

An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality



Thank You Donors!

This November's Give to The Max Day generated more than $1,000 to the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden. We want to sincerely thank all of our supporters for their donations!
It is also not too late to join fellow donors and make contribution today at https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org/



The Twin Cities' Contested Landscapes, Design Justice, and Community-Owned Public Spaces

On October 27, 2023, cultural and community leaders along with artists, designers and members of the public braved the cold and attended the Twin Cities' Contested Landscapes, Design Justice, and Community-Owned Public Spaces tour event. One of the stops on the tour was the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden.

The "Learning Outcomes" of the event tour were:

1. Understand both the historical and social context of racist planning and urban design practices in the Twin Cities and the challenges in transforming neighborhoods.
2. Understand community-driven approaches for creating a public space for healing, sharing knowledge, and amplifying the neighborhood's voice.
3. Explore the roles of the designer in supporting the community's vision, process, and ownership.
4. Explore various ways to build relationships and support BIPOC architects, artists, and designers.







We are grateful for the continued support and education that the Peace Garden provides!



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Voices of Social Justice

St. Paul's Macalester College continues to expand, deepen, and strengthen equity and social justice for its students and beyond. Established in 2022, Macalester's Division of Institutional Equity comprises the Lealtad-Suzuki Center for Social Justice (LSC), the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, and the Title IX and Non-Discrimination Office.

Macalester's Department of Multicultural Life (DML) was established in 2002, and in partnership with the LSC, their programs and student-facing work ensure that all spaces of the college are inclusive and equitable, that any student can go to Macalester and be treated well, and have a network of support and affirmation.

The LSC celebrates 20 years this year and current and past directors have opened up to share remarks and discussion points. Read more: https://www.macalester.edu/news/2023/11/voices-of-social-justice/

Thank You Volunteers!

Cold weather is upon us and thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, the Peace Garden gets winterized and maintained for the public to enjoy all year round.

Thank you volunteers for the generous support, and the gift of your time to preserve the Peace Garden as a beautiful and peaceful place

of reflection and remembrance in the community!

The Meaning Behind the Sculptures

Have you walked through the Philando Castile Peace Garden and noticed the large metal sculptures? These sculptures are actually West African Adinkra symbols. Each symbol represents its own guiding principle, and most commonly signify a tribute to Philando. Here are two examples, and more will be featured in future newsletters.



Each symbol, carefully selected and constructed holds a powerful message of healing and unity, the mission of the garden.

Follow the Peace Garden on Social Media

Are you following us on social media? You can find the Philando Castile Peace Garden on Facebook and Instagram @philandocastilepeacegarden. Please accept your invitation to these platforms to help bring healing, community change and peace. Learn more about the Peace Garden and get information on upcoming events.

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