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Report on the 2018 Week of
Positive Change, Non-Violence and Opportunities

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MESSAGE FROM BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE
AND POSITIVE CHANGE FOUNDATION

Dear 2019 Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence & Opportunities Supporters,

In 2018, we held the 6th Annual Week of Non-Violence, October 13-21, 2018, in cities in eleven States across the USA, and the UK. Our multi-cultural, inter-faith global network of women and Good Brothers collaborated to organize events with the goal of “Changing the Culture of Violence in America, and the World.” Workshops, media events, concerts, webinars, Congressional workshops and film screenings were held to find ways to de-escalate violence, control anger, eliminate racism, and to find safe ways to respond to implicit bias.

Over the years, feedback from hundreds of youth who have attended the annual Weeks of Non-Violence, indicate they prefer “Opportunities As Alternatives to Violence” instead of lectures. So, in 2018, we sponsored a Creative Expressions Contest, to give youth a voice about the importance of education and staying in school. Youth in 18 States, from 52 schools viewed the film DROP: A Story of Triumph, (available on YouTube) and expressed their views. Cash prizes were awarded to nine (9) national winners and in Washington, D.C. Our sincere thanks to American Family Insurance, Saint and Streetfighter Foundation and Highmark Inc. for sponsoring the Creative Expressions Contest.

In 2019, the dates of the Week of Non-Violence, Justice and Opportunities are October 12-20, 2019. We invite you to join this effort by helping us to find donors for the Positive Change Foundation, a 501-C-3. Let’s expand “Opportunities As Alternatives to Violence.”

Sincerely,

Stephanie E. Myers
Dr. Stephanie E. Myers
National Co-Chair, BW4PC
President, Positive Change Foundation

Daun S. Hester
Honorable Daun S. Hester
National Co-Chair, BW4PC
Board Chair, Positive Change Foundation
Changing the Culture of Violence in America, and the World!

Black Women for Positive Change and Good Brothers Recite the Peace Pledge at Elizabeth Keckley Honorees Event with: Former Attorney General Eric Holder; Business Leader Stan Jackson; Retired AFRO American Publisher Jake Oliver and Retired NBC Executive Rev. Aeisha Karimah.
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“Changing the Culture of Violence in America, and the World.”

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Featuring Authors Who Are Members of Black Women for Positive Change
http://blackwomenforpositivechange.org/authors-corner/
NATIONAL CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS CONTEST

Sponsored by

Washington, D.C. Contest Sponsor
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2018 Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence & Opportunities Presents...

“DROP” CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST
www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org

How to Participate:

VIEW the short film, “DROP: A Story of Triumph,” starring local actor Tray Chaney, on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AasVeQTqTYg&t=5s

CREATE a one-page essay, two-minute rap, poem, or visual art concept to describe your reaction to the film

SUBMIT entry by October 26, 2018
1st place - $250; 2nd place - $150; 3rd place - $75

Who is Eligible?
Students, ages 12-18

Please click application link below for contest details:
https://goo.gl/forms/zoDeBp28t1BKKMLp1

Tray Chaney, lead actor in “DROP” and featured actor in HBO’s “The Wire,” and Bounce TV’s “Saints & Sinners”

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Youth Ages 12-18 Invited to Submit Essay After Watching “DROP!”

• ET August 20, 2018

View the "DROP" video on YouTube!

Hello BW4PC Networkers and 2018 Week of Non-Violence Committee,
Black Women for Positive Change and the Positive Change Foundation, in partnership with American
Family Insurance Company and the Saints and Streetfighter Foundation, announce a National DROP
Essay Contest!

This is an opportunity for youth to express themselves about the choice of staying in school and/or the
consequences of dropping out of school---a documented pathway to prison and violence.

The Essay Contest is an official activity of the 2018 Week of Positive Change, Non Violence and
Opportunities, October 13-21, 2018.

Please recruit youth ages 12-18 years to watch the film DROP: A Story of Triumph, free on YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AasVeQTqTYg&t=2s
This film was produced by BW4PC. After watching DROP youth are invited to express their opinions
about dropping out or staying in school by submitting a 1 page essay; a 2 minute Rap Video; or a
Poem.

Cash Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners! Deadline is October 26, 2018. Youth
can comment at a "#DROPOFOPPORTUNITY Hey Young Folks Ages 12-18 years old! Enter the
Essay Contest Today! Essay Contest Application: at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxX5_chFWaylYTE9-Ux6iB4fGlxOO_axomx1uEF-
vdCfvLg/viewform
Black Women for Positive Change (BW4PC) announces a 2018 National Essay Contest about the film, “DROP: A Story of Triumph.” Contestants can write a 1 page essay, produce a 2 minute Rap or submit a poem to express their views about the message in DROP about the choice of staying in school or dropping out.

The DROP Essay Contest is part of the annual 2018 Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence and Opportunities, October 13-21, 2018. In a joint statement, BW4PC National Co-Chairs Dr. Stephanie Myers and Daun S. Hester stated, “We must convince youth that dropping out of school is a pipeline to prison and violence. They must stay in school and earn their high school diploma or GED to prepare for success.”

All youth ages 12-18 are eligible.

The film stars actor Tray Cheney, of HBO’s “The Wire,” Bounce TV’s “Saint and Sinners,” and local actors. “We produced DROP to reach high school and middle school students. They can see themselves in our film and we hope this encourages them to trust us and take our advice to stay in school,” says Karen Carrington-Washington, Chair, DROP Essay Committee. Sponsors are Saint and Streetfighter Foundation, and American Family Insurance.


WHAT: Students can submit: (1) One-page Essay; (2) a2-minute Rap, or (3) Poem/Spoken Word.

CASH PRIZES: High School and Middle School Winners in each category. First Place $250; Second Place: $150 and Third Place: $75.

Black Women for Positive Change is a national interfaith, multicultural network of women, “Good Brothers” and Millennials from California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, New York, Texas and Virginia. Partners include Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Moms Demand Action for Common Sense Gun Control; Next Generation Action Network; American Family Insurance Company, Highmark, Inc; Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh; The 100 Fathers Inc.;
National Creative Expression Contest Winners!

HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place – Ceu Gomez-Faulk
Pittsburg School for Creative Performing Arts, Pittsburg, PA

2nd Place – Al’Asia Jenkins, Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School
Jacksonville, Florida

3rd Place Tie --Jada Woods and Asha Edson
Pittsburg School for Creative Performing Arts | Pittsburg, PA | Essay

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Place – Khaleem Muhammad
Homeschool, Washington, DC

2nd Place – Olivia Bomar
South Carolina Virtual Charter (SCVCS) | Boiling Springs, South Carolina

3rd Place – Lailah Wideman
Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School | Simpsonville, South Carolina

WASHINGTON, DC CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS CONTEST

1st Place – Khaleem Muhammad
Homeschool, Washington, DC

2nd Place – Zanyah Johnson
Luke C. Moore | Washington, DC

3rd Place – Edwin Fuentes
HD Woodson HS, Washington, DC

Sponsor National Contest: American Family Insurance

Sponsor: Washington, D.C. Contest: Saint and Streetfighter Foundation
### 67 Students Entered Contest from 52 Schools and 18 States

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Reno, NV  Wooster
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Portland, OR  U S Grant High School
Pittsburgh, PA  Pittsburgh School for the Creative and Performing Arts
Franckstown, PA  Linton Middle School
Pittsburgh, PA  Linton Middle School
Pittsburgh, PA  Pittsburgh Science & Technology Academy
Pittsburgh, PA  City Charter high school Pittsburgh
Boiling Springs, SC  Boiling Springs High School
Boiling Springs, SC  South Carolina Virtual Charter (SCVCS)
Pacolet, SC  Middle School of Pacolet
Simpsonville, SC  Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School
Greenville, SC  Greenville High school
Franklin, TN  Battle Ground Academy
Fort Worth, TX  Morningside Middle School
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Killen, TX  Early College High School
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Washington, DC  Ballou High School
Washington, DC  Muhammad Home School Coop
Washington DC  Duke Ellington School of the Arts
Washington, DC  Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
Washington, DC  Luke C Moore High School
Washington, DC  HD Woodson HS, DC Public Schools
BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE INSPIRE YOUTH LOCALLY AND NATIONWIDE

By Brianna McAdoo, AFRO Staff Writer, bmcadoo@afro.com

A national organization geared towards young women of color is sprinkling its “black girl magic” and empowering youth. Black Women for Positive Change in collaboration with the Positive Change Foundation sponsored a National Creative Expressions Contest and recently selected their winners.

The National Creative Expressions Contest challenged youth to creatively express their reactions to a film about dropping out of school produced by Black Women for Positive Change entitled, “DROP: A Story of Triumph.” The contest garnered over 109 applications and 78 submissions from 18 different states in addition to Washington, D.C. The contestants were from middle school, high school and some were even homeschooled. Submissions ranged from essays to artistic expressions like visual art and poetry.

The National Co-Chairs of Black Women for Positive Change, Dr. Stephanie Myers and Honorable Daun S. Hester released a joint statement saying, “We sponsored the Creative Expression Contest as part of the 6th Annual Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence and Opportunities. We appreciate the support of our major sponsors American Family Insurance, Saint and Streetfighter Foundation, and Highmark Inc., and other partners. Their donations enabled us to provide youth rewards for winning essays, poems, drawings and videos.”

Each submission was evaluated by 12 volunteer judges and nine winners were selected. The nation’s capital left its mark on the competition with winners from Luke C. Moore Senior High School, Muhammad’s Homeschool Co Op and H.D. Woodson High School.
Winners Selected for DROP: A Story of Triumph National Creative Expressions Contest

By The Charleston Chronicle | December 6, 2018 | 65° Charleston

The Positive Change Foundation, in affiliation with Black Women for Positive Change (BWPC), has selected winners for the National Creative Expressions Contest, based on the film, "DROP: A Story of Triumph." Nine winners from Middle and High Schools and a Homeschool have been selected from schools including Darwin Cookman Middle/High School of the Medical Arts, Jacksonville, Florida; Pittsburgh School for Creative and Performing Arts, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; South Carolina Virtual Charter School, in Columbia; and Dr. Phinnizie J. Fisher Middle School, in Greenville, South Carolina; Luke C. Moore Senior High School, Muhammad’s Homeschool Coop; and H. D Woodson High School in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the Creative Expressions Contest was to provide youth an opportunity to express their reactions to messages about dropping out of school, portrayed in the film "DROP: A Story of Triumph," produced by Black Women for Positive Change.

The National Creative Expressions Contest attracted 108 applications from 18 states and the District of Columbia. Seventy-six youth completed contest submissions and entered essays, poems, videos and drawings. Contestants were from 52 high schools, middle schools and a homeschool. Winners won prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. In a joint statement National Co-Chairs Dr. Stephanie Myers and Honorable Daum S. Hester stated, "We sponsored the Creative Expression Contest as part of the 8th Annual Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence and Opportunities. We appreciate the support of our major sponsors American Family Insurance, Saint and Streetfighter Foundation, and Highmark Inc., and other partners. Their donations enabled us to provide youth rewards for winning essays, poems, drawings and videos. The views of the youth are powerful and describe the challenges they face regarding staying in school, the dire results of dropping out, and the importance of family support when pursuing education, during and after high school."
Film's Creative Expression Contest Aims to Provide Alternatives to Violence for Youths

By Victor Trammell

Photo credits: Black Women For Positive Change

To support its 2018 Week of Non-Violence, Justice & Opportunity, a national outreach organization based in Washington D.C. is sponsoring a contest for youths age 12-18 years old to provide an outlet for them to showcase positive creativity.

Black Women for Positive Change is a civic action network for justice, which is located in the nation's capital. However, this multi-regional organization also has bases in various other U.S. states, such as California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia,
Outreach to Elected Officials and Members of Congress to Promote De-Escalation of Violence
Congressional Staff Briefing: De-Escalation of Violence Training
Organized by Black Women for Positive Change in Collaboration with Congresswoman Gwen Moore, October 11, 2018

Conveners: Black Women for Positive Change; National Black Nurses Association; 100 Fathers Inc., Third District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, DC Chapter, Moms Demand Action

Panelists: Left to Right. Good Brother Marcus Hughes, DC President, Next Generation Action Network & Co-Chair, Millennial Committee, BW4PC; Dr. Valda Crowder, MD, MBA, Capitol Health Partners & Member, DC Chapter of Moms Demand Action; Dr. Stephanie Myers, National Co-Chair, Black Women for Positive Change; Moderator: Michelle Bernard, Esq., News Analyst MSNBC Commissioner Frank Malone, President & Founder, The 100 Fathers Inc.; Mildred Gorham, PhD., MBA, FANN, Executive Director, National Black Nurses Association; and Gary Hart, Member, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement (NOBLE), No. Virginia Chapter.

