

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

Making the Dream a Reality

A Season of Peace



As the year winds down and snow settles gently over the garden, we're reminded that peace isn't just something we plant in the spring, **it's something we nurture all year long.**

This December, we pause to reflect on the beauty of stillness, on the warmth of our community, and on the light that continues to shine through Philando's legacy. The garden remains a space of remembrance, reflection, and connection, even in the quietest moments.

Looking Back on 2025



This year, the Philando Castile Peace Garden blossomed in so many ways — thanks to you.

Highlights from the past year:

- **Community Growth:** We welcomed new volunteers, and friends who joined us for planting days, art events, and the annual candlelight vigil.
- **Creative Expression:** Local artists and others helped beautify the garden with new murals, sculptures, and installations that celebrate peace and unity.
- **Unity Day BBQ Event:** We had conversations and musical guests that shared Philando's story, and the importance of building communities rooted in kindness and understanding with hundreds of people.
- **Give to the Max Success:** Your generosity helped us raise critical funds to maintain the garden and plan for future programs — thank you for giving so generously!

Each act of support, large or small, reminds us that peace is a collective effort, one we continue together.

A Season for Giving Back



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As we look toward 2026, we invite you to continue helping peace grow.
Your end-of-year gifts support:

- Garden maintenance and planting
- Art and cultural events
- Accessibility and wayfinding improvements

Visit philandocastile-peacegarden.org and click "Donate"
Every contribution, no matter the size, nourishes this living symbol of peace.

Seeds of 2026



We're already planning for next spring:

- New perennial plantings and pollinator-friendly areas
- New and upcoming artwork to showcase
- Volunteer clean-up and planting days (dates to come!)

Stay tuned for our February newsletter with details on how to get involved.

Closing Reflection



As we move through this season of light and renewal, we remember Philando, his kindness, his laughter, and the love he inspired. May this winter bring you warmth, rest, and moments of peace.

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."
Martin Luther King Jr.

How to Stay Connected!

Find the Philando Castile Peace Garden on Facebook, Philando Castile Peace Garden, and Instagram @philandocastilepeacegarden.

Learn more about the Peace Garden and get information on upcoming events. Click here to get started:

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facebook.com/PhilandoCastilePeaceGarden

Share Your Voice Submit your creative expression—art, reflections, or poems, for future display or online media. Help shape how the garden continues to spread the word of peace and justice.

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