

# 2020 Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month: Nov. 20 - Dec. 20

## Friday, November 20, 2020

By Massachusetts law, every November 20 – December 20 is Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month (SHVAM).

Listed below are 2020 SHVAM events known to MOVA at this time. Please note that advanced registration is required for some events. For information about other possible SHVAM observances in your area, consult the homicide bereavement services listed on [MOVA's AskMOVA website](#) and/or contact other homicide bereavement service providers in Massachusetts.

Please email [gardenofpeace@mass.gov](mailto:gardenofpeace@mass.gov) or call 617-586-1369 if we might provide other information or support to you during this time or any time.

### Serving Survivors of Homicide with Dignity and Compassion

*Join MOVA and the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute for a presentation in honor of SHVAM. Danielle Bennett, Alexandra Chery, Stefany Boston, and Lawrence Stevenson will discuss coping with grief and loss and serving survivors with dignity and compassion. The presentation will include information and coping mechanisms relevant to the current times and how COVID-19 has impacted grief and loss.*

When: Wednesday, December 9, 1pm-3pm

Where: Zoom - [click here](#) to register today.

Please email [MOVA@mass.gov](mailto:MOVA@mass.gov) with any questions.

### 20th Annual Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month - Louis D. Brown Peace Institute

#### **SHVAM Opening Ceremony:**

Join the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 1PM-2:30PM to virtually celebrate Survivors of Homicide Victims with Survivors and local officials. We must continue the conversation on healing, teaching and learning, in order to transform society's response to homicide.

The livestream will be available via Facebook @LDBPeaceInstitute, YouTube @Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, and on their website: [www.LDBPeaceInstitute.org](http://www.LDBPeaceInstitute.org).

#### **SHVAM Closing Ceremony:**

Dress to impress! Join the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute on Sunday, December 20, 2020 from 3:30PM-6PM as they virtually celebrate the past 20 years honoring Survivors of Homicide Victims. In light of a difficult year, they are so proud of the strength of the community, and its ability to lift one another up and go forward.

[Link to Zoom meeting](#)

The event will be available via Facebook @LDBPeaceInstitute.

**Suffolk County District Attorney's Office 10th Annual Breakfast for Homicide Survivors**  
*Join District Attorney Rachael Rollins for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office 10th Annual Breakfast for Survivors of Homicide. This year's virtual Homicide Victim Awareness Month event will remember victims and honor survivors of homicide in Suffolk County. Please see event details below. Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 p.m.*

Event: 10th Annual Breakfast for Survivors of Homicide in Suffolk County

Date: Thursday December 10, 2020

Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Zoom Webinar, Information will be provide upon RSVP

RSVP: <https://rebrand.ly/BSOH> RSVP Due: November 30, 2020

Questions: Victoria Wu, Administrative Assistant Victim Witness Assistance Program,  
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## The Assets of the Fields Corner Community

In observance of Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month Nov. 20th-Dec. 20th, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in partnership with the Fields Corner Collaborative will celebrate the Assets of the Fields Corner Community on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 from 6PM-7:30PM.

RSVP to [bernard@LDBpeaceinstitute.org](mailto:bernard@LDBpeaceinstitute.org) by Monday, November 16th. The Zoom link will be shared 48 hours before the workshop. Please do not share link.

## CREATE Your Memory

In observance of Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month Nov. 20th-Dec. 20th, CREATE Your Memory is a special event for children survivors led by Zyariah Sheffield to create a memory and share a story during the holiday season. The event is being held Friday, December 4, 2020 from 5PM-7PM. Space is limited. Registration required and open until 12/1: [tinyurl.com/register124](https://tinyurl.com/register124).

## My Sister's Keeper: A Connection Stronger than Distance

Join We Are Better Together Warren Daniel Hairston Project for their virtual healing and restorative retreat. This 2 day healing and restoration event will take place on December 5th and 6th. Fill out registration on their [website](#) ASAP (spots limited).

Questions? Contact them at 617-818-1477 or [info@wab2g.org](mailto:info@wab2g.org).

## Holiday Wreath Making

For survivors of homicide victims this time of year can be especially hard. Join the Peace Institute virtually this year, in solidarity, to celebrate our loved ones and the holidays. This virtual event will take place on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 6PM-7PM.

RSVP by Friday, November 13th to reserve your wreath & decorations. Email [Janice@ldbpeaceinstitute.org](mailto:Janice@ldbpeaceinstitute.org).