Become an Original cosponsor of the National De-Escalation of Violence and Community Safety Training Act of 2018

Dear Colleague,

I urge you to join me in cosponsoring legislation that I will soon introduce to provide grants to increase access to de-escalation training that may help reduce and prevent violence.

As many of our communities struggle with how to respond to violence, it is critical that we consider ways to increase the use of tools such as de-escalation that can help prevent conflicts in the first place. Unfortunately, access to such training can be limited enough the benefits can be enormous. While much attention has been placed on increasing such training for law enforcement, it ignores the impact that sharing those skills with a broader range of community stakeholders, including teachers and others, could have.

The bill would establish a program to allow eligible entities such as churches, schools, community colleges, or state and local governments provide de-escalation training to targeted groups, including at risk youth. This training would have to be culturally competent, emphasize verbal and physical tactics to minimize the need for the use of force with an emphasis on communication and negotiation, and utilize techniques that can be used by a wide range of audiences, including those with disabilities and behavioral health issues.

A section by section summary of the bill is attached.

For more information or to sign on as a cosponsor, please contact Izmira Aitch in my office at 202 225-4572 or izmira.aitch@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
Co-Conveners, De-Escalation of Violence Congressional Staff Briefing

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DC Chapter, Moms Demand Action
Rachel Usdan, Leader, DC Moms Demand Action and Dr. Valda Crowder, Presenter

Sixth District, Omega Psi Phi
Robert Fairchild and Tabiti Boone, Representatives

100 Fathers Inc.
Commissioner Frank Malone, President/Founder and Presenter

Next Generation Action Network
Marcus Hughes, DC Chapter President
De-Escalation of Violence Congressional Staff Briefing

Representatives of Moms Demand Action joined Michelle Bernard, Moderator and Stephanie Myers at De-Escalation of Violence Congressional Staff Briefing.

Members of Sixth District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Frank Malone, Robert Fairchild and Brother Tabiti Boone; and Members of Delta Sigma Theta Salute De-Escalation of Violence Training Legislative Concepts. (Left to Right)
Webinars, TV And Radio Appearances to Promote Non-Violence and “Opportunities As Alternatives” to Violence
Black Women for Positive Change Executive Webinar

Emotional Intelligence: An Element of Non-Violence

People Must Learn Emotional Intelligence in Order to Remove Violence from Their Personal Lives, Families, Communities, the Americas, and the World.

1 Hour On-Line Workshop Presented by
Lisa Hughes, Mentor, Wise Hearts, Willing Spirits & Chair, BW4PC Cincinnati, OH

Wed., Sept. 12, 2018, 3-4pm/EST; 2-3 pm/CT; 1-2 pm/MT; Noon-1 pm/PST
Zoom Technology provided by North Carolina Central University Law School

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Pre-Week of Non-Violence Webinar Discussed How Emotional Intelligence is An Element of Non-Violence

Lisa Hughes, Expert Presenter, interacted with national audience via Videoconference provided with technical support from North Carolina Central University
WUSA Channel 9 Hostess of Washington Today, interviews Tray Chaney, Actor in DROP: A Story of Triumph, and Dr. Stephanie Myers, Nat. Co-Chair, BW4PC about the DROP Essay Contest that youth ages 12-18 can apply for cash prizes.
TRAY CHANEY AND CRYSTAL FRANCIS, CO-CHAIR BALTIMORE LAUNCH 2018 WEEK OF POSITIVE CHANGE, NON VIOLENCE & OPPORTUNITIES

Crystal Francis, Co-Chair, Baltimore Black Women for Positive Change and Tray Chaney, Actor, in DROP: A Story of Triumph, are featured on NBC Television Washington, D.C. Interview arranged by Danyell Smith, Chair, Baltimore and Ebony McMorris.

Link to Interview

Baltimore Channel 2 News Interview Friday, Oct 12th, with Crystal Francis, Baltimore Co-Chair. Interview arranged by Ebony McMorris and Danyell Smith, Chair, Baltimore, Black Women for Positive Change.

Link to Interview:  https://youtu.be/Si54ayQifnA
Black Women for Positive Change Announces 2018 Week of Non-Violence

Black Women for Positive Change, (BW4PC) in association with the Positive Change Foundation, reports the Sixth Annual 2018 Week of Non-Violence, Justice and Opportunities, October 13-21, 2018. In a joint articulation, Daun S. Hester and Dr. Stephanie E. Myers, National Co-Chairs of Black Women for Positive Change stated, “We are connecting with pioneers around the United States and the World, to go along with us in the 6th yearly Week of Non-Violence, Justice and Opportunities. We are regarded that an exceptional gathering of pioneers are joining this push to advance the ideas of viciousness avoidance, outrage administration, and de-acceleration of savagery.

This year the subject is ‘Open doors As Alternatives to Violence.’ The objective is to rouse networks and families, to effectively change the way of life of brutality by helping youth to seek after open doors as
other options to viciousness.” In 2017, forty urban areas took an interest in the United States, United Kingdom, South Africa and Republic of Congo.

The 2018 National Honorary Co-Chairs for the Week of Non-Violence, Justice and Opportunities are: Congresswoman Gwen Moore, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Dr. Charles Steele, President and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Michelle Bernard, Esq., MSNBC News Anchor and President/CEO, the Bernard Center for Women; Antonio Knox, Immediate Past Grand Basileus, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Tamika Mallory, National Co-Chair, The Women’s March; and Kemba Smith, Social Justice Advocate. A Honorary Co-Chair of Baltimore, Maryland, is John Olszewski, Jr.

In tolerating the part of National Honorary Co-Chair Congresswoman Gwen Moore expressed, “"As a Black lady, it’s anything but difficult to get demoralized about the province of America. Nonstop, we end up at the crossing point of mistreatment and foul play. I am pleased to join Black Women for Positive Change in proclaiming that we will defeat these occasions. Advance is not too far off. In our souls and in our Congress, disdain won’t win."

