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WHO ARE WE?

P4MP was birthed in 2014 from the pain of gun violence. We are a 501C3 that is here to assist those who have been injured or killed by the devastation of a bullet. Our shared pain has given us a purpose for helping others on a similar journey.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

The mission of Purpose 4 My Pain (P4MP) is to be a resource that provides mentorship, media engagement, and victim advocacy that infuses hope, motivation, and empowerment by telling the stories of those who have been personally affected by gun violence.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ❖ Speak out against violence in your community
- ❖ Support our upcoming events
- ❖ Advocate for common sense gun laws
- ❖ Donate:

www.paypal.me/Purpose4MyPain

Any Regions Bank

CashApp: #P4MP



February 12th – Mom’s Demand Action/ Purpose4MyPain Joint Meeting – Via Zoom– Please let Pam Wooden know you are attending so we can make sure you receive the link. Her email address is 8530walt@gmail.com or you can send her a message via GroupMe or FB

February 13th – My Morning Joy Goals/Prayer via Zoom – this occurs every Sunday from 7:00pm-7:45pm (the next dates are **Feb. 20th**, **Feb. 27th**, **March 6th**, **March 13th**, **March 20th** and **March 27th**) - *You can find the link on FB or GroupMe*

February 20th – Diamonds with a Purpose Launch Date (rescheduled from Feb. 3rd)

February 24th – Book Club Discussion via Zoom every 4th Thursday – We are still sharing our takeaways from ‘Forgiving What I Can’t Forget’ by Lysa TerKeurst (the next date is **March 24th**) - *You can find the link on FB or GroupMe*

March 12th – A Woman’s Pain Support Quarterly Retreat/Balloon Release – 10am-6pm (details coming soon)

Email P4MP at
purpose4mypain@yahoo.com

Call DeAndra Dycus at
317-983-1418



Diamonds With a Purpose Mentoring Program

There were a record number of homicides and violence towards women last year.

The Diamonds with a Purpose mentoring program is focusing on serving young ladies and women between the ages of 18-35. The program is offered in partnership with the Diamonds Last 4 Ever organization and is made possible through a grant from the Indianapolis City Council. The launch date is set for Sunday, February 20, 2022

Our emphasis will be to teach our mentees about the following topics: Professionalism, Budgeting and Finance, Entrepreneurship, Healthy Relationships, the Journey of Self Discovery, and Navigating Grief. Each session will last 4 weeks. The vision for this program is to equip this group of young women with skills that will build confidence and lead to building better homes and communities.

Diamonds with a Purpose will be a transformative mentoring program lead by seasoned women that have a passion to see other women walk and live in their fullest potential. Each course will last approximately 4 weeks. Mentees will be required to attend 2 hours a week in the group session and may spend individual time with their mentors beyond that. At the end of the program, all participants will receive a certificate of completion as well as support and resources that will take them to their next level.

For more information about this program, please visit our website at www.purpose4mypain.org or contact DeAndra Dycus at 317-983-1814



Take Advantage of Winter Assistance Programs

Did you know that Indiana's state moratorium on gas service disconnection ends on Tuesday, March 15, 2022?

The moratorium runs December 1 through March 15 each year and protects customers who apply and are approved for the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) from having natural gas service disconnected due to non-payment.

Did you know you may be eligible to receive help from the Winter Assistance Fund?

Applications are currently being accepted for the Winter Assistance Fund which provides assistance to eligible households needing help with utility bills. Call 211 or visit uwci.org/waf for detailed information on requirements and qualifications. *(You can also be a blessing to someone and donate to the Winter Assistance Fund through this link)*

Note: This program is coordinated by United Way. Please do not call Citizens Energy Group regarding these requests and applications. All inquiries should be directed to 211 or one of the following partner agencies.

Community Alliance of the Far Eastside (CAFE)

8902 E. 38th St.
317-890-3288

Concord Neighborhood Center

1310 S. Meridian St.
317-637-4376

Edna Martin Christian Center

2605 E. 25th St.
317-637-3776

John Boner Community Center

2236 E. 10th St.
317-633-8210

Jewish Family Services

6905 Hoover Rd.
317-259-6822

Lawrence Township Trustee

4455 McCoy St.
317-890-0011

MLK Center

40 W. 40th St.
317-923-4581

PACE

2855 N. Keystone Ave.
317-612-6800

Pike Township Trustee

5665 Lafayette Rd.
317-291-5801

Warren Township Trustee

501 N. Post Rd.
317-327-8947

Washington Township Trustee

5302 N. Keystone Ave.
317-327-8800





SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2022-2023

Apply: www.RKJFoundation.org/scholarship

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIAS

- Must be a current high school senior or undergraduate at a college
- Must have at least a C-grade point average
- Has lost a parent or guardian to gun violence



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

\$500-\$1000



APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 15, 2022



Conversations of the Heart
Coaching

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- ✓ Dental/Vision
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Our Fight Continues!
Community Is Key!
Let Your Voice Be Heard!

2021 was a record-breaking year for gun violence including suicides, accidental shootings, non-fatal shootings and murders. It is a sobering fact that we have been contacted by and connected with more families that we would ever want to in 2021. There is comfort however that Purpose 4 My Pain has served our community with dignity, compassion and love. Here are a few pictures (they are in no particular order) that tell just a small part of the story. We want to thank our sponsors, donors, volunteers and community partners who help Purpose 4 My Pain fulfill our mission.



