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>> BEFORE, I WANTED TO SAY HI TO SOME OF OUR FRIENDS. I SEE THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE CALLING FROM OR JOINING FROM OF COURSE HARRISBURG.

WE HAVE PEOPLE JOINING US FROM, OH, SELENA CAMPBELL.

HI, SELENA.

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JANET, THANKS FOR JOINING US TODAY.

WE HAVE LUKA, LOVE THAT NAME.

WE HAVE SOME OF OUR NRCDV FAMILY.

WE HAVE OUR SPEAKERS ARE ALSO INTRODUCING.

NEW ORLEANS.

LUCIANNA.

HI, HOW ARE YOU?

WE HAVE HOLI AND CHLOE.

THIS IS A GREAT TIME.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED AND I WANT TO WELCOME TO OUR
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS PROJECT CALL FOR UNITY
2020.

TODAY'S HOST IS GOING TO BE OUR VERY OWN ARLENE
VASSELL.

AND ARLENE SERVES AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS
PREVENTION FOR THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE.

SHE HAS OVER 20 YEARS OF MULTIFACETED EXPERIENCE
LEADING THE MOVEMENT TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER
FORMS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE.

ARLENE HELPS, HELP US KICK OFF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

AWARENESS MONTH 2020.

THERE SHE IS.

HI!

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, IVONNE.

HI!

THANK YOU.

WELCOME, EVERYBODY.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR MAKING TIME TO JOIN US TODAY.

WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT THIS EVENT THAT WE TYPICALLY

HOST THE KICKOFF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

SO AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AS WE COME TOGETHER

FOR DVAM2020 OR SHOULD I SAY #DVAM2020, -- THE MOURNED

LIVES LOST DUE TO SENSELESS ACTS OF VIOLENCE, A TIME TO

CELEBRATE THE RESILIENCE AND STRENGTH OF SURVIVORS AND

ADVOCATES.

A TIME TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF OUR ANCESTORS AND

INDIVIDUALS THAT PAVED THE WAY FOR US TO BE HERE TODAY

AS WE CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF OUR COLLECTIVE WORK FOR

GENERATIONS AHEAD.

IF YOU DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW, OUR THEME FOR DVAM2020 IS

NO SURVIVOR JUSTICE WITHOUT RACIAL JUSTICE.

I TIMELY REMINDER DURING THESE TIMES OF CONSTANT

CHANGE, CHAOS, AND UNCERTAINTY.

WHEN JUST MAKING IT THROUGH EACH DAY IS A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR MANY OF US.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, GENDER BASED VIOLENCE ARE ALL INEXTRICABLY LINK TODAY ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION.

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THEREFORE, OUR AWARENESS EFFORTS, CAMPAIGNS, AND MESSAGES MUST BE FOCUSED ON DISMANTLING SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES THAT PERPETUATE VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION. ESPECIALLY VIOLENCE PERPETUATED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS IN GROUPS WHO CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED, DEGRADED, THREATENED, AND MARGINALIZED BECAUSE THEY ARE WOMEN, BLACK WOMEN, NATIVE AMERICANS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, IMMIGRANTS, MUSLIMS, LGBTQ, OR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

OUR INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION EFFORTS MUST ADDRESS VARIOUS FORMS OF VIOLENCE, AND OTHER INJUSTICES SIMULTANEOUSLY.

IN ORDER TO END GENDER BASED VIOLENCE.

WE CANNOT IGNORE THE LEARNINGS OF THIS MOMENT.

THIS MOMENT THAT IS CHALLENGING ALL OF US TO PIVOT OUR WORK, TO REALLY BE SURVIVOR-CENTERED AND COMMUNITY-LED.

THIS MOMENT THAT REMINDS US THAT SURVIVORS ARE THE

EXPERTS OF THEIR LIVES.

THEY KNOW WHAT THEY NEED TO BE EMOTIONALLY AND
PHYSICALLY SAFE.

AND THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE NEED TO END GENDER BASED
VIOLENCE ARE ALREADY IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
RACIAL INJUSTICES, AND OTHER FORMS OF SYSTEMIC
OPPRESSION.

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THE CHANGE WE DESIRE WILL NOT HAPPEN BEHIND CLOSED
DOORS IN FANCY OFFICES, WE MUST CREATE WELCOMING AND
BRAVE SPACES TO ENGAGE WITH SURVIVORS IN A MEANINGFUL
WAY AND GET BACK INTO COMMUNITY WHERE OUR MOVEMENT
STARTED.

AS A RESULT OF OUR TIME TOGETHER TODAY I HOPE YOU LEAVE
ENERGIZED AND REJUVENATED TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY
TOWARDS OUR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION.

YES, THE WORK IS HARD, BUT IT'S NECESSARY.

WE WILL HEAR FROM SOME AMAZING ADVOCATES AND ACTIVISTS
AND STORYTELLERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO ENDING GENDER
BASED VIOLENCE AND DISMANTLING OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS.

MY HEART IS ALREADY FULL BECAUSE I HAVE HAD THE GREAT
PLEASURE OF WORKING ALONGSIDE EACH OF OUR SPEAKERS IN
VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

I AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT OUR PATHS HAVE CROSSED.
THEY CONTINUE TO GIVE ME HOPE AND FEED MY SOUL.
I ALSO KNOW THEIR HEARTS, AND I SEE THEIR CONSISTENT
ACTIONS.
THEIR COMMITMENT TOWARDS ENDING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
AND DISMANTLING OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS IS UNQUESTIONABLE.
SO I AM VERY GLAD THAT THEY MADE TIME TO SHARE THIS
SPACE AND POUR INTO ALL OF US AS WE KICK OFF DVAM 2020.
SO OUR VERY FIRST SPEAKER, MY DEAR FRIEND AND
COLLEAGUE, DR. JOHNNY RICE.

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DR. JOHNNY RICE STARTED AT NRC DV PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS.
DR. RICE CURRENTLY SERVES AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT COPEN STATE UNIVERSITY, A
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WITH A PROUD
TRADITION OF TEACHING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN
BALTIMORE AND BEYOND.
IN THIS ROLE HE TEACHES A RANGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES, MENTOR AND ADVISE TRADITIONALLY
AND NONTRADITIONAL -- TRADITIONAL AND NONTRADITIONAL
STUDENTS, AND SUPPORT DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY GOALS
AND OBJECTIVES.
DR. RICE.