Accomplices for the Week of Non-Violence incorporate National Black Nurses Association, Moms Demand Action, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Next Generation Action Network, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, North Carolina Central Law School, Saints and Streetfighters Foundation, Wednesday Clergy Fellowship (fractional posting) To discover more data or agree to accept the 2018 Week of Non-Violence, Justice and Opportunities, go to www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org. For media inquiries or meetings please contact, Karen Carrington, National Communications Chair, at 202-210-4005.
THE CARL NELSON SHOW, WOL-RADIO 1450 AM RADIO

BW4PC GUESTS ON THE CARL NELSON SHOW INCLUDED

• Frank Malone, President/CEO, 100 Fathers Inc.
• Nehemiah Sellers, Youth Co-Chair, 2018 Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence and Opportunities
• Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI)
• Dr. Stephanie Myers, National Co-Chair, Black Women for Positive Change
• Danyell Smith, Chair, Baltimore, Black Women for Positive Change
• Charlene Ligon, Webmaster

Wilmer Leon Show on Sirius Radio

BW4PC Guests on Wilmer Leon Show

• Congresswoman Gwen Moore
• Dr. Stephanie Myers
WEEK OF POSITIVE CHANGE, NON-VIOLENCE AND OPPORTUNITIES
UNITED KINGDOM
2018 BLOGGING CARNIVAL FOR NONVIOLENCE

ABOUT US

2018 marks the fifth year of the Blogging Carnival for Nonviolence, which is being held October 13th-22nd as part of the Week of Nonviolence pioneered by Black Women for Positive Change.

This year's blogging carnival includes a number of blog posts by practitioners of nonviolence and NVC, sharing their personal experiences and insights. Please also share these with your networks. Thanks for your help.

The Blogging Carnival for Nonviolence is published by Zhana, the International Co-Chair of Black Women for Positive Change, and author of Success Strategies for Black People and Affirmations for Parents.

Zhana, author and global civic activist is the International Co-Chair for Black Women for Positive Change. She has coordinated the Week of Non-Violence in the United Kingdom since 2013.

The Blogging Carnival for Nonviolence is open to everyone who is committed to practicing nonviolence, regardless of racial or cultural background, religion, gender or any other difference.
The Rt. Rev. John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, is the first Black Church of England Archbishop to be ordained within the United Kingdom.

Here, he talks about the importance of nonviolence for him as a Christian.

Z: How are you personally affected by the violence in the world today?

JS: Saddened (and angry!) because:
• Violence seems so often to be a knee-jerk reaction to either fear of personal threat or manipulation by vested interests combined with social media.
• Targeted violence designed for maximum collateral damage hitting bystanders to the arguments, often those who have least resilience
• Even more collateral damage to society in general – disruption of governance, daily life, resources with an undermining of trust, truth and community.

Please can you give me one or two examples of how you practise nonviolence in your own life?

Jesus said, “blessed are the peacemakers”. Making peace means action, not passivity. With that in mind, I try to give young people a goal to aim for: that is God’s Kingdom. You can find some of the components in Matthew’s Gospel, Chapters 5 – 7. But we humans need more than good advice and good examples, so I also share with them the good news about Jesus Christ himself, who is the Prince of Peace. He gets to work within us, putting right what is wrong and through the Holy Spirit giving us dness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Surely this is how we all want to live?

For the entire interview with Rt. Rev. John Sentamu link below:

ALABAMA
Birmingham, Alabama Film Screening of film
Drop; A Story of Triumph
Saturday, October 19, 2018

Attorney/Nurse Carthenia Jefferson and the Birmingham Chapter of National Black Nurses Association, hosted film screening with local youth.
ARIZONA
OCT 20, 2018
Black Nurses Greater Phoenix Area, Non-Violence Event @
2018 BNAGPA Non-Violence Event
LaTanya Mathis coordinated Non-Violence event in Phoenix, Arizona.
CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles Council of Black Nurses Hosted Workshop with 50 Youth, to Discuss Prevention of Bullying and Violence

Los Angeles Council of Black Nurses hosted at the Boys & Girls Club, in Los Angeles. Over 50 youth in the community talked about gang violent and bullying. The guest speaker was Ms. Amber Pope, MSW, Founder & CEO of S.T.A.R.S. “Striving Together & Reveling Strength.” The event was organized by Pastor Chad Ricks and Barbara Bundage. Follow the event on facebook.com--Council of Black Nurses, LA.

50 Youth in Los Angeles Discuss Anti-Bullying and Violence Prevention

LOS ANGELES SENTINEL NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON COUNCIL OF BLACK NURSES

The Council of Black Nurses Los Angeles is "steadfast in its commitment to the elevation of the African American community" and is "increasing its efforts to solve the problems that are facing AFRICAN AMERICANS." The organization is "dedicated to the advancement of health care professionals and the improvement of health care for African Americans." The Council is "actively engaged in numerous initiatives to promote the well-being of African Americans." The Council is "committed to addressing the needs of African Americans in the areas of health care, education, and employment." The Council is "determined to make a difference in the lives of African Americans." The Council is "working towards a future where African Americans have equal access to health care." The Council is "fighting for justice and equality for African Americans." The Council is "never giving up on its mission to improve the lives of African Americans." The Council is "a powerful force for change in the African American community."
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WHEREAS, VIOLENCE, AND ITS COLLATERAL TRAUMA, IMPACTS RESIDENTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT;

WHEREAS, MOVEMENTS OF NON-VIOLENCE ARE THE CORNERSTONES OF HISTORIC POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE;

WHEREAS, WORLD LEADERS INCLUDING DESMOND TUTU, MAHATMA GANDHI, NELSON MANDELA, AND CÉSAR CHAVEZ DEMONSTRATED NON-VIOLENCE IN THE FACE OF BRUTALITY AND STRUGGLE;

WHEREAS, BOLD WOMEN SUCH AS ROSA PARKS, ELLA BAKER, AND DOLORES HUERTA FUGHT FOR JUSTICE AMPLIFYING A COLLECTIVE VOICE THROUGH GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVISM IN LIEU OF VIOLENCE AND FORCE;

