

NASHVILLE PEACEMAKERS

PRESS RELEASE

Nashville Peacemakers Hosting a Tea Event to Benefit At-Risk Families

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, February 11, 2019—On Saturday, April 27, from 4 to 7 p.m., the Bredesen Room at the Downtown Hilton in Nashville will be the setting of an elegant tea party event benefiting the initiatives of Nashville Peacemakers. The nonprofit, founded in 2003 by sex trafficking survivor Clemmie Greenlee, runs four programs offering unconditional love, rather than judgement or correction, as a first step to changing lives.

“One major goal of the benefit tea is to raise awareness about the growing public health issue of street violence, which takes a particularly high toll on affected youth during their formative teenage years,” says Deborah Borfitz, president of the board of Nashville Peacemakers. “Young people in disadvantaged neighborhoods, starting at age 12, are at heightened risk of becoming victims of violence. Without effective intervention, many of them perpetuate the cycle by becoming perpetrators.”

Nashville Peacemakers is “different on purpose,” working hands-on with at-risk kids to feed them truth and give them the basic life skills and self-worth to choose peaceful alternatives to resolving conflict—and make healthy, specific plans for their future, says Borfitz. The nonprofit also offers support to youth looking to escape gang involvement and families healing from its violent atrocities.

Tables will be dressed to the nines, thanks to volunteers from local community groups, and tea party-goers will be encouraged to do likewise. Each sponsored table will seat 10 guests, eight of the sponsor’s choosing and another two reserved for Nashville Peacemakers program participants. Tea, small bites, and cakes will be served.

Guest speakers for the evening will include Sonia Jackson Myles, founder of The Sister Accord grassroots movement and a Dreamwalking masterclass focused on personal empowerment, and Kenny Alonzo, executive director of the youth outreach facility Rocketown in downtown Nashville. Short videos will also be shown, in addition to presentations by Greenlee and facilitators of Nashville Peacemakers’ Straight Talk for teen boys, Back to Basics for teen girls, Off the Street, Make a Beat for boys and girls, and the one-of-a-kind Mothers Over Murder support group for grieving survivors of street violence.

Board member Tatiana “Tajci” Cameron, who is also an award-winning music artist and life coach, will serve as master of ceremonies for the event, which will also feature musical entertainment and a raffle.

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Organizations interested in sponsoring the event or a table, and groups wishing to decorate a table, are encouraged to contact Tatiana Cameron at tajci.official@gmail.com by March 15.

About Nashville Peacemakers

Nashville Peacemakers is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, founded in 2003, whose mission is to give youth in distressed neighborhoods the basic life skills and self-worth to choose peaceful alternatives to violence, and to support families when a child has been victimized. Its programs serve at-risk youth across Davidson County, Tennessee, and raise peer mentors to help break generational cycles of poor choices, including truancy and crime, which perpetuate poverty and early death. To learn more, visit nashvillepeacemakers.org.

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