>> GREETINGS, AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYONE.

IT'S AN HONOR TO BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION AS WE ENTER INTO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

AS THE BOARD CHAIR FOR THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, I WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NRC DV LEADERSHIP TEAM, AS WELL AS OUR DEDICATED STAFF, WE ARE ALLIES WITH YOU IN THIS MOVEMENT.

AS YOU KNOW AT NRC DV, OUR MISSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND REMAINS TO STRENGTHEN AND TRANSFORM EFFORTS TO END

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

AND AS MANY OF YOU KNOW WE HAVE A VERY STRONG TRACK RECORD IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, RESOURCES, AS WELL AS LEADING KEY PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT ADVOCATES SUCH AS YOURSELVES, KEY STAKEHOLDERS, LOCALLY, STATEWIDE, AND NATIONALLY.

IT'S BEEN A BLESSING TO BE A TRUSTED PARTNER WITH YOU ALL AS WE CONTINUE THE WORK AS MY GOOD FRIEND ARLENE SAID, TO AMPLIFY THE VOICE OF VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS. LIKE ATTENDEES ON THIS CALL, WE KNOW THAT WE ALL ENVISION A WORLD THAT IS HEALTHIER, A WORLD THAT IS

SAFER, A SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY -- AND SOCIETY AND COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SAFER.

AND I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T THANK OUR FEDERAL FUNDERS IN THE FEDERAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THEIR SUPPORT THAT HAS ALLOWED US ALL TO HAVE EFFECTIVE CONVENERS OF COMMITTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SEEK NOT ONLY TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER ABUSE, BUT TO PREVENT IT.

SO FOR A MOMENT I WANT TO TAKE A SECOND AND ASK THE QUESTION, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK BACK AT OUR MOVEMENT? SOME OF YOU MAY SEE A TIME WHEN WOMEN WERE VIEWED AS PROPERTY AND HAD LITTLE TO NO RECOURSE TO ADDRESS

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

YOU MAY SEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS A PRIVATE MATTER, ONE IN WHICH FAMILY MEMBERS AND STRANGERS ALIKE WERE RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED.

SOME OF US SEE PERSONS WHO HAVE USED VIOLENCE TO HARM CHILDREN AND PERPETUATE VIOLENCE THAT HAS SHATTERED THE FAMILY UNIT.

AND FOR SOME OF US, LOOKING BACK WE SEE VICTIMS WHO STRIVED FOR SAFETY BUT LOST THEIR LIVES AT THE HANDS OF

AN ABUSER, EVEN THOUGH THEY TRIED THEIR BEST TO EXIT A TOXIC RELATIONSHIP.

SO I ASK YOU, WHEN YOU LOOK INTO OUR SOCIETY TODAY, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

THERE ARE MANY STORIES EMERGING AND RESEARCH THAT'S BEEN IN THE NEWS THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON OUR HEALTH SYSTEMS, OUR JUSTICE SYSTEMS, OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS, AND OUR OVERALL WAY OF LIFE. MANY OF YOU WHO DO THIS WORK SEE COURT CASES DELAYED AND THUS PROTECTION ORDERS AND WARRANT ARRESTS DELAYED. SOME PEOPLE SEE VICTIMS AND ABUSERS FORCED TO LIVE TOGETHER DUE TO SOCIAL ISOLATION AND ECONOMIC REASONS. SOME OF US EVEN SEE HEIGHTENED VIOLENCE AND LIMITED ACCESS TO VICTIM SERVICES BECAUSE OF COVID, AND THE SOCIAL AND RACIAL UNREST, WHICH MAKES OUR SERVICE PROVISIONS FOR THOSE WHO DO THE WORK IN COMMUNITIES

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VERY DIFFICULT.

YET I WOULD BEG TO OFFER WHAT WE SEE FROM THE PAST AND TODAY, AND LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE, IT'S NOT DARK. THERE IS LIGHT.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU WHAT ELSE WE CAN SEE THAT CAN CARRY US FORWARD.

WE SEE CHILDREN SMILING AT THE SHELTERS BECAUSE FOR AT

LEAST ONE DAY THEY CAN RUN, LAUGH, PLAY IN PEACE
WITHOUT WITNESSING VIOLENCE IN A HOME.

WE SEE A VICTIM BECOME A SURVIVOR, REGAINING
SELF-ESTEEM AND A SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE AND PURPOSE
BASED ON THEIR PERSONAL RESILIENCE AND OUR SUPPORT.
OUR SUPPORT AS PRACTITIONERS, AS POLICYMAKERS, AS
RESEARCHERS.

ALL OF THAT DRIVEN BY THEIR VOICE.

WE HAVE SEEN THE ENACTMENT OF LAWS AND THE ADDITION OF
FINANCIAL RESOURCES THAT HAVE ALLOWED US TO PIVOT AND
MEET THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS BE IT IN RURAL
COMMUNITIES, URBAN COMMUNITIES, OR SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES
IN WAYS WE NEVER IMAGINED.

USING TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER INNOVATIVE PRACTICES.

WE SEE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERSECTIONALITY
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ITS IMPACTS ON MARGINALIZED
COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS THAT IN MANY CASES WERE OFTEN
OVERLOOKED IN THE PAST.

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WE SEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NO LONGER AS A PRIVATE MATTER,
NOR JUST A CRIME, BUT ALSO A MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC
HEALTH ISSUE THAT CAN IMPACT VICTIMS AND CHILDREN
ACROSS THE LIFESPAN AND ALL OF SOCIETY IS STARTING TO
BECOME AWARE BASED ON YOUR WORK AND YOUR EFFORTS.

WE ALSO SEE A MOVEMENT THAT HAS DEMANDED CHANGE, BUT ALSO LISTENED TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS WHO ENCOURAGE HEALING, WHO ENCOURAGE HOPE, WHO ENCOURAGE ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PERSONS WHO WERE ABUSIVE BUT WERE WILLING TO CHANGE.

