

2nd Annual Fundraiser

MEN CREATING PEACE

NOVEMBER 8, 2014

6:30-10PM

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About Men Creating Peace

Men Creating Peace (MCP) is a non-profit men's program committed to helping men age 16 and older restore connections to themselves, their intimate partners, their families and their communities. MCP provides a safe environment for men to communicate with other men. Through accountability and advocacy, men gain new coping strategies to successfully develop healthy relationships and create more peace in their lives. Participants learn communication and active listening skills designed to create deeper intimacy in their relationships.

Men Creating Peace believes that violence is a learned, maladaptive coping strategy to get needs met. Men learn new and healthy techniques of communicating and negotiating for what they need, from a place of equality.

Our classes are ongoing and open-ended, with each client having their own start date. Each client's first class is free of charge and we welcome new men to check us out. Every man is required to participate in a class exercise to graduate from one stage to another, with final completion after three stages.

STAFF

Devon Gaster—Executive Director, Founder, Facilitator

Frances Luster—Facilitator

Kevin Penn—Facilitator

Scott Schell—Facilitator

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Dear Friends,

Good evening and welcome to the second annual fundraising event for Men Creating Peace. On behalf of our Board of Directors, administrative and direct service staff, the clients we serve and our generous sponsors and donors, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for your presence and participation. Our theme for this evening is "Diversity is the force that unites the community."

Men Creating Peace is in the eighth year of extending education and prevention services to men who have committed intimate partner violence and who struggle with anger issues. We continue to work closely with the Alameda County Courts, Probation, Parole, and Social Services in a collaborative effort to help hold men accountable for their violent behavior and assist them in their process of change. Men Creating Peace has also continued to work with various community-based organizations this year to provide trainings on violence prevention and intervention strategies to reduce family violence.

We have expanded to a second site this year, offering Saturday morning classes at Options Recovery Services in Berkeley. For the past year we have offered classes in Conflict Resolution and Anger Management in the San Francisco County Jail's Re-entry Pod. In March of this year we began to provide Violence Prevention classes in San Quentin State Prison through the Insight Prison Project.

Because of your generosity and support, Men Creating Peace has enjoyed our most successful year since our humble beginning in 2007. Your contributions have enabled us to continue to help men find effective ways to create and sustain healthy, non-violent relationships. We are making a profound difference in the lives of these men and their families and communities. We are able to begin the process of forgiveness and healing that is so needed.

We are proud to have guests from various professions, cultures, religions, and ethnic backgrounds that make up our community. Tonight we celebrate that diversity and bring awareness that the issue of interpersonal violence impacts all groups in our community. It will take a collaborative effort of our entire community to end the violence. Together we are cultivating a societal transformation from a culture of dominance and violence to one of collaboration and equality.

Thank you again for coming together to create peaceful change.

Sincerely,



M. Mick Gardner
Board Chair



Devon Gaster
Executive Director

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Agenda

- 6:30PM** **WONWAY**
DJ MUSIC
- 6:45PM** **MARK QUONTAMETTO**
& DEVON GASTER
WELCOME GUESTS
- 7:00PM** **BATALÁ SAN FRANCISCO**
PERFORMANCE
- 7:25PM** **DINNER & DJ MUSIC**
1st Raffle
- 7:45PM** **MICK GARDNER**
OPENING & INTRODUCTIONS
- 8:15PM** **REVEREND KJ WILLIAMS**
KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
2nd Raffle
- 8:30PM** **TYSON AMIR**
SPOKEN WORD PRESENTATION
3rd Raffle
- 8:45PM** **THE HONORABLE TARA FLANAGAN**
KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
- 9:00PM** **DJ MUSIC, DANCING, DESSERTS**
Sweet Potato Pie Auction
Last Raffle Announcement
Silent Auction Announcements
- 10:00PM** **CLOSING**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
THE HONORABLE
TARA M. FLANAGAN

Judge Tara M. Flanagan was elected to the Alameda County Superior Court in June of 2012, and took the bench on January 7, 2013.



Currently, Judge Flanagan serves on the Alameda County Superior Court Family Violence Council, the Superior Court's Self-Represented Litigants Subcommittee, the Family Law Committee, California Judges' Association Elections Committee, as Co-Chair of the ACBA East Bay Diversity Bar Coalition, and is a proud member of the Earl Warren Inn of Court.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Flanagan was a Los Angeles County prosecutor, a legal aid attorney at Bay Area Legal Aid and the Family Violence Law Center, a civil litigator, and a private practice family law attorney, focusing on domestic violence.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
KJ WILLIAMS

Keith J. Williams, Sr., was born August 18, 1959, in Chicago. Pastor Williams graduated from UC Berkeley and has his degree in Criminal



Justice and his teaching credentials. He continued his education at Patton Bible College where his focus was Theological Studies.

Prior to being appointed as the pastor of the Ennis Chapel Church of God in Christ, in the City of Richmond, Pastor Williams was a member of the Glad

Tidings C.O.G.I.C., where Bishop J. W. Macklin, Second Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., was his Pastor and Jurisdictional Prelate and he highly recommended him to become a Pastor. Pastor Williams was a diligent worker under the leadership of his Jurisdictional prelate, Bishop Albert Galbraith, Jr., Northern California First Jurisdiction until June 2013. Then after much fasting and prayer, God called him to launch the Agape Love Community Church, in the City of Richmond, California on August 4, 2014. On October 31, 2011 Pastor Williams retired as the Associate Warden, of General Population from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations at San Quentin State Prison after 30 years of service.

SPOKEN WORD ARTIST
TYSON AMIR

Born and bred in the Bay Area is the creative, Tyson Amir. He is a rapper with poignant cadence, enlightening lyrics, and music with enough heart and soul to cross over generations. He is also a poet, song writer, label owner, designer, education, and lover of humanity.



he wisdom in his lyrics, social consciousness, and story-telling abilities can be attributable to his upbringing: his father was a Black Panther and his mother, an avid reader. His SJSU education majoring in African American Studies and Comparative Religion also explains his dive into deep lyrical content.

DJ

WONWAY

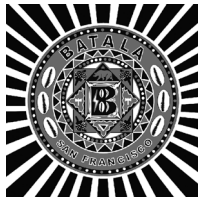
Wonway's artistic resume includes emcee freestyle champion, DJ, educator, host of ThinkBeat Radio, and actor. Wonway has established himself as one of the most sought after DJ's in the Bay Area. His diverse playlists can range from hip-hop, funk, salsa, house, samba, jazz, dancehall, and future soul all in the same set.



His afro-latin party, Makossa has grown in popularity to spawn incredible monthlies in San Francisco with Makossa West and New York with the Makossa Brooklyn Cookout. The "Makossa Classics" series and most recently his "Later On..." mixes have been featured on numerous influential websites.

PERFORMANCE GROUP BATALÁ SAN FRANCISCO

Founded on October 5, 2012, Batalá San Francisco is comprised of approximately twenty-five drummers. Led by professional percussionist and



musician Sonia Pina, Batalá San Francisco is the Bay Area contingent of Batalá Mundo—the international samba reggae performance group founded by Giba Goncalves in 1997. On the stage or on the street, Batalá San Francisco drums ignite an irresistible joy in our audiences.

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Peaches Patties

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I am pleased to partner with and support Men Creating Peace, a violence prevention program founded and created by its Executive Director, Devon Gaster. MCP serves men who have been involved in domestic violence. The program takes an innovative approach to ending violence at the hands of the men in treatment. Importantly, MCP incorporates the voices of survivors to help men who have been violent better understand the impact of that violence. By coupling this innovative intervention within the treatment program has resulted in changed lives. I thank and applaud the commitment of MCP to ending violence in relationship and to violence prevention.

NANCY E. O'MALLEY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALAMEDA COUNTY

I support the reentry effort that Men Creating Peace is working on. There are few good reentry and domestic violence curriculum that exist. Men Creating Peace curriculum includes many of the elements that can engage and encourage men to learn different life skills to end their violence. I endorse the work of Mr. Devon Gaster and the Men Creating Peace Project.

DR. OLIVER WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

I have served on the Planning Committee of the “Joining Branches Saving Lives” conference as a member of the Family Violence Council of Alameda County Superior Court for the last four years. Men Creating Peace with Devon Gaster’s leadership has been a crucial resource for our various service providers for families surviving domestic violence.

On September 26, 2014, I met one of the men who completed the 52-week batterer’s treatment program at Men Creating Peace. This is a young veteran who, after several consecutive deployments experienced a traumatic brain injury, PTSD and exhibited violent behaviors towards his family. This brave young man, a protector of our country and men/women under his command, is now able to assist fellow veterans who are also struggling with tendencies of domestic violence through the guidance of Men Creating Peace.

The prevalence of domestic violence in PTSD survivors has been identified to be as high as 20% nationwide. Men Creating Peace is a supportive program that is successfully helping our veterans and men struggling with violence to find a peaceful path to redirect aggression. Thank you, Devon Gaster and Men Creating Peace, for developing a program that supports ending the cycle of violence for generations of families.

DR. JENNIFER H. ONG, OD
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Mick Gardner has worked twenty-two years in the fields of corrections, substance abuse, workforce referral, and public health.



Through his work with underserved communities—the incarcerated and their families, veterans, and HIV-positive populations—Mr. Gardner has extensive experience in employment placement, program development, organizational management, fund raising, and direct-service counseling.

Mr. Gardner is also one of the founders and now Board President of No More Tears, a non-profit organization providing an ongoing forum for concerned incarcerated individuals at San Quentin State Prison and community leaders. This organization focuses on exploring the roots of violence and crime, developing strategies in seeking employment for the recently released, and developing ongoing solutions for San Francisco Bay Area communities.

REV. DIONNE N. CARTER, MPH, MDIV

Dionne Carter's ministry speaks on behalf of a Divine call for love, life and liberation. She is a native of Oakland and has served in leadership roles for more than 20



years improving the health and social conditions of underserved and under-represented children, youth, families, and communities. Her experiences are rooted in community capacity building and strategic planning around a variety of public health and social justice issues including; root causes and risk factors for violence, juvenile justice, cancer control and prevention, HIV/AIDS education and end of life care. She is also an artist for social justice with exhibits in Oakland Public Libraries, local fund raising efforts, volunteer Chaplain efforts with SF General Hospital, and of a host of events.

GEORGE JURAND

George Jurand is a 20-year employee of the San Francisco Sheriff's Department. He is currently Program Coordinator for the San Francisco Sheriff's Department Reentry Program. Mr.



Jurand co-founded the "Healing Circle"

for parents who have lost their children to violence in San Francisco. He also is a co-founder of "STARTRAC" domestic violence program and IN-Side-Out reentry program He is Co-founder of Transformative Mentorship Program, CEO Men's Mentoring Movement. He is the Chairman of Paradise Baptist Church Board



Directors/Deacons. He is a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor, a Certified Restorative Justice Trainer, and Certified Conflict Resolution Trainer. The recipient of the 2012 Humanitarian Award and, 2013 Jefferson Award winner.

ANNE ELIZABETH MALTESTER, MSW, ASW

Anne Maltester graduated from UC San Diego with a BA in Political Science and a Master's in Social Work from CSU East Bay. She holds a Domestic Violence



Counselor Certificate and has spent four years working with victims and survivors of domestic violence as a D.V. Counselor and Advocate. She is currently Outreach Coordinator at Building Futures with Women and Children providing individual and group therapy, community outreach, and education. She leads the City of Alameda Domestic Violence Task Force and is the interim co-chair of the Alameda County Domestic Violence Collaborative.

KIMBERLY K. PETERS, MAPC

Kimberly Peters is the co-founder, counselor and CFO of Progressive Transition(s), Inc., a domestic violence program in Oakland.



Kimberly holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a Master's degree in Professional Counseling, specializing in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, family-based trauma and addiction. She has more than 18 years of experience providing counseling and mental health services and has written the workshop curriculum for Progressive Transition(s).

NICAMER TOLENTINO, MPH

Nicamer Tolentino has been working in social service for more than 15 years. He started in the Tenderloin working with formerly homeless individuals with multiple diagnoses. As a Project Coordinator for the San Francisco Department of Public Health, he worked in pedestrian and traffic safety, as well as older adult injury and falls prevention. Currently, Mr. Tolentino is a Compliance Officer for the San Francisco Office of Labor Standards Enforcement working with employers to pay restitutions to employees who were denied health care.

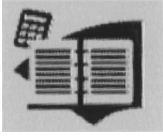


MARK QUONTAMATTEO, BS

Mark Quontamatteo is a graduate and alumnus of the Men Creating Peace/Batterer's Intervention Program. His academic accolades includes his degree from UC Davis in International Agricultural Development. He has worked in a group home for teenagers, as a wraparound worker with at-risk children and their families, and as a political campaign organizer. He currently works with the State of California.



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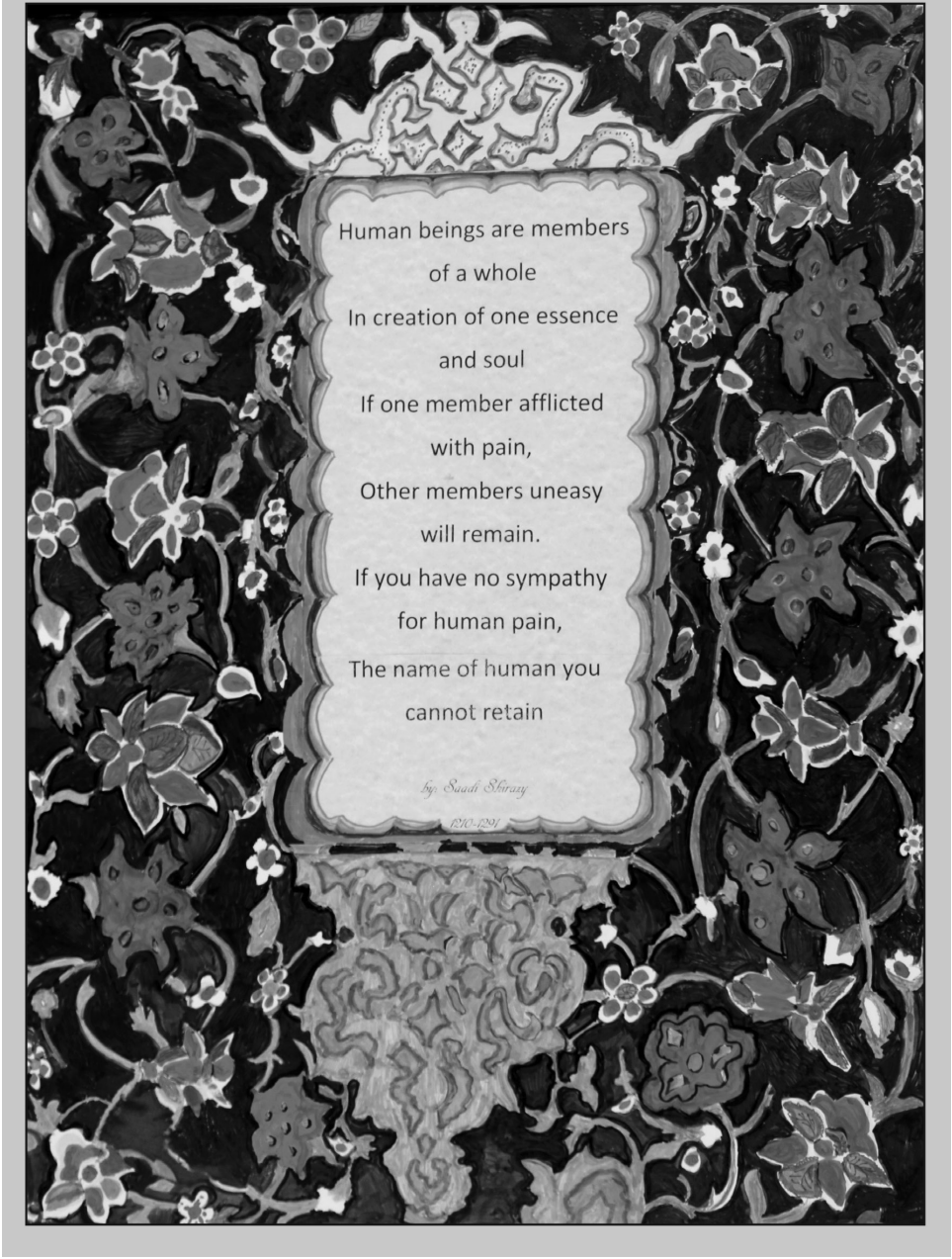
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