

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

Making the Dream a Reality

Remembering Philando

Five years after the tragic passing of Philando Castile, photojournalist Justin McCray memorialized him in a video. The touching video is voiced over with recounts of loved ones messages and spoken word. Justin received an Emmy for the video, and this May, presented his Emmy to Philando's mother Valerie. The Emmy is inscribed "…long live his legacy".

Click the link below to watch the video, originally aired on Fox 9 news.
https://www.fox9.com/video/954254



Save the Date: Restoration Day and Unity Day

The annual observance and celebration of Restoration, July 6 and Unity Day, July 7, is fast approaching. The Family of Philando Castile hosts this two-day event in remembrance and honor of Philando Castile. The goal of these two days is not only to honor Philando, but to take personal action in building and healing relationships and celebrating cooperative growth. Both peaceful gatherings are open to the public and welcome all ages.

For more information, check back on the Philando Castile Relief Foundation website for the event flyer.





Event: Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, the order was issued by Major General Gordon Granger to emancipate enslaved African Americans in Texas. Celebrations followed in the south and were eventually adopted in the north during the Great Migration. Today's observance called Juneteenth, has now been declared a federal holiday and is often referred to as America's second Independence Day.

There are several events and celebrations across Minnesota and the Twin Cities listed with Juneteenth Minnesota and the St. Paul Public Library.

https://www.juneteenthminnesota.com/
https://sppl.org/juneteenth/

Thank You for Your Donations!

With your generosity, we continue the great work of maintaining the Philando Castile Peace Garden, a beautiful place of peace and reflection, honoring Philando. If you have made a donation in the past and have decided that you would like to continue giving by setting up a reoccurring monthly donation, simply go the donation page and select "monthly donation", select any of the preset amounts, or enter in your own amount. Every amount is important and any amount is

appreciated. It is that easy to make a big impact.
https://www.givemn.org/donate/Philando-Castile-Peace-Garden



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 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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