CHANGES THAT I WITNESSED FROM MY OWN DAD WHO TRANSITIONED FROM A VIOLENT MAN TO A NONVIOLENT MAN BEFORE HE LEFT THIS EARTH.

SO I WOULD SAY TO MY GOOD FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES TODAY, THE DAUNTING CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE MAKE IT EASIER TO LEAN AWAY FROM THIS WORK, FROM THIS MISSION, IF YOU'RE A SEASONED ADVOCATE IN THE FIELD OR A BYSTANDER IN THE COMMUNITY.

YET AS ARLENE SAID, OUR ANCESTORS, THOSE GREAT ADVOCATES WHO INVESTED SWEAT EQUITY, OFTEN AT THE EXPENSE OF TIME WITH THEIR OWN FAMILIES WHO ENSURE THAT OTHER FAMILIES COULD BE SAFE.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE, AND WE MUST LEAN IN TO THE WORK FOR.

NOT LEAN AWAY BECAUSE AT THIS CRITICAL TIME IN OUR

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SOCIETY WE MUST LEAN IN AND SEE THE PROMISE THAT THOSE ADVOCATES, THOSE COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO WERE COMMITTED TO ADVANCE IN THE FIELD AND THE WORK, WE MUST HONOR

THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

SO IN CLOSING, AS A FORMER FPSA AND VOCA ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND, I UNDERSTAND THE WORK THAT YOU DO IN ALL SECTORS OF THE MOVEMENT, AND I APPLAUD YOU FOR IT.

I WILL PUSH FORWARD AND LEAN IN TO HONOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS, SURVIVORS, ADVOCATES, CHANGE AGENTS, WHO HAVE HELPED US TO GET TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY.

SO THAT FAMILIES, CHILDREN, PARENTS CAN HAVE A SENSE OF PEACE.

THEIR COMMITMENT WAS NOT IN VAIN.

SO I SAY TO YOU, STAY ENCOURAGED AND I ASK YOU THIS QUESTION AS I LEAVE.

LOOKING FORWARD, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, JOHNNY.

AND I WANT TO REPEAT THAT.

LOOKING FORWARD, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

LET'S HOLD ON TO THOSE MIGHTY AND POWERFUL WORDS TO GUIDE US AS WE MOVE FORWARD THROUGH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND BEYOND.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER, GHIA KELLY WILL, LEAD US IN A
UNIVERSAL PRAYER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

GHIA KELLY IS A FAITH LEADER, VISIONARY, AND SOCIAL
JUSTICE ADVOCATE.

SHE HAS A PASSION FOR EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS AND
HELPING THEM REACH THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL, BOTH
NATURALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

SHE IS A DEAR FRIEND AND FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE GIFT OF
TRUTH INCORPORATED, A FAITH BASED ORGANIZATION AND
MINISTRY THAT SEEKS TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND SAFE
SPACES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO LEARN, HEAL, AND GROW.

SHE ADVOCATED ON BEHALF OF SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR NEARLY A DECADE AT THE
COMMUNITY AND STATE COALITION LEVEL.

GHIA IS ALSO A CERTIFIED LIFE COACH, TRAINER AND PUBLIC
SPEAKER WITH EXPERTISE IN SEVERAL AREAS SUCH AS
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, EMOTIONAL HEALTH, RACIAL
EQUITY, AND SPIRITUAL IDENTITY AND PURPOSE.

GHIA?

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE.

AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

SO IT IS MY HONOR TO BE ABLE TO COME AND LEAD US IN A

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TIME OF PRAYER.

SO I ASK THAT WHEREVER YOU ARE, IF YOU WOULD JUST TAKE
A MOMENT TO JUST TAKE IN THIS MOMENT, YOU KNOW, JUST
TAKE IN THIS MOMENT AS WE BEGIN TO SEEK THE DIVINE
CREATOR FOR JUST GUIDANCE.

SO I'M GOING TO LEAD YOU IN THAT.

DEAR GOD, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, WE THANK YOU
FIRST AND FOREMOST, FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF
LOVED ONES DUE TO COVID-19, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND
RACIAL INJUSTICE.

AND SO WE ARE GRATEFUL, LORD, FOR THE BREATH THAT IS IN
OUR BODIES.

IN HONOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, WE ASK
THAT YOU WOULD HELP US TO UNIFY OUR EFFORTS TO END
DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS A GLOBAL ISSUE, SO WE PRAY
THAT YOU WOULD RAISE UP ADVOCATES AND RELEASE RESOURCES
TO AID SURVIVORS AROUND THE WORLD.

WE PRAY FOR INCREASED GLOBAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR
PERPETRATORS AND AN INCREASED PRIORITIZATION OF THE
SAFETY OF SURVIVORS.

HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY
IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC? SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD STRENGTHEN THOSE WHO ARE ON

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THEIR JOURNEY TO HEALING AND ASK AND GIVE THEM THE HELP
THAT THEY NEED TO TAP INTO THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL POWER
AND RESILIENCE.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE
TRAUMA OF RACISM AND MARGINALIZATION.

MAY YOUR DIVINE JUSTICE PREVAIL IN EVERY AREA WHERE
THERE IS INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION.

WE PRAY FOR AN INCREASED SENSITIVITY TO THE NEEDS OF
SURVIVORS, AND STRATEGIES THAT PROMOTE STRENGTH AND
WELL-BEING.

LORD, WE HONOR TODAY THE ADVOCATES, THE ACTIVISTS, AND
THE ALLIES WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO THIS WORK,
THIS IMPORTANT WORK, YOUR WORK, HALLELUJAH.

I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

I PRAY THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO CHOOSE COURAGE OVER
COMFORT, AND NEVER LOSE THE HOPE IN A BETTER TOMORROW.

MAY THEY KNOW THAT THEIR WORK IS NOT IN VAIN.

LASTLY, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD GRANT US PEACE AND UNITY.

MAY WE TRULY EMBARK UPON A JOURNEY OF RACIAL HEALING
AND RECONCILIATION.

MAY YOUR LOVE BE OUR CONTINUED STRENGTH AND OUR
MOTIVATION.

IT IS IN YOUR HOLY NAME THAT WE PRAY.

