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**Join me tomorrow for this special occasion
to extend a Heartfelt Welcome to
The Mothers of the Movement. It is
their voices that will speak from a place of
experience on their journeys.
Come with your ears and hearts
open to hear authenticity and courage.
Thank You,
Rep. Carla D. Cunningham**

Goodwill of the Southern Piedmont
Presents

The Mothers of the Movement

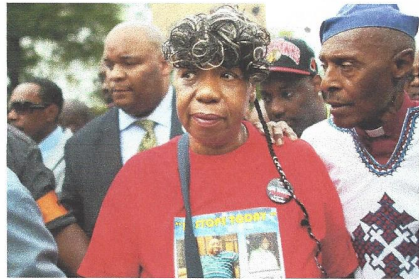
Community Roundtable

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

2:00 PM - 4:15 PM

5301 Wilkinson Blvd Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

Please join us for a discussion about criminal justice issues and how they are being addressed during this Presidential campaign. RSVP [here](#).



Gwen Carr

Mother of Eric Garner

Gwen Carr is the mother of Eric Garner, who was murdered in an illegal chokehold by NYPD for selling loose cigarettes. Gwen is a resident of New York and recently retired from her job as a subway operator in order to better cope with her grief. Gwen has organized protests against police brutality with Rev. Al Sharpton in Washington, D.C. and Selma, Alabama.

Eric Garner (son) was killed on Staten Island in an altercation with NYPD officers by an illegal chokehold in July 2014. Eric was suspected of selling loose cigarettes when approached by the police. As they began to arrest Eric, he swatted their hands away, stating that he was tired of being harassed. Four officers tackled Eric to the ground and restrained him. Eric, who had asthma, repeated, "I can't breathe" eleven times until losing consciousness. He died an hour later in the hospital and was not administered CPR or medical attention by the police officers.



Maria Hamilton

Mother of Dontre Hamilton

Maria Hamilton is the mother of Dontre Hamilton and resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Maria has participated in the Million Moms March and hopes to start a foundation in her son's name.

Dontre Hamilton (son) was killed by a police officer in a Milwaukee public park in April 2014 after workers at a nearby Starbucks complained about him sleeping in the park. The officer engaged in what the Milwaukee Police Chief claimed was an inappropriate pat down. Dontre was schizophrenic and recently had stopped taking his medication, and the pat down initiated a physical struggle with the police officer, who shot Dontre 14 times.



Geneva Reed-Veal

Mother of Sandra Bland

Geneva Reed-Veal is the mother of Sandra Bland and resides in Naperville, Illinois near Chicago. She has dedicated her life to fighting to change the flawed system that led to her daughter's death.

Sandra Bland (daughter) was arrested for assaulting a police officer in what was initially a traffic stop for refusing to signal a lane change, and was found a few days later in her cell from alleged suicide in Prairie View, Texas. The police department did not follow standard suicide prevention procedures and dash camera footage was heavily edited. Claims of her suicide have been called into question by the public, and her case is being treated as a homicide by the police.

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