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## ABOUT US

### OUR MISSION

To serve as a center of **Healing, Teaching** and **Learning** for families and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief and loss.

### OUR BELIEF

Families impacted by murder deserve to be treated with dignity and compassion, regardless of the circumstances.

### OUR VISION

To create and sustain an environment where all families can live in peace and all people are valued.

### OUR SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PEACE

Love, Unity, Faith, Hope, Courage, Justice and Forgiveness.



## A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear community,

**For three decades**, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute has equipped survivors with the tools and support they need to heal, and advocated for systemic change to interrupt cycles of violence and stop them before they begin anew.

**Violence carries a profound cost.** Yet, **every act of peace offers an invaluable return.** Your investment creates a future where fewer resources are spent on crises, and more are devoted to healing in our **city, state**, and **across the country.**

**April 2024 marked our 30th year.** To commemorate that milestone, we began a rebranding process and introduced a **“30 Year” logo.** Now, we are proud to unveil a **new visual identity.**

**Our new logo honors Louis’s vision.** If you look closely, you’ll see the **Seven Principles of Peace** represented in its rings, to **encompass the greater movement he inspired.**

Just as our refreshed identity represents growth, **this Gratitude Report reflects that same spirit of renewal.** The photos, numbers, and stories on the following pages illustrate a snapshot of how **your support strengthens the communities we serve.**

Thank you for believing in the **power of peace.** More to come.

With immense gratitude,

**Chaplain Clementina Chéry**, President and CEO  
**Alexandra Dorrelus**, Co-Executive Director  
**Rachel Rodrigues**, Co-Executive Director





## A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD

Dear friends,

Inspired by over three decades of impact, **our commitment is to ensure a strong future for the Peace Institute**. We do this by providing careful financial and legal oversight and by partnering with leadership, offering our expertise and experience to support its continued growth and success.

Each of us brings a unique background, and together we work alongside **leadership, staff, volunteers, survivors, and supporters**, contributing our technical strengths and organizational experience to this vital work. Together, we strengthen the Peace Institute so it may achieve its Mission.

With gratitude for your support,

- Dolores Carbona**
- Sarah Coughlin**
- Beth Dill**
- Robert Jenkins**
- Cheryl Lang**
- Kaine Nicholas**
- Matt Parker**
- Anthony Potter**
- Matt Seltzer**

# OUR 2024 IMPACT AT A GLANCE



## SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

Supported **1,162 survivors**, including **88 new families**, with compassionate guidance and resources in the aftermath of homicide.



## GENERATION PEACE

More than **1,189 young people** experienced our arts and healing practices, and **7 public artworks** were unveiled as part of the Peace Trail.

Led **78 healing groups and workshops**, creating safe spaces for survivors to grieve, connect, and rebuild.



## HEALING SUPPORT SERVICES

Welcomed **54 new participants**, distributed **60 re-entry kits**, provided **43 court and parole supports**, and ensured **100% of current participants** are employed.

Facilitated **65 trainings and workshops**, reaching more than **6,100 people** across **5 states and Washington, D.C.** with tools to respond to violence.



## TRAINING AND CONSULTING



## COMMUNITY REENTRY SERVICES



## SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

**“Change is inevitable!** 2024 taught us that the more creative we get in service to survivors, the more we explore and learn.”

**-Ms. Stefany K. Boston,** Director, Survivor Outreach Services

In 2024, **Survivor Outreach Services** launched two culturally rooted support groups: **Pan Con Café**, a Spanish-language healing group, and **Vida E Pa Vive**, a Cape Verdean healing group. These are safe, affirming spaces where survivors can share their experiences, connect with others who understand their perspectives, and begin their journey of healing together.

**“It is a privilege to offer the Hispanic and Latino communities