PURPOSE 4 MY PAIN PRESENTS
CONNECTING & BUILDING CONVERSATIONS WITH WOMEN IMPACTED BY GUN VIOLENCE & BEYOND

Join us on zoom on the following days:
 March 4, 2021
 March 18, 2021
 April 1, 2021
 April 15, 2021
 April 29, 2021

Meeting ID: 835 8965 9250
 Password: 689432

For additional information contact:
 DeAndra Dycus
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Indianapolis Shooting Live Updates: Victims Are Remembered

At least four of the people killed were Sikh, putting the religious community on high alert. It was one man's first week working at the FedEx warehouse.



Indianapolis Thursday, was a former Butler University student who had worked at FedEx for several years. "He was a great kid. He loved to play golf. Had a big heart - always had a smile on his face," said Albert Ashcraft, a former FedEx driver who worked with Alexander for about five years. "Whatever it took to make a truck driver happy. Next to his entire journey in a quote from Vince Lombardi, 'If winning isn't everything, why do they keep coming?' The 2006-07 yearbook also included a family photo with photographs of Alexander as a toddler and in his Army baseball uniform. "Congratulations, Sugar!" it says. "Where have the years gone? We are so proud of you and all of your Thursday night before shooting himself." At FedEx, Ashcraft said Alexander dispatched drivers to locations for deliveries and got their paperwork ready. "Everybody liked him," he said. "He was always saving somebody's seat. He was always doing something." That included making sure his deliveries got doughnuts, Ashcraft recalled.

Groups of mourners and gun violence advocates gather for a prayer vigil at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday in Indianapolis. www.chronicle.com

"I wanted to show solidarity in our community, because we're tired. Enough is enough. And I wanted families who have been impacted by gun violence to know their community is here to support them."

DeAndra Dycus
 Member of Purpose 4 My Pain

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Other women also reflected on the sudden shock that shattered their home city. "Surinder Kaur used to work the night shift at FedEx and never felt fear."

"I thought it was so safe," said Prashant Kaur, who co-owns the gas station and liquor store across the street from the Plainfield FedEx facility. "Despite the new fears and

Ladies On The Move Walking Club.
 Join us Every Thursday from 6:30-7:30





LEADERSHIP INDIANAPOLIS
PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Part 2: Public Grief & Community Healing
September 14 at Noon



Shonna Majors
 Office of Public Health and Safety



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 Purpose 4 My Pain



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Coffee & Conversations
With the Ladies of Beautiful Resilience

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
2:00 P.M. - 4 P.M.
UTJAMAA COMMUNITY BOOKSTORE
24 1/2 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DR.
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46205
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2ND ANNUAL
WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU
CHOCOLATE
MAKE
HERSHEY'S
SCHOLARSHIP OPPURTUNITY
PRESENTED BY PURPOSE 4 MY PAIN

Purpose 4 My Pain is now accepting applications for the When Life Gives You Chocolate, Make Hershey's \$1000 Scholarship for incoming freshman or sophomore college students.

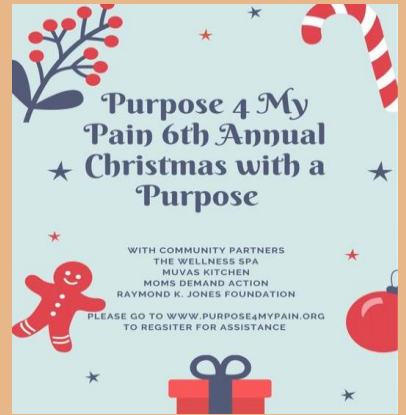
*Interested candidates must submit a 2 minute video or 700 word essay on how you have found Purpose 4 My (Your) Pain in the aftermath of gun violence. Email submissions to purpose4mypain@yahoo.com
Deadline to enter is June 24, 2021
Awardee will be notified by July 15, 2021

WWW.PURPOSE4MYPAIN.ORG/ PH: 317-983-1418



HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY
DeAndre
Love,
Your Family and Survivor Community







WE ARE SURVIVORS

February 1-7, 2022 is recognized all over the nation as Gun Violence Survivors' Week For the past 4 years, this week provides another opportunity to bring awareness to this national health crisis and to honor the individuals and families of those who have been impacted by gun violence.

In the State of California, Rep. Mike Thompson kicked off the week with these words, "Every day, more than 110 Americans lose their lives to gun violence, touching the lives of thousands of their family and loved ones. Gun violence leaves a significant mark on the survivors and during National Gun Violence Survivors' Week, we must recognize the pain and trauma that they experience even years after the initial trauma." He is the chairman of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force.

Here in Indianapolis, Purpose 4 My Pain along with Cease Fire Indy embarked on important conversations with injured gun shot victims, fathers who have lost sons to gun violence and mothers who have lost sons and daughters to gun violence. These conversations are powerful and impactful as they show the collateral damage that one act of violence can cause for a lifetime. You can see each of these videos on the following Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/ceasefire317>
<https://www.facebook.com/Ms.Dheartofgold>
<https://www.facebook.com/P4MP26>

New Community Partner – East 38th Street Library (5420 E. 38th St., 46218)

After searching for a consistent location for a meeting place, the East 38th Street Library agreed to be a community partner and meeting place for the majority of our monthly support meetings for 2022. They also purchased 29 copies of the Beautiful Resilience book. As long as CDC and city guidelines allow in person meetings at the library, we will have our group support meetings on the following Saturdays from 2pm-4pm

Apr. 23rd *this is a 4th Sat.*

May 14th

July 9th

Aug. 13th

Sept. 10th

Oct. 8th

Nov. 12th