AMEN.

NOW LET US ALL PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR

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THE LIVES OF SURVIVORS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US.

THANK YOU.

AND SO THE LAST THING THAT I WANT TO SAY JUST AS A WORD
OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOU ALL IS I WOULD LIKE TO READ A
QUOTE BY NELSON MANDELA.

BECAUSE I BELIEVE AS A WOMAN OF FAITH, AS AN ADVOCATE,
YOU KNOW, DEEP IN MY HEART AN ADVOCATE AGAINST VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN, AGAINST ANY INJUSTICE, WHAT I FEEL THAT
IS NEEDED IN THIS NEW YEAR, IN THIS NEW YEAR OF
AWARENESS THAT WE'RE WALKING INTO IS WE NEED COURAGE.
WE NEED COURAGE.

THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE IS WHAT'S MISSING AS IT RELATES
TO THE RACIAL UNREST AND THE INJUSTICES THAT WE SEE
ACROSS NOT JUST OUR NATION, BUT OUR WORLD.

AND SO I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED COURAGE FROM THOSE THAT
WORK DIRECTLY WITH SURVIVORS, THOSE THAT ARE WORKING ON
POLICIES AND ALL OF THAT, WE ALL NEED COURAGE.

SO THOSE WHO ARE WORKING IN COMMUNITIES, WE NEED
COURAGE.

AND SO THE QUOTE BY NELSON MANDELA SAYS, I HAVE LEARNED

THAT COURAGE WAS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR, BUT THE TRIUMPH OVER FEAR.

THE BRAVE MAN IS NOT HE WHO DOES NOT FEEL AFRAID, BUT IT IS THE ONE WHO CONQUERS THAT FEAR.

AND SO I WANTED TO LEAVE YOU ALL WITH THAT BECAUSE THIS

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IS A SCARY, YOU KNOW, IT CAN GET SCARY FOR US ALL,
RIGHT?

AS WE ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE OPPRESSED, AS WE SPEAK OUT COURAGEOUSLY AND HAVE COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE INJUSTICES AGAINST PEOPLE OF COLOR, AS WE SPEAK OUT AGAINST INJUSTICES AGAINST ANYONE, WE NEED COURAGE, AND IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE WILL NOT GET AFRAID IN THE PROCESS, BUT WE HAVE TO CONQUER THE FEAR. THEY SAY THAT FEAR IS A REACTION, BUT COURAGE IS A DECISION.

AND SO I JUST WANT TO EMPLOY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU ALL TO BE COURAGEOUS.

HAVE THE CONVERSATIONS, LIFT UP THE STANDARD, RIGHT, LIFT UP AND BRING AWARENESS TO THE AREAS THAT ARE UNJUST AND JUST KNOW THAT THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING IS NOT IN VAIN, BUT IT IS THE WORK OF GOD.

BE BLESSED.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, GHIA.

AND TO EVERYONE THAT HAS JOINED US, IN THE CHAT BOX, IVONNE HAS ASKED US TO WRITE THE NAME OF A WARRIOR THAT IS NO LONGER WITH US THAT YOU WANT TO BRING INTO THIS SPACE.

SO LET'S FILL UP THE CHAT BOX WITH WARRIORS WHO WE WANT TO LIFT UP IN THIS SPACE WITH US TODAY.

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OUR NEXT SPEAKER, JASMINE URIBE FROM BREAK THE CYCLE.

JASMINE IS A LEADER IN THE DATING ABUSE PREVENTION MOVEMENT AND JOINED BREAK THE SILENCE IN 2010.

WITH NEARLY 15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH YOUTH IN COMMUNITIES, SHE NOW SERVES AS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.

IN THIS ROLE SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE STRATEGY FOR BREAK THE CYCLE'S NATIONAL SOCIAL IMPACTS AND PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS TO END RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE.

SHE IS AN ALUMNI OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES, AND HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

HER PASSION FOR EDUCATION, COMMUNITY CENTERED PROGRAMMING, AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP IS EVIDENT IN THE VARIOUS RESOURCES, CURRICULA, AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT SHE'S CREATED AND FACILITATED NATIONWIDE.

GET TO KNOW BREAK THE CYCLE.

JASMINE?

YOU'RE MUTED.

WE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

>> -- HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> YES.

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>> PERFECT.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

WELL, THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

WELCOME, AND THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US IN UNITY
TODAY.

I'M LENDING MY VOICE TO THIS IMPORTANT CONVERSATION AND
JOINING PEOPLE ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO ARE STANDING
UP AND SPEAKING OUT TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL
ASSAULT.

WE CONTINUE TO HEAR STORIES AND STATISTICS UPON STORIES
AND STATISTICS AROUND THE HARM AND TRAUMA AND FEAR THAT
PEOPLE LIVING WITH ABUSIVE PARTNERS ARE DEALING WITH.

THIS OCTOBER, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IS NO DIFFERENT, BUT THINGS ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. MANY PEOPLE EXPERIENCING ABUSE HAVE FELT ISOLATED, HOPELESS, AND ALONE.

AND IF YOU ADD IN OUR CURRENT REALITY OF THE COVID PANDEMIC, THESE FEELINGS HAVE DEFINITELY ESCALATED. HOTLINES ARE RECEIVING AN INFLUX OF CALLS, SOCIAL WORKERS, CASE MANAGERS ARE WORKING TO HELP THEIR CLIENTS THE BEST WAY THEY CAN, CHECKING IN WITH SHELTERS, HOPING THEY'RE STILL AVAILABLE AND WILLING TO RESPOND.

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AND LEGAL CLIENT ARE DEFINITELY TRYING TO NAVIGATE A DIFFERENT SYSTEM.

WE KNOW THAT THERE'S SO MUCH WORK TO DO AND THERE'S SO MUCH THAT WE NEED TO LEARN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES BUT I HAVE HOPE THAT WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THIS FIGHT ALIVE.

THESE FIRST RESPONDERS AND FRONT LINE WORKERS ARE WORKING DAY AND NIGHT, MANY OF YOU INCLUDED ON THIS CALL.

THAT COMMITMENT IS NOT UNNOTICED.

