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Media Advisory

Mothers for Justice and Equality's 10th Annual Mothers Against Violence National Conference

What/Why: Mothers for Justice and Equality (MJE) will host their 10th Annual Mothers Against Violence National Conference. As a community, we experience the dire effects of gun violence locally and nationally, with far too many victims being children. Our conference, celebrating our 10th year, honors and supports mothers and families from across the country who have suffered the loss of a family member to gun violence. Most of the estimated 150 attendees have lost children to gun violence, many of whom started their own non-profits to combat it. The conference allows the attendees to heal together and offers panel discussions and workshops to help manage their pain, learn how to effectively spread awareness, and move toward ending gun violence. To support them in their recovery, we will recognize several parents with MJE Courage and Conviction Awards during the event. These awards are given to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in advocating for the safety and well-being of children and at-risk populations falling victim to gun violence. As our Boston Mayor, Michelle Wu says, "Our administration is driven by one goal: To make Boston a home to everyone."

When/Where: Boston University - 43 Hawes Street Brookline, MA 02446
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 - 5pm-7pm, Dinner for our national attendees
Thursday, October 17, 2024 - 8:30am-4:30pm, Day One of Conference, open to public
Friday, October 18, 2024 - 8:30am-2pm, Day Two of Conference, open to public

Workshops:

Healing Begins with Me: Empowering Personal and Community Resilience, Marketing, Communication, and Event Planning for Non-Profits, Youth, Health & Wellness, Community Engagement, Bereavement Blocks, How to Employ AI-ChatGPT Resources for Writing and Publishing, Grant Writing & Management 101 – The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly, Mental Health and Multicultural Understanding

Who: The mission of Mothers for Justice and Equality is to end neighborhood violence by empowering mothers and youth to challenge the normalization of violence and become effective catalysts for change in their homes, schools, and communities. We engage mothers, youth, & families by providing targeted support, educational opportunities, and the opportunity to advocate for peace as a community.

Special Guests:

- Boston Mayor Michelle Wu - Boston, MA
- Ruthzee Louijeune - City Councilor At-Large Boston City Council President, Boston, MA
- Kevin Hayden - Suffolk County District Attorney, Boston, MA
- Dr. Melissa L. Gilliam - President of Boston University, Boston, MA
- National Attendees from the following states: Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, New York, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia
- Zeneta B. Everhart - Council Woman, City of Buffalo Common Council, Masten District, Buffalo, NY
- Rev. Dr. Janie Dowdy-Dandridge, D Min., Tennessee Gamechangers, United for Justice and Equality, Paris, TN; Pastor of Brown Chapel AME Church in Union City, TN
- The Reverend John Dandridge - Tennessee Gamechangers United for Justice & Equality NFP Paris, TN; Ordained Elder in the AME Church