WHEREAS, THE DISTRICT STRIVES TO PREVENT VIOLENCE THROUGH INCREASED KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION, MEDIATION, MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS, ANGER MANAGEMENT, AND DE-ESCALATION;

WHEREAS, SUPPRESSING VIOLENCE, IN ALL ITS FORMS, DEMANDS THE RESOURCEFUL AND DEDICATED COLLABORATION OF FAMILIES, THE COMMUNITY, FAITH-BASED STAKEHOLDERS, AND DISTRICT AGENCIES;

WHEREAS, EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE VIOLENCE CESSION STRATEGIES ARE ROOTED IN A HOLISTIC PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH;

WHEREAS, BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE, A NATIONAL NON-PARTISAN CIVIL ORGANIZATION, HAS CALLED FOR AN ANNUAL WEEK TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL ACTION, JUSTICE, AND INCLUSIVITY; AND

WHEREAS, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PROFFERED THAT “NONVIOLENCE CHOOSES LOVE INSTEAD OF HATE...RESISTS VIOLENCE OF THE SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE BODY...IS SPONTANEOUS, UNMOTIVATED, UNSELFISH AND CREATIVE.”

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THAT THIS RESOLUTION MAY BE CITED AS THE “DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WEEK OF NON-VIOLENCE RECOGNITION RESOLUTION OF 2018”.

SEC. 2. THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RECOGNIZES THAT NONVIOLENCE IS THE ONLY TRUE DEFENSE TO PEACE, THROUGH THE “DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WEEK OF NON-VIOLENCE”.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby Certify that this Resolution is true and adopted as stated herein.

Resolution Number: CER 22-412

Date: October 16, 2018

Jonathan McNair, Community Outreach, Office of Councilman Kenyon McDuffie presents DC City Council Resolution to Stephanie Myers, National Co-Chair, Black Women for Positive Change and Akilah Clark.
Luke C. Moore High School Film Screening

Friday, October 12, 2018, 1:30 pm -- School Auditorium

DROP: A STORY OF TRIUMPH -- PRODUCED BY BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

SPECIAL GUESTS

Councilman Kenyon McDuffie, Ward 5, District of Columbia

Tray Chaney, Co-Star, DROP A Story of Triumph; Co-Star of Bounce TV, Saints and Sinners

View DROP A Story of Triumph at www.weekofnonviolence.org

Enter the DROP Creative Expression Contest! Cash Prizes!

In Collaboration with Councilman Kenyon McDuffie and Black Women for Positive Change

Saint and Streetfighter Foundation

Official Event of 2018 Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence & Opportunities

www.weekofnonviolence.org
Film Screening with Tray Chaney

Front Row: (Left to right) Marcus Hughes, Silas Grant, Tray Chaney, Dr. Stephanie Myers, Jonathan McNair, Ofc. of Councilman Kenyon McDuffie, and Principal Rodney Wormsley. The film DROP: A Story of Triumph, was shown followed by discussion with students at Luke C. Moore High School. Students invited to enter Creative Expressions Contest.

3rd Photo (Lft to Right): Marcus Hughes, Tray Chaney, Dr. Stephanie Myers, Jonathan McNair

Quotes from Luke C. Moore Students... “This was a positive opportunity”... “Thank you guys...You’re Best!... “Stay focused and become who you wanna be”
Domestic Violence Discussion in Washington, D. C. coordinated by Akilah Clark
Michele Titi and Lizette Titi performed a duet at Unity Church Service, to recognize and support the 2018 Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence and Opportunities

Hear song on YouTube at:
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 20, 2018

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MOMMA’S SAFE HAVEN SET TO POUR OUT IT’S LOVE ON WOMEN AND YOUNG LADIES OF DC WITH IT’S 1ST ANNUAL “YOU GO GIRL”: FEMALE TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE

Washington, DC - Momma’s Safe Haven, a DC based non-profit organization, is hosting its 1st annual “You Go Girl”: Female Transformation Conference on Saturday, October 13th at Charles Hart Middle School: 601 Mississippi Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20032; from 10am-4pm.

This free conference will feature sessions, workshops, vendors, entertainment, and fun activities that will transform, motivate and show women and young ladies, ages 10 and up from across the DMV area, how to love and take better care of themselves; believe in their abilities and stay overall healthy and happy, no matter where they are in life.

The event will also have speakers, panels, and performances; including free food and refreshments.

Momma’s Safe Haven is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, based in Washington, DC; that has been serving the DC community since 2014. It was founded on the need to support the community by encouraging Self Love, Higher Education and Self Employment by being a support bridge to those in need of resources to get them to the next level in their lives through their programs and events.

Sarah Dachos, Moms Demand Action and Tyrone Parker at Momma’s Safe Haven “You Go Girl Conference,” at Hart Middle School, Washington, D.C.
Film Screening: Gun and Violence Documentary

October 21, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
St. Marks church, 301 A St. SE, Washington, DC

DC Chapter of Moms Demand Action screened the documentary: “Incompatible Allies: Black Lives Matter, March for Our Lives & the US Debate about Guns & Violence.” Film created by Black Lives Matter DC & Grassroots Media DC & featuring voices of DC area African-American student activists. The film captures experiences with gun violence & perspectives on gun violence prevention & community safety. Following the film screening, DC Moms Demand Action hosted a panel discussion to spur meaningful dialogue & provide audience members with ideas about how to pursue positive change.

Film Trailer: http://www.grassrootssdc.org/screenings/incompatible-allies/
ILLINOIS
Chicago National Black Nurses Advocate Against Guns

Chicago National Black Nurses Chapter member Janice Henry at weekly anti-violence activities put on by police department and local churches. Community residents pray at a "hot spot" where violence or drug sales are reported. CCNBNA member Janice Henry also participates in the grief consolers that respond to shootings or violence in the community.

Prayer Breakfast During Week of Non-Violence

Pastor Melvin Brown, King David MB, Church, Chicago

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Over hundred people attended the prayer breakfast at King David Church, Chicago, to honor their love ones lost to gun violence. Minister Annie Copeland, CCNBNA’s Honorary Member, was the speaker.

Please Click on the link to view the video

https://photos.app.goo.gl/fGDKBqrXaBGaNi5QA
Maywood-Proviso Unit 6450 Rotarians Board of Directors honor and discuss the cause and effect of non-violence in the greater Chicago Areas. The discussion was lead by Dr. Daisy-Harmon-Allen, PhD, RN, President Emeritus of CCNBNA and member BW4PC. Dr. Harmon-Allen charged each board member to get the word out in their communities. The BOD meeting was held in the home of the formal Mayor, Honorable Henderson Yarbrough of Maywood, Illinois and the Honorable Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Recorder of Deeds. Dr. Harmon-Allen reminded everyone that they too, can serve in helping to eradicate the Epidemic of Violence.
MARYLAND
Randallstown, Maryland Screening of DROP: A Story of Triumph, October 13, 2018

Actor Tray Chaney addresses youth at DROP Screening

DROP Producer Chaka Balamani, Actor Tray Chaney, Actress Legend Balamani, BW4PC Baltimore Chair Danyell Smith, BW4PC Co-Chair Crystal Francis screen film DROP at Randallstown Community Center, Baltimore, Maryland
Crystal Francis and Tray Chaney at the DROP: A Story of Triumph Film Screening, discussing Creative Expressions Contest.
Crystal Francis, Danyell Smith BW4PC Co-Chairs, Baltimore Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority organized the Charm City Cypher, held at Randallstown Community Center. Rappers and Hip Hoppers performed positive, non-violence raps, songs and poems.
Charm City Cyper Rapper Promoted Non-Violence

Baltimore Councilman Julian Jones joined the Charm City Cypher
Arlene Major is the founder of 50 Shades of Blue Baltimore, an organization which supports people all year round who are experiencing domestic violence. They hold an annual event in Baltimore, MD, and support everyone regardless of gender, race or any other difference.

When, where and how did you get involved with your organization?

My organization, 50 Shades of Blue Baltimore, is my brainchild that I created in 2014. I wanted to give back in a way that would make a difference.

Why did you start 50 Shades of Blue Baltimore?

I started to think of all that I had been through in my life before turning 50 and having survived domestic violence (4x) and attempted sexual assault (1x) I knew I had to do it. I turned 50 and my favorite color is blue. My friends came up with the rest.

How do you define domestic violence?

Well, we all know the standard definition of domestic violence or IPV as it is now labeled. I define it as a silent epidemic.

As you read that last statement, you may have thought of someone you know who is experiencing some level of domestic violence in their relationship. In 2017, when we've come so far as a society, domestic violence is still a taboo subject. 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner (as reported by the NCADV). In 2015, Baltimore City and County Uniform Crimes reported 11,267 domestic related crimes.

If those numbers aren't frightening enough, our current administration is looking to cut 10.5 trillion dollars over the next decade from the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA), which currently funds programs that are established to help save victims lives and hold their attackers accountable. If this happens, where does that leave our mothers, sisters, brothers, cousins and best friends. We must stand up, unite and act now!

OHIO
EVENTS IN CINCINNATI DURING 2018 WEEK OF NON VIOLENCE

Friday, October 12, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. The Ubuntu Film Series, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center 50 E Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202 This program is free with general admission. This film series seeks to illuminate the fight for civil and human rights as the life and history of Mandela embodies. Join us for a screening of *The Clinton 12: A Documentary Film*. Narrated by award-winning actor James Earl Jones, this film tells the compelling story of the integration of the first public high school in the South after the US Supreme Court decision Brown vs. the Board of Education.  
https://freedomcenter.org/content/ubuntu-film-series

Friday, October 12, 2018-6 to 9 pm American Glory & Tragedy 208 W. Monument, Dayton OH 45402. Join us for the exhibit reception with Kennedy curator, Bill White and the leadership and board of the Peace Museum. Food, drinks, and music. The exhibit includes original and rare photos, artifacts, and manuscripts from the 1960s.  
https://www.daytonpeacemuseum.org

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AasVeQTqTYg&t=5s; 2) Create a one-page essay, two-minute rap, poem, or visual art concept to describe your reaction to the film; 3) Submit an entry by October 26, 2018. Prizes: 1st place--$250, 2nd place--$150, 3rd place--$75. Who is eligible? Students ages 12--18. Please click application link below for contest details.  
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccX5_chFWaylYTE9-Ux6iB4fGlxOO_axomx1uEF-vdcCfvLg/viewform
For more information about what’s happening during the Week of Positive Change, Nonviolence and Opportunities, click here:  
http://weekofnonviolence.org/

Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. Colonialism and Imperialism: Ubuntu and the Struggle Against White Supremacy in South Africa, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, 50 E Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202. This program is free with general admission. In the 17th century, South Africa was colonized by the Dutch Empire and, later by the British. The history of European involvement in the region mirrors that of the Americas. As with the Caribbean and mainland North and South America, European settlers in Africa were interested in exploiting the both continent’s people and natural resources. Join us for a discussion about white supremacy and the philosophy of Ubuntu.  
https://freedomcenter.org/content/colonialism-and-imperialism-ubuntu-and-struggle-against-white-supremacy-south-africa

Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Community Conversations: Racial Coalition Politics National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, 50 East Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202
This event is free and open to the public. Click here to RSVP: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-conversation-racial-coalition-politics-tickets-49697760339](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-conversation-racial-coalition-politics-tickets-49697760339)

Dr. Jakobi Williams is the author of *From the Bullet to the Ballot: The Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party and Racial Coalition Politics in Chicago* published in 2013 by the University of North Carolina Press under its prestigious John Hope Franklin Series will lead a conversation on the concept of racial coalition politics and its relevancy. In partnership with the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Cincinnati and Union Institute & University, join us for this meaningful conversation as we explore the past and present climate of racial coalition politics.

**Tuesday, October 16 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Documented Screening**
215 E 14th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

In preparation of Jose Antonio Vargas speaking at *Belonging: Undocumented and American*, IJPC’s annual gathering on November 15th, learn more about him during this documentary. Jose directed and produced this feature-length documentary about his journey and his experience in advocacy around immigration reform in 2014.

**Thursday, October 18 @ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Land of Open Graves**
Miami University, 100 Bishop Circle, Oxford, OH 45056

Jason De Leon (Michigan/UCLA) is an award-winning photographer, musician, and archaeologist who won a MacArthur ("genius") grant in 2017. He will be at Miami University (Shriver Dolibois rooms) on October 18th with a presentation titled Land of Open Graves. The purpose of the lecture is to understand American politics and US/Mexico border enforcement through the lives and deaths of migrants.

**Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. Dramatic Readings: Nelson Mandela’s Favorite African Folktales**
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center 50 E Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202

This program is free with general admission. *Nelson Mandela’s Favorite African Folktales*; culled from African countries as far-flung as Morocco, Nigeria, Uganda, and Kenya; present a fountain of precious knowledge that will be treasured by children, as well as adults. Join us for this engaging dramatic reading series. Translated into English and other European languages chiefly in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries from their original languages; be they Karanga, Nguni, Xhosa, or one of many others; these folktales are a testament to the craft of storytelling and the power of myth.

[https://freedomcenter.org/content/dramatic-readings-nelson-mandela%E2%80%99s-favorite-african-folktales](https://freedomcenter.org/content/dramatic-readings-nelson-mandela%E2%80%99s-favorite-african-folktales)

**Saturday, October 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m Ubuntu Conversations: We affirm our humanity when we affirm the humanity in others!**
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center 50 E Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202

This program is free with general admission. Join us for a meaningful conversation as we explore the principles of Ubuntu and how they are connected with the Underground Railroad era and current-day. The philosophy of Ubuntu derives from a Nguni word, ubuntu meaning “the quality of being human.” Ubuntu manifests itself through various human acts, clearly visible in social, political, and economic situations, as well as among family. According to sociolinguist Buntu Mfenyana, it “runs through the veins of all Africans, is embodied in the oft-repeated: “Ubuntu ngumtu ngabanye abantu” (“A person is a person through other people”). Ubuntu is, at the same time, a deeply personal philosophy that calls on us to mirror our humanity for one another. [https://freedomcenter.org/content/ubuntu-conversations-we-affirm-our-humanity-when-we-affirm-humanity-others](https://freedomcenter.org/content/ubuntu-conversations-we-affirm-our-humanity-when-we-affirm-humanity-others)
PENNSYLVANIA
Antiviolen event for foster youth happening in Penn Hills

Dillon Carr | Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, 1:27 p.m.

Black Women for Positive Change in Pittsburgh is sponsoring an event at a Penn Hills church to educate youths in foster care about alternatives to violence.

St. James Episcopal Church at 11524 Frankstown Road will host the community forum from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 20. It will feature a panel made up of representatives from Moms Demand Action, Cease Fire PA, the Allegheny County Violence Prevention Unit and a pastor.

Auberle Foster Care youth are invited to ask the panel questions during the forum, said Diane Powell, chairperson for BWPC of Pittsburgh.

“We’re trying to make young people aware there are alternatives to violence — that they don’t have to rely on illegal activities to support (themselves),” she said.

Powell said because foster children often feel overlooked, the event is an opportunity for area youth service providers to hear about their needs and wants.

“Organizations need to include them in their programming and make sure they have access to resources that can help make them into productive citizens,” she said.

The event, which kicks off Oct. 13, is one of several happening in the region as part of BWPC’s sixth annual Week of Non-Violence.

Other events happening throughout the week include workshops, roundtable discussions and an essay contest for high school and middle school students based on the organization’s film “Drop – A Story of Triumph” — a 40-minute film focusing on school dropouts who end up in prisons.

Dillon Carr is a Tribune-Review staff writer. You can contact Dillon at 412-871-2325, dcarr@tribweb.com or via Twitter @dillonswriting.
Week of non-violence aimed at ‘changing cultural norms’

Christian Morrow, Courier Staff Writer

For the sixth year in a row, Black Women For Positive Change (BW4PC) will partner with schools, clergy and communities as part of its week of non-violence campaign.

The series of events kicks off with a proclamation from Pittsburgh Councilman Anthony Coghill and continues Oct. 14-20 with a number of workshops and discussion panels aimed at reducing violence in the Black community. Pittsburgh BW4PC Chair Diane Powell said the goal nationally is to reach more than 25,000 people with a strong message and community action. But locally, she said, this year’s campaign is focused on increasing involvement by the church.

“We’re making a concerted effort to get faith leaders to be more proactive in interrupting the cycle of violence,” she told the New Pittsburgh Courier in an exclusive interview.

“We have residents pleading with church leaders to come out and meet the people where they are. When you hear about something, come out from the church and pray with us, minister, counsel us. Don’t wait for us to come inside.”
This year’s campaign also includes multiple activities in the Penn Hills and Woodland Hills school districts aimed at promoting student leadership on ways to increase the peace and finding alternatives to violence.

There is also an essay contest for middle school and high school students based around the film “Drop—A Story of Triumph,” which focuses on the importance of education and interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.

Powell said the organization has increased its partnerships to include New Voices Pittsburgh and the West End Power community group. It has also worked with Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala’s office and Pittsburgh police to help families of gun violence victims better navigate the legal system and better understand the investigative process. She also said the organization now has a “millennial chair,” Ebony Giles.

And though measuring the success of such a campaign is difficult, at best, Powell is undeterred. “Even if we are just quelling a family’s grief by getting answers, that’s a success,” she said. Ultimately, changing cultural norms is a slow process. But we are committed to making people more aware, better at handling conflict and re-doing the norms around guns, violence, and making people feel safer.”

This year’s scheduled events are:

• **Oct. 14**—Moms Demand Action–Gun Violence Workshop, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 1965 Ferguson Rd., Allison Park, 1-4 p.m.

• **Oct. 15**—New Voices Pittsburgh, 5987 Broad St., 5-7 p.m.

• **Oct 16**—Interfaith Service Calling, St. James AME Church, 444 Lincoln Ave. at 6pm, in partnership with Black Political Empowerment Project

• **Oct. 19**—Roundtable Discussion with clergy and community leaders with Homewood Ministries, hosted at Bethany Baptist Church, 7745 Tioga St.

• **Oct. 20**—Community Workshop on non-violence with Intercommunity Violence Partners, St. James Church, 11524 Frankstown Rd., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*(For more information email Diane Powell at pittbw4pc@gmail.com.)*

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2018 Week of Non Violence Events in Pittsburgh

Implicit Bias Workshop in McKeesport drew over 100 attendees in a snow storm.
Pittsburgh City Hall Proclamation

Pittsburgh 2018 Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence and Opportunities received Proclamation from City of Pittsburgh. Received by Rob Conroy, Cease Fire, Diane Powell, Chair, Pittsburgh BW4PC, Ast Police Chief Lonnie Bickerstaff, and Jenny Ruth, Moms Demand Action.

Event organized by New Voices Pittsburgh, focused on ‘Ending Violence Against Women.’ Event attended by Ebony Giles, Pittsburgh Millennial Co-Chair
Woodland Hills Student Coalition Against Violence Group

Pittsburgh, PA

Principal Woods
Wednesday at 3:06 PM

Week of Non Violence.
Pledge of Non-Violence
It’s not to late to sign up.
#bethechange_WH

Students signed the Peace Pledge and Discussed Non-Violence with Their Peers.
Pittsburgh Penn Hills Schools Showed the film “On 2\textsuperscript{nd} Thought”

Penn Hills School District showed “On 2\textsuperscript{nd} Thought,” a film produced by BW4PC that tells a true story about domestic violence that demonstrates the importance of thinking twice about important decisions.
SOUTH CAROLINA
Black Women for Positive Change Announces 2018 Week of Non-Violence

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Black Women for Positive Change, (BW4PC) in affiliation with the Positive Change Foundation, announces the Sixth Annual 2018 Week of Non-Violence, Justice and Opportunities, October 13-21, 2018. In a joint statement, Daun S. Hester and Dr. Stephanie E. Myers, National Co-Chairs of Black Women for Positive Change said, “We are reaching out to leaders around the United States and the World, to join us in the sixth annual Week of Non-Violence, Justice and Opportunities. We are honored that an outstanding group of leaders are joining this effort to promote the concepts of violence prevention, anger management, and de-escalation of violence.

“This year the theme is ‘Opportunities As Alternatives to Violence’. The goal is to inspire communities and families, to actively change the culture of violence by helping youth to pursue opportunities as alternatives to violence.”

In 2017, forty cities participated in the United States, United Kingdom, South Africa and Republic of Congo.

The 2018 National Honorary Co-Chairs for the Week of Non-Violence, Justice and Opportunities are: Congresswoman Gwen Moore, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Dr. Charles Steele, President and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Michelle Bernard, Esq., MSNBC News Anchor and President/CEO, the Bernard Center for Women; Antonio Knox, Immediate Past Grand Basileus, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Tamika Mallory, National Co-Chair, The Women's March; and Kemba Smith, Social Justice Advocate. An Honorary Co-Chair of Baltimore, Maryland, is John Olszewski, Jr.

In accepting the role of National Honorary Co-Chair Congresswoman Gwen Moore stated, “As a Black woman, it’s easy to get discouraged about the state of America. Day in and day out, we find ourselves at the intersection of oppression and injustice. I am proud to join Black Women for Positive Change in declaring that we shall overcome these times. Progress is on the horizon. In our hearts and in our Congress, hatred will not win.”

Partners for the Week of Non-Violence include National Black Nurses Association, Moms Demand Action, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Next Generation Action Network, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, North Carolina Central Law School, Saints and Streetfighters Foundation, and Wednesday Clergy Fellowship. To find out more information or sign up for the 2018 Week of Non-Violence, Justice and Opportunities, go to www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org.

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SPARTENBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

October 20, 2018 @ 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
CC Woodson Recreational Center
210 Bomar Avenue Spartanburg SC 29306

Dr. Chrissie Middleton, Coordinator reported the event included 30 community members and the Spartanburg City Police who spoke on gang, gun and domestic violence. The Safe Homes Rape Crisis Coalition spoke on boundaries and consent, and the Spartanburg Mental Health group presented on violence and mental illness. Pamila Ndanyi, of the Spartanburg Black Nurses read a poem from her newly published book on violence.
Put Down the Guns

By

Pamila M. Ndanyi, Member, Spartenburg Black Nurses

Young men! young men! put down the guns.
You choose a weapon that is all wrong.

Again, and again we are putting you in the ground.
Or sending you on a bus ride to prisons out of town.

Many of you leave behind children that suffer.
Or you leave behind a mourning mother.

Put down the guns and pick up a weapon.
The only weapon that promotes intelligence.

Pick up a book and improve your life.
A gun only creates heartache and strife.

Don’t give the man a chance to cut short your life.
Erase your number from the prison cell life.

Remove the headstone from a grave too soon.
It’s never too late to choose the right thing to do.

Put down the guns and make your life last.
Live to be an old man with a history, not a young man with a prison past.

Live to tell your children about yester year.
Not visiting the graveside of a parent that’s not here.

Put down the guns and tell the story, of young men who made it not for fame or glory.

But, for men who lived to tell their story.  

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VIRGINIA
Chesapeake, Virginia, Safety Workshop and Town Hall Meeting

Senator Lionell Spruill & Delegate Cliff Hayes invite you to join the conversation!
Share your ideas for reducing violence and securing the safety of Virginians.

Norfolk Treasurer Daun S. Hester, National Co-Chair, Black Women for Positive Change participated in this Safety workshop with Senator Lionell Spruill and Delegate Cliff Hayes.
Alexandria, Virginia Event Hosted by
Mayor’s Campaign Against Bullying

The Mayor’s Campaign to End Bullying Committee presents:

“Together...We Build Relationships”
A community conversation in honor of National Bullying Prevention Month to raise awareness about the impacts of bullying.

Thursday, October 18, 2018
6:30 - 8 p.m.
T.C. Williams High School Auditorium - 3330 King St.

Special Guests include:
- Scott MacFarlane, Investigative Reporter, NBC News Channel 4
- DJ Super Ken, Radio Host, Magic 102.3 and 107 FM

City, public safety, and school officials will be in attendance to answer questions.

For more information on the Mayor’s Campaign to End Bullying, contact Emma Beall at emma.beall@alexandriava.gov.

For more information, call 703.746.5400 or text SAFE and your location to 69866 alexandriava.gov/EndBullying acps.k12.va.us/student-services/bullying

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Alexandria, Virginia Mayors Committee to End Bullying. Participants include Mac Slover and Fannie Allen.

Mayor Alison Silberberg and Dr. Stephanie Myers, joined Mayors Committee to Stop Bullying in Alexandria, Virginia, during 2018 Week of Positive Change, Non-Violence and Opportunities.
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