

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

Making the Dream a Reality

"A mother's love is like no other. It knows no boundaries and transcends all obstacles." — Unknown



This Mother's Day we recognize all the wonderful mothers out there, especially Valerie Castile, Philando's mother. Valerie tirelessly worked to create meaningful change, while preserving her son's legacy of love, peace and unity in the community. Valerie's love for Philando is everlasting; he will forever be remembered in our hearts.

New House Bill to Establish Annual Observance of Restoration and Unity Days



A bill in the House was introduced on February 3rd to establish the annual observance of Restoration and Unity Days in honor of Philando Castile. The bill describes Restoration Day as “a day to remember how important it is that each of us cross traditional borders between communities, a day to meet someone and get to know someone different than us, a day to listen to someone’s story that is different from our own, a day to take steps of humility and forgiveness in efforts to restore connectedness, and a day to build a broader and stronger community.” This official act would forever honor Philando and his legacy of peace, unity, and community. To learn more about the bill, visit https://tinyurl.com/52u4ch4z

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Restoration and Unity Days Coming Up!



Mark your calendars and save the date for the upcoming Restoration Day and Unity Day BBQ! An evening vigil will be hosted by the family of Philando Castile at the Community Peace Garden on Restoration Day, July 6 with the Unity Day BBQ at Falcon Heights City Hall on July 7. We would love to see your support for the family and memory of Philando as he continues to live on as a message of peace and healing for the community.

2025 Ignite Your Heart SUTR Scholarships Fundraiser



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On May 8 from 2-4:30 pm there will be a fundraiser for the Saint Paul Urban Teacher Residency (SUTR) program that supports Black and Indigenous teachers-in-training to earn their teaching license from the University of St. Thomas. This partnership between SUTR and St. Paul Public Schools "aims to recruit, prepare and retain highly qualified teachers who share similar life experiences as the diverse student population in SPPS." There will be refreshments, a keynote presentation and panel discussion. This wonderful event supporting diversity and education aligns with Philando's vision of a more unified system for students to grow and flourish. For more information about this event, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-ignite-your-heart-sutr-scholarships-fundraiser-registration-1281299474219

The Meaning Behind the Sculptures



Have you walked through the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden and noticed the large metal sculptures? These sculptures are West African Adinkra symbols. Each symbol represents its own guiding principle, and for the Peace

Garden honor and signify Philando and his values. The sculpture featured here is Love Does Not Lose Its Way Home.

Join the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden on Social Media!

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