I SEE YOU, AND I JOIN YOU IN KEEPING THAT FIGHT. YOU RISK YOUR LIVES AT TIMES FOR JUSTICE.

I SEE YOU AND I THANK YOU.

IN SUPPORT OF THE ONE VOICE FOR SURVIVORS JUSTICE, I
HAVE COMMITTED MORE TO LISTENING THIS MONTH.

LISTENING TO THE REALITIES OF THOSE FROM MARGINALIZED
COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE BEEN CONSUMED BY
VIOLENCE, LACK OF RESOURCES, INJUSTICE.

I AM COMMITTED TO LISTENING SO I CAN BE A BETTER ALLY
AND SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE OFTEN UNHEARD.

AT BREAK THE CYCLE WE BELIEVE IN WORKING WITH YOUNG
PEOPLE TO END RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE.

NOT ONLY DO WE BELIEVE IN WORKING WITH THEM, WE BELIEVE
IN AMPLIFYING THEIR VOICES.

WE LISTEN AND SHARE THEIR STORIES OF VIOLENCE IN

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RELATIONSHIPS BECAUSE OFTEN PEOPLE ARE SURPRISED TO
HEAR THAT THIS TYPE OF VIOLENCE AFFECTS PEOPLE YOUNGER
THAN YOU'D THINK.

TO SHARE HOW I'M PUTTING MY ONE THING INTO ACTION, I
WANT TODAY SHARE A FEW QUICK COMMENTS FROM A YOUNG
PERSON THAT SENT ME A TEXT IN RESPONSE TO RECENT SCHOOL
CLOSURES AND STAY AT HOME ORDERS.

HE SAYS I WISH PEOPLE WOULD JUST UNDERSTAND THAT THIS
IS SERIOUS.

I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE VIRUS.

MAKING PEOPLE STAY AT HOME CAN BE DANGEROUS.
I WORRY ABOUT MY FRIEND WHO LIVES WITH AN ABUSIVE
FATHER.
MY OTHER FRIEND WHO FEELS SO ALONE AND HELPLESS.
I'M SCARED FOR WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO THEM, AND I TRY TO
MESSAGE THEM EVERY DAY.
BUT WHAT CAN I REALLY DO?
TO THAT YOUNG PERSON AND TO SO MANY OTHERS WHO FEEL
THIS SENSE OF HELPLESSNESS, PLEASE KNOW YOU ARE NOT
ALONE.
WE ARE HERE AND WE ARE READY TO HELP.
THERE ARE RESOURCES, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THERE ARE
AMAZING PEOPLE LIKE THE ONES ON TODAY'S CALL THAT ARE
WILLING TO HAVE THOSE TOUGH CONVERSATIONS AND TO AFFIRM
THAT EVERYONE DESERVES A SAFE AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP.

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EVERYONE DESERVES TO BE RESPECTED, AND YOUR HOME
ENVIRONMENT SHOULD ALSO FEEL SAFE.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE AND
ADDRESS THE NUANCES OF VIOLENCE, THE INJUSTICES, AND
PROVIDE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS IN ALL THAT WE DO.
THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN SO MUCH WAYS.
THIS YEAR, BUT OUR COMMITMENT TO COLLABORATE AND
SUPPORT SURVIVORS I FEEL HAS DEFINITELY GROWN STRONGER,

AND I'M SO PROUD OF THAT MOVEMENT.

WE ARE A UNIFYING VOICE.

A SPIRIT TO UPLIFT US IN THOSE DARK TIMES, AND A
RESOURCE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSE.

I KNOW THIS BECAUSE I'VE SEEN IT.

I KNOW THAT THERE ARE GREAT PEOPLE BEHIND THE WORK AND
ON THE FRONT LINES.

I'VE SEEN IT, I'VE EXPERIENCED IT, AND I KNOW THAT WE
WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO KEEP THIS WORK
MOVING FORWARD.

IN HONOR OF THE LIVES OF THOSE WE'VE LOST TO ALL FORMS
OF VIOLENCE, I WILL CONTINUE TO LISTEN AND BUILD
PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE CENTERED IN REALITY
AND THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

AS A SURVIVOR AND ADVOCATE, A FRIEND, MOTHER, ALLY, I
WILL STAND WITH YOU AND WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT AND
LISTEN.

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WE'VE GOT SOME WORK TO DO, BUT WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER.

>> AWESOME.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, JASMINE.

AND LIKE YOU SAID, YOU'RE COMMITTED TO LISTENING,
LISTENING TO MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, IN YOUR

COMMITMENT, YOU'LL STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL OF US
AS WE CONTINUE THIS WORK.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PAULA GOMEZ FROM THE NATIONAL
LATINO NETWORK.

LET'S WELCOME PAULA GOMEZ, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL
TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

FOR THE PAST 24 YEARS PAULA, MY FRIEND, HAS WORKED WITH
SURVIVORS OF ABUSE WITHIN VARIOUS SETTINGS, INCLUDING
COURTS, HOSPITALS, COMMUNITY, AND SHELTER.

HER ADVOCACY HAS LED TO INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE TO
INCREASE INCLUSION AND SAFETY OF SURVIVORS.

HER AREAS OF EXPERTISE INCLUDE PROGRAMS STARTUP AND
DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT,
STRATEGIC PLANNING, FUND-RAISING, PUBLIC SPEAKING, AND
TRAINING.

PAULA.

>> THANK YOU, ARLENE.

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THANK YOU, ARLENE, AND THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

IT IS AN HONOR, A PRIVILEGE TO BE AMONGST THE PANELISTS
AND EVERYONE THAT'S ON OUR CALL AND DOING THE WORK THAT
THEY DO EVERY SINGLE DAY.

I WAS REALLY MOVED BY THE PRAYER THAT GHIA DID, AND
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR STATING THAT.
THE WORK THAT ADVOCATES DO IS SACRED, AND THAT'S
EXACTLY HOW I SEE IT.
IT IS SACRED, AND WHAT ADVOCATES DO EVERY SINGLE DAY.
BEFORE I GO FURTHER I JUST WANTED TO LET EVERYONE KNOW
OF A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY THAT WE AT CASA DE
ESPERANZA, THE NATIONAL LATINO NETWORK FOR HEALTHY
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ARE HAVING RIGHT NOW AND
THAT'S CALLED ADELANTE, WHICH MEANS "GOING FORWARD" IN
SPANISH.
IT'S CELEBRATING LATINO-LED ADVOCACY.
AND THAT IS A VIRTUAL SUMMIT, IF YOU GO TO
ADELANTENLN.ORG.
AND I WILL PUT THAT ON THE CHAT.
WE HAVE JASMINE AS ONE OF OUR VIDEOS, SHE'S UP NOW ON
SOCIAL MEDIA SO PLEASE CHECK HER OUT.
AND WE ALSO HAVE THE FIRST TWO LATINA WOMEN ELECTED
INTO CONGRESS, AND SENATOR KATHERINE, MAZO, WE HAVE
JOURNALIST MARIA AND ACTIVISTS IVETTE, ALSO LATINAS
MAKING THE WAY FOR OTHERS IN COMMUNITY.

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SO WITH THAT I WANT TO TAKE THIS SPACE TO HONOR THE
WORK THAT ADVOCATES DO EVERY SINGLE DAY.

AND COUNSELORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT THAT THEY DO EVERY SINGLE DAY IN LISTENING TO THE UNSPEAKABLE EXPERIENCES FACED BY SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT.

WHEN WE PROVIDE A SPACE OF LISTENING WITHOUT JUDGMENT AND WITH VALIDATION WE ARE CREATING SPACE THAT IS SACRED AND THAT IS HONORABLE.

AND WHEN WE LISTEN WITH A COMPASSIONATE HEART AND WE STAND NEXT TO SURVIVORS, SIT ACROSS FROM SURVIVORS AND ARE FEELING THE SURVIVOR EXPERIENCED THAT WE MAY HAVE HAD AS SURVIVOR ADVOCATES, THAT IS AN OPPORTUNITY OF WITNESSING AND HEARING EXPERIENCES OF FEAR AND CONFUSION AS WELL AS EXPERIENCES OF STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE.

AND SO WHAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT IS TO UNDERSTAND AND TO BE AWARE THAT DOING THIS WORK, THE IMPACT OF DOING THIS WORK IS BOTH, IT COULD BE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, AND IT'S INEVITABLE.

AND IN THE NEGATIVE IS THE IMPACT THAT WE AS COMPASSIONATE INDIVIDUALS LISTENING TO SURVIVORS ARE IMPACTED BY THAT VIOLENCE, THAT SENSELESS VIOLENCE.

SO I WANT TO READ YOU A QUOTE FROM RACHEL NAOMI THAT STATES THE EXPECTATION THAT WE CAN BE IMMERSSED IN

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SUFFERING AND LOSS DAILY AND NOT BE TOUCHED BY IT IS AS
UNREALISTIC AS EXPECTING TO BE ABLE TO WALK THROUGH
WATER WITHOUT GETTING WET.

AND SO WE AS ADVOCATES, AS ACTIVISTS, AS COUNSELORS, WE
ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED BY THE WORK AND TO BE ABLE TO
KNOW THAT AND DISCUSS THAT AND NAME IT IS IMPORTANT.

AND SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN WHEN WE'RE ONBOARDING NEW
ADVOCATES TO SPEAK ABOUT THE IMPACT OF DOING THIS WORK?
AND NEGATIVELY BUT ALSO POSITIVELY.

AND SO HAVING PLANS ON WELL BEING AND INCREASING
RESILIENCE, AND TO HAVE STRATEGIES THAT ARE INDIVIDUAL,
THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT, AND ALSO INSTITUTIONAL.

AND SO THE TRAINING THAT WE HAVE IS IMPORTANT SO WE CAN
VERBALIZE, WE CAN HAVE THE LANGUAGE TO UNDERSTAND IF
WE'RE HAVING SYMPTOMS, HOW WE'RE FEELING, HOW WE'RE
DOING.

IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO LEAVE ROOM AND SUPERVISION, AS
SUPERVISORS WHEN WE ASK HOW ARE YOU DOING, TO LEAVE A
LITTLE BIT OF ROOM IF THE ANSWER'S NOT GOOD.

SOMETIMES WE MAY HEAR "GOOD" BUT SOMETIMES IF WE'RE
ASKING AND LISTENING AS ADVOCATES LISTEN TO SURVIVORS,
WE AS SUPERVISORS AS WE LISTEN TO HOW YOU ARE DOING, TO
LEAVE ROOM FOR ADVOCATES TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS WHAT
THEY BEAR WITNESS NOT ONLY TO THE VIOLENCE, BUT ALSO
THE MICROAGGRESSIONS AND OPPRESSION THAT MAY BE

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EXPERIENCED BY ADVOCATES BY DOING THEIR ADVOCACY IN
SUPPORT OF SURVIVORS.

AND TO LEAVE THAT SPACE OPEN AND TO BE ABLE TO BE SEEN
AND HEARD.

TO BE ABLE TO HAVE PEER SUPPORT.

DOING THIS WORK AT TIMES IS ISOLATING.

TO HAVE PEER SUPPORT WITHIN AN ORGANIZATION AND OUTSIDE
OF AN ORGANIZATION IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

AND TO BE ABLE TO USE OUR VOICE AS WE HAVE USED OUR
VOICE FOR DECADES AS WE COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND WE
CREATE ROOM FOR LIBERATION AND RESPECT.

AND SO WHAT I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT I HAVE HOPE.

I HAVE HOPE.

I'VE DONE THIS WORK FOR ABOUT OVER 25 YEARS, AND THE
VIOLENCE HASN'T CHANGED, THE VIOLENCE HASN'T ENDED, BUT
THE CONVERSATIONS AND THE CULTURAL SHIFT HAVE.

AND I HAVE HOPE WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT OUTSIDE OF OUR
FIELD OR MOVEMENT ARE TAKING ACTION, ARE SPEAKING ABOUT
VIOLENCE AND ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPECT AND THE
IMPORTANCE OF LIBERATION.

I HAVE HOPE WHEN I SEE THAT THERE ARE MORE INDIVIDUALS
AT THE TABLE AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS, ALL THOSE
INDIVIDUALS LOOK DIFFERENT AND HAVE DIFFERENT

EXPERIENCES AND THAT THOSE EXPERIENCES ARE AT THE
TABLE.

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SO I AM THANKFUL, I AM HOPEFUL.

I THANK MY ANCESTORS, MY PREDECESSORS, AND THANK THE
GENERATION THAT IS COMING AND THAT IS GOING TO CONTINUE
THIS WORK, AND I AM THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, PAULA, FOR SHARING THOSE WORDS OF HOPE
WITH ALL OF US.

YOUR HOPE HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONTAGIOUS, SO I'M HOPING
THAT EVERYONE FROM YOUR WORDS WILL ALSO BE HOPEFUL.
OUR FINAL SPEAKER, LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST, A
COLLABORATOR OF NRC DV, OUR, HER NAME IS JACQUELINE
MILLER, THE FOUNDER OF HEALTHY ACTIONS INTERVENING
RESPONSIBLY.

HAIR.

WITH OVER 20 YEARS IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FIELD,
JACQUELINE SHARES HER KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE ON THE
IMPACT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH,
UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA, INCLUDING ACES, AND THE IMPACT
ADULTIFICATION HAS ON CHILDREN'S LIVES AND WELL-BEING.
JACQUELINE?

>> THANK YOU, ARLENE.

>> I CAN'T SEE YOU.

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YOU'RE WELCOME.

WILL YOU BE USING YOUR WEB CAM?

NO.

>> I DON'T SEE THE OPTION TO TURN IT ON NOW.
I DID EARLIER, BUT IT ISN'T THERE NOW.

>> OKAY.

THAT'S FINE.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

>> OKAY.

I SEE THAT IT'S POPPED UP.

SO, GREAT.

GOOD AFTERNOON.

HELLO TO EVERYONE.

SO PART OF A UNIVERSAL PRAYER THAT I WAS RECENTLY
TAKING A LOOK AT, IT TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THESE WORDS
I'M GOING TO MENTION THIS MOMENT.

SO WHEN EXHAUSTION SEEPS INTO OUR SPIRIT, HELP US TO FIND RESPITE AND IN LAUGHTER, TEARS, COMMUNITY AND REFLECTION.

HEALTHY ACTIONS INTERVENING RESPONSIBLY ALIGNS WITH THE ASPECT OF THE PRAYER.

WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ASPECTS OF

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THE PRAYER.

WE ARE THE ANSWER TO THIS PRAYER.

THERE ARE FOUR ASPECTS THAT WE ASK FOR HELP IN, AND WE WILL FIND RESPITE IN.

SO NUMBER ONE, FINDING RESPITE IN LAUGHTER.

LAUGHTER IS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH CHILDREN, PLAY, WITHIN THE CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY -- CHILDHOOD HUMANITY, PARDON ME.

BLACK GIRLS IN PARTICULAR DENIED ACCESS TO CHILDHOOD HUMANITY, THEY ARE PERCEIVED AS LESS WORTHY TO PLAY TIME AND OFTEN SEEN AS TROUBLE MAKERS AND THE RING LEADERS WHEN THERE'S TROUBLE AND CONFLICT IN THE CLASSROOM.

AND WITH ANY FORM OF LAUGHTER, THEY'RE OFTEN LABELED AS NOT TAKING THINGS SERIOUSLY.

SECOND, I FIND DEEP RESPITE IN REFLECTING ON A TIME THAT I WORKED WITH A GROUP OF FOURTH GRADERS.

AND THIS IS ABOUT LIKE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.
DURING A CLASS ACTIVITY, EACH OF THEM AGREED THAT
EVERYONE SHOULD BE PROVIDED WHAT THEY NEED IN ORDER TO
BE SUCCESSFUL.

THIS REMINDS ME THAT INJUSTICES ARE STRUCTURED,
DESIGNED, BASED ON IMPLICIT AND EXPLICIT BIASES, POWER,
PRIVILEGE, CLASS, RACISM, AND OPPRESSION.

NO ONE IS BORN THIS WAY, JUST AS WE KNOW AS WITH

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ABUSERS.

THIRD, WE ASK FOR HELP IN DEEP OF TEARS.

I BELIEVE WE ARE THE ANSWER TO THIS PORTION OF THE
PRAYER.

WE CAN AGREE TO AVOID MAKING EMPATHY BLOCKING
STATEMENTS SUCH AS, NOW, YOU KNOW HOW IT FELT WHEN IT
HAPPENED TO ME.

OR, LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A
REASON.

AND IT HAPPENS FOR A GOOD REASON AT THAT.

THOSE ARE WHAT ARE CONSIDERED EMPATHY BLOCKERS.

FOURTH, WE ASK FOR HELP IN DEEP RESPITE IN COMMUNITY.

TO DATE, HEALTHY ACTIONS HAVE HELPED APPROXIMATELY
6,000 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH TRAINING, WEBINARS, AND
CONFERENCES THAT WE CONDUCTED ON ADDRESSING

ADULTIFICATION AND THE INTERSECTIONS WITH BIASES AND SURVIVING TRAUMA AND VIOLENCE.

WE ARE IN POSITION AS PART OF THE ANSWER TO THIS PRAYER, AND WE FIND DEEP RESPITE IN COMMUNITY AND REFLECTION ON CHILDREN BEING ABLE TO THRIVE WHEN THERE IS -- WHICH MEANS PIECE PEACE IN THE HOME.

WE WANT CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE PEACE -- FREEDOM IN THEIR HOME.

ON OCTOBER 16TH, HEALTHY ACTIONS WILL LAUNCH A COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN CALLED -- PLAY UNINTERRUPTEDLY.

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WE ARE NOT -- THEIR HEALING AND RECOVERY, INTERRUPTED.

THEIR CREATIVITY, INTERRUPTED.

AND GOD KNOWS WAY TOO MANY -- IS INTERRUPTED.

ALL OF THESE INTERRUPTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

I HAVE HEARD SEVERAL MEN SAY THAT DURING CHILDHOOD THEY FREELY PLAYED OUTSIDE WITH TOY GUNS AND THEY WERE NEVER IN DANGER, NEVER IN DANGER OF BEING STOPPED BY THE POLICE.

AND I THINK OF TAMIR RICE IN A MOMENT LIKE THIS, HAD HE BEEN GRANTED ACCESS TO CHILDHOOD HUMANITY, PERHAPS HE WOULD BE WITH US TODAY.

BUT INSTEAD HIS PLAY TIME WAS INTERRUPTED.

IT WAS UNDER SURVEILLANCE AS HE WAS PERCEIVED AS A

THREAT.

WE ARE THE ACTION PART OF PRAYER.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE CAN RELIEVE OUR BLACK GIRLS FROM THE EXHAUSTION OF CARRYING THE BURDENS OF HISTORICAL TRAUMA ASSOCIATED WITH ENSLAVEMENT AND DEHUMANIZATION.

I ASK THAT YOU JOIN HEALTHY ACTIONS IN MAKING SPACE FOR BLACK GIRLS' PLAY AND BECOME CHAMPIONS OF REPLACING IMAGES OF BLACK CHILDREN AS NON-HUMANS, CRIMINALS, STEREOTYPES, HYPERSEXUALIZED, VIOLENT, LESS NEEDING OF PROTECTION, LESS NEEDING OF NURTURING, AND NON-CHILDLIKE, REPLACING THOSE WITH TRUTHS THAT BLACK

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CHILDREN ARE HUMAN, ARE ACCEPTED, ARE EMBRACED, VALUED, RESPECTED, DESERVING, AND WORTHY.

SHARE WITH US THE SPACE THAT YOU WILL MAKE ON OCTOBER 16TH FOR BLACK GIRLS TO PLAY UNINTERRUPTEDLY. AND ALSO SHARE WITH US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WHERE YOU AGREE TO MAKE SPACE FOR LIBERATING PLAY, AND THE PLAY, THE GAMES THAT YOU DID AND YOU ENJOYED WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD.

HOW ABOUT SHARING THOSE WITH US.

BLACK GIRLS DESERVE LIBERATED PLAY AND NURTURING BEHAVIORS.

OCTOBER 16TH.

OUR ONE THING IS HUMANIZING BLACKNESS, WHICH EQUALS
SURVIVOR JUSTICE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, JACQUELINE.

BLACK GIRLS DESERVE LIBERATED PLAY.

MY GOODNESS, MY GOODNESS, MY GOODNESS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU, JACQUELINE, FOR THAT REMINDER FOR US AND
EVERYBODY ELSE ON THIS CALL.

AND IN YOUR COMMUNITIES, I WOULD ASK YOU TO SHARE THAT
MESSAGE AS WELL.

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LIBERATED PLAY.

OKAY.

MY VIDEO IS BACK ON.

ALL RIGHT.

SO AS WE'RE COMING TO A CLOSE, OUR TIME TOGETHER IS
ALMOST ENDING.

OH, MY GOODNESS.

I WANT TO SHARE A REMINDER THAT WAS SHARED IN A RECENT
GATHERING, AS WE THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE

HEARD TODAY, WE'VE HEARD PEACE, WE'VE HEARD UNITY,
WE'VE HEARD BE COURAGEOUS, WE'VE HEARD WHAT DO YOU SEE
BEHIND, WHAT DO YOU SEE TODAY WHAT, DO YOU SEE IN THE
FUTURE, WE HEARD BE TRIUMPHANT, TRIUMPH OVER FEAR.
WE HEARD COMMITMENT TO LISTENING, LISTENING TO
MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, WE HEARD THAT THIS WORK IS
SACRED WORK.

WE HEARD WE NEED HOPE, WE HEARD HEALING IS IMPORTANT.
JACQUELINE REMINDED US ABOUT HUMOR, THE IMPORTANCE OF
HUMOR AND LASTLY, BLACK GIRLS DESERVING RESPECT AND
LIBERATED PLAY.

SO WITH THAT LET ME REMIND YOU OF WHAT I WAS REMINDED
OF IN A RECENT GATHERING.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR.

AS A BLACK IMMIGRANT CISGENDER WOMAN, I ASK YOU TO
BOLDLY AND COURAGEOUSLY CONTINUE TO SHOW UP FOR

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SURVIVORS.

SHOW UP FOR SURVIVORS IN TRADITIONALLY MARGINALIZED
COMMUNITIES.

AS I PLEDGE MY COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING TO SHOW UP FOR
YOU BECAUSE I KNOW AS A BLACK WOMAN, MY LIBERATION IS
CONNECTED TO YOUR LIBERATION.

YOUR LIBERATION IS CONNECTED TO MY LIBERATION.

NONE OF US WILL BE FREE UNTIL ALL OF US ARE FREE.
WE ARE WHO WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR IN ORDER TO BE
FREE.
SO, YEAH, NO SURVIVOR JUSTICE WITHOUT RACIAL JUSTICE.
AND IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.
AND AGAIN, IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH OUR DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEBSITE, BRECKAN WILL DROP THAT
INFORMATION IN THE CHAT BOX.
FEEL FREE, I INVITE YOU TO CHECK OUT THAT SITE.
WE HAVE TONS OF TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO INFORM YOUR
AWARENESS ACTIVITIES DURING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH AND BEYOND.
THERE'S AN AMAZING GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS, A MULTI
DISCIPLINARY, MULTICULTURAL GROUP THAT LEADS ALL OF OUR
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH EFFORTS.
AND I WANT TO SAY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THAT GROUP.
THAT IS OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS PROJECT
ADVISORY GROUP.

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AND ALSO TO THE AMAZING STAFF AT NRCDV THAT PULLED THIS
OFF.
THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.
THIS IS SO IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US DOING THIS WORK AND
FOR ALL OF US AT NRCDV.

SO AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR SPENDING THIS SACRED TIME WITH US AS WE KICK OFF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, AND I THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO EVERY DAY TOWARDS OUR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION.

SO ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER AND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS GROUP, MUCH LOVE AND GRATITUDE.

BE WELL, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

AS WE CONTINUE THIS JOURNEY, REMEMBER, SELF-CARE IS NOT A LUXURY.

IT IS NOT OPTIONAL.

IT IS NECESSARY FOR OUR SURVIVAL.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR ALL THAT YOU DO EVERY DAY.

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