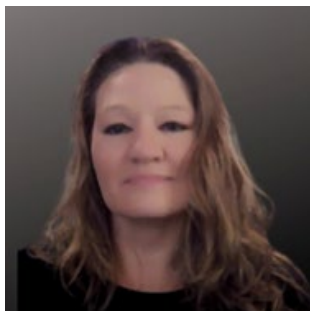
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AI for Positive Change, Positive Change Academy

The Positive Change Academy AI Committee focuses on “Opportunities As Alternatives to Violence,” by providing GenZs and adults with exposure to Artificial Intelligence, emerging technologies and the impact AI has on either promoting violence and racial bias, or stopping violence, bullying and interpersonal conflicts.



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13th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities Goes Global

By [IBW21](#) November 20, 2024



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Organizers & Facilitators Organize Peace Circle at Old Executive Office Building for DC and Maryland High School Students with Greg Jackson, Deputy Director, White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention. (Left to Right) Organizers/Facilitators of Peace Circle: Dr. Stephanie Myers, National Co-Chair, Black Women for Positive Change, Debra Budiani-Saberi, Peace Circle Facilitator; Greg Jackson, deputy director, White House office of Gun Violence Prevention and Jamal Jones, Peace Circle Facilitator.

For 13 years, Black Women for Positive Change (BWPC) a multi-cultural, intergenerational, inter-faith organization of Women and Good Brothers, has sponsored annual Days, Weeks and Months of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities. During October 2024, the 13th Annual Month of Non-Violence organized violence prevention activities in the USA, nine States and the District of Columbia, Humphries Army Base, in South Korea, and overseas in the United Kingdom, Nigeria, Malawi, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Ghana. Sponsors of the Month of Non-Violence are Everytown for Gun Safety, the National Association for Community Mediation (NAFCM), Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI), National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), Positive Change Foundation, 100 Fathers Inc., Trusted Inc., and other supporting organizations.

The first Day of Non-Violence began in 2012 when Trayvon Martin, a 17-year old boy was murdered on his way back to his father's house from buying a soft drink at a Convenience Store. The tragedy sparked a national outcry of anger towards violent crimes committed against Black youth. In a joint statement BWFPC Co-Chairs Dr. Stephanie Myers and Honorable Daun S. Hester said, "Trayvon's murder enraged us so much that we focused on the racism, anger, hatred and violence our youth are facing. We started our Non-Violence initiative with the goal to 'Change the Culture of Violence in America, and the World'. We promote awareness about how to de-escalate violence, resolve conflicts and manage anger in homes, schools and communities in America, and overseas."

The Month of Non-Violence opened with "7 Days of Prayer Against Violence and for Democracy," led by BWFPC Chaplain Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, author of the biography of Coretta Scott King, and Rev. Oliver Buie, Pastor, Bel-Vue Community Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Calif. The Month of Non-Violence included a Peace Circle at the White House with Greg Jackson, Deputy Director, and Sarah Wiener, Policy Coordinator, White House Office of Gun Prevention. They sat in a Peace Circle with 16 high school students from five high schools in the District of Columbia, and Maryland. The Peace Circle was led by professional facilitators who helped students to engage in impactful conversation with Mr. Jackson, a victim of gun violence. The students expressed their experiences with violence to Mr. Jackson and he requested that they submit ideas to him for violence prevention. Jeannette Mobley, Peace Circle Chaperone with Black Women for Positive Change commented, "It was shocking to hear the students talk with Greg Jackson about violence they had personally witnessed. Greg was able to connect with the youth as they shared distressing situations, they had experienced. The students said they appreciated the opportunity to talk honestly with him."

The Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities encouraged organizations to address key themes ranging from violence prevention, domestic violence, bullying, voters rights. and Opportunities as Alternatives to Violence. Events included an anti-bullying event with 1,116 students at USA Humphreys Army Base in South Korea; to a 'Stop the Violence Walk and Summit,' in Birmingham, Alabama; De-Escalation of Violence Training, in Charlotte, North Carolina; 'Focusing on the Election' Forum, hosted by NAFCM in Kentucky; and a webinar on Suicide Prevention; led by the New York Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association. There were forums on "Dispelling Myths in the Black Community' organized by the Baltimore Chapter of Black Women for Positive Change and anti-violence music and drumming concerts at Howard University. In Africa, there were workshops on "Stopping Gender Violence", in Malawi; Peace Circles in Liberia; and Anti-Bullying workshops in Lagos, Nigeria. There was also a global forum with Artificial Intelligence experts, that addressed the "Opportunities and Perils of Artificial Intelligence, coordinated by Dr. Barbara Reynolds.

Listing of all events is at www.monthofnonviolence.org



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written by PRIDE Newsdesk September 18, 2024

Stopping Violence, strengthening families, protecting voters rights and developing 'Opportunities as Alternatives to Violence' are goals of the 13th annual 'Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voting Rights and Opportunities.'

Scheduled for October 1-31, Black Women for Positive Change, in collaboration with the Positive Change Foundation; Every town for Gun Safety; Mediators Without Borders International; National Association For Community Mediation; 100 Fathers, Inc.; and a host of other organizations are planning global violence prevention activities. Violence prevention webinars and workshops will be held in Washington, D.C.; North Carolina; Illinois; California; Pennsylvania; Maryland; Alabama; Virginia; and overseas in South Korea; United Kingdom; Malawi; Ghana; Nigeria; Zimbabwe; Liberia; and Kenya.

In a joint statement Black Women for Positive Change National Co-chairs, Daun S. Hester, Norfolk, Va; City Treasurer, and Dr. Stephanie Myers said: "We call on GenZs, Millennials, GenX and Boomers to organize global social media, concerts, discussions and Peace Circles to learn how to stop conflict and anger that often leads to violence. We must find a way to change the culture of violence in America, and the world. We invite individuals, schools and organizations interested to join us in this effort by planning events in their communities. Sign up at <www.monthofnonviolence.org>.

This year the focus is on promoting 'Peace Circles' which provide young people with opportunities to express their fears about violence in their schools, homes and communities. There will also be interfaith '7 Days of Prayer Against Violence and for Democracy' led by 'faith leaders' from across the country.

BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE EVENTS GLOBAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE 2024

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- Fredrick Douglas (1849)



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We Must Fight to Protect the Civil Rights Act

By D.G. Mawn, MA, JD and Stephanie E. Myers, Ph.D.

In 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson said, "A challenge to all of us to go to work in our communities and our states, in our homes and in our hearts, to eliminate the last vestiges of injustice in our beloved country." President Johnson made this important statement when he signed the historic 1964 Civil Rights Act. And, while sixty years later we have made enormous progress in eliminating injustice in our beloved country, there is still lots more work to do.

For America to be a more perfect union, all citizens must participate fully in the electoral process as well as full participation in social and civic life. This means that we must all do our part to assure that any barriers to full participation related to race, sex, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, and disability are removed. Going forward, we must be on guard to assure that legislation is not enacted that could result in destroying the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Instead, we should consider actions that will further the reach of the Civil Rights Act, to ensure equity for all people.

One opportunity to strengthen implementation of the Civil Rights Act is the mandate in Section 10 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Section 10 signifies the federal government's willingness to offer strong support for community-based problem solving and peacebuilding. To this end, the Act establishes and resources two efforts, both of which are designed to include community voices often marginalized or left out entirely.

First, we need to strengthen and protect the Community Relations Service (CRS) in the U.S. Department of Justice. President Johnson talked in detail about the importance of the CRS for reconciliation and voluntary compliance with laws that enforce nondiscriminatory policies at accommodations, transportation, and voting. CRS needs consistency in leadership and insist that the current Acting Director Mr., Justin Lock, be immediately presented to the U.S. Senate for confirmation.

Second, Section 10 in the Civil Rights Act started the infrastructure of community-based mediation in the U.S. by enlarging dispute mechanisms that prioritize a role for communities in resolving their own disputes. President Richard Nixon supported the establishment of locally-led infrastructure for community dispute resolution that was meant to work in tandem with CRS.

This mechanism focuses on facilitating the development of “Community Mediation Centers” (CMCs) that are throughout the country and work to resolve community-based conflicts. We know from experience that resolving conflicts requires collective response and is not a one-person or one-entity responsibility. Today, we must fight to maintain the nearly 500 CMCs that serve 500 distinctive communities across North America. And, the majority of those centers are members of the National Association for Community Mediation (NAFCM), a national non-profit organization dedicated to conflict resolution.

Grassroots CMCs offer support on the ground in real time to those in conflict and are bridges between federal action and local disruptions, disturbances, and disputes. CMCs stand for and with community members and operate as barometers reflecting changes in the political, economic, communication, and social conditions, as well as opinions of the people about conflict and dispute resolution.

President Johnson said, “Every time we fought for rights in this country, we’ve made rights more expansive for other people. I think that’s one of the greatest legacies of the Civil Rights Act because when you look at it, you’re saying that this country belongs to everybody. And if it’s going to belong to everybody, everybody should have equal protection.”

The existence of community-led, federally supported dispute resolution is essential. This collaboration is a key dynamic that has appeared and disappeared over the decades. When only federal action is taken through the CRS, it can lead to short-term fixes that only involve individuals and agencies adjacent to the harm. Instead, broad and deep reach is needed creating long-lasting results and regenerative possibilities that requires the involvement of the CMCs. We need a stronger collaboration between CMCs and CRS offices to help communities create long-lasting permanent steps toward the beloved community that we are working towards. We want all Americans to be seen, heard, and to feel connections to one another. Let’s come together to fight to strengthen and protect the Civil Rights Act and confirm the appointment of Mr. Justin Lock, Acting Director of the CMS. This will strengthen our communities and national impact on issues justice, engagement and peace.

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Humphreys Middle School observes Violence Prevention Month

Mr. Michael Robinson

Nov 08, 2024



On Wednesday, Oct. 30, the students and staff of Humphreys Middle School in South Korea, gathered in the auditorium for their annual observance of Violence Prevention Month. The event aimed to raise awareness about bullying and violence prevention, fostering a culture of respect and empathy within the school community.

The program commenced with opening remarks from Assistant Principals Natalya Cho and Dawn Pilon, who emphasized the importance of standing against bullying and promoting a safe environment for all students.

A highlight of the event was the announcement of the winners of the anti-bullying classroom door decoration contest. The winners included:

5th Grade – Susan McCluskey

6th Grade – Ashleigh Conteh



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