

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

Making the Dream a Reality

Thank You Volunteers!

Whether you have volunteered one time or are a regular volunteer, you are an integral part of the Philando Castile Peace Garden. Thank you very much for your time, your skills and your dedication! As the spring season approaches, many volunteers will be needed for spring cleanup and beautification. Please contact us for more information on the many opportunities that will be available. Groups are welcome, and we also encourage young people to participate and add their talents to the mix!

Sign Up to Volunteer Here!

School Lunch and Breakfast Provision for All Students Bill Passes

On March 17, 2023, Gov. Tim Walz signed into law, the school lunch and breakfast provision bill that will provide these meals at no cost to all students. “I’m honored and I do think this is one piece of that puzzle in reducing both childhood poverty and hunger insecurity,” said Walz. The Philando Castile Relief Foundation has provided many grants to assist families by reducing the negative lunch accounts across the Twin Cities, and now with the passing of this bill, it is a true honoring of Philando’s devotion to feeding children.



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Philando Castile Peace Garden Web-based Exhibit

We are excited to announce the collaboration of The Philando Castile Peace Garden and Steve Boyd-Smith! Steve has agreed to work with the Peace Garden, its committee, content experts, volunteers, and consultants to complete this critical phase of garden renewal. Steve Boyd-Smith, of Amplifier Experience Design, has helped communities reclaim their stories, and will assist the Philando Castile Peace Garden with interpretive planning and web-based-exhibit design in 2023. Since 1990, Amplifier has completed more than 35 interpretation and exhibit projects across 16 states, Canada, and Nepal. Steve's extensive credentials can be seen in his CV here: https://www.amplifier.llc/_files/ugd/902b80_83605c5208b243e79c07fb68047a56b5.pdf?index=true

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Event: Black History Explains American History

The Ramsey County Library in Roseville will be hosting a Tuesday Scholar 4 part series – Black Artistry Explains American History beginning April 4. Each session will join with a different African-American artist as they interpret American history through images of the Black experience. This class is open to all ages and pre-registration is required.
For more information or to register, go to the Ramsey County Library website:

https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/63e031936ef7092800a76a91

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, Philando Castile Peace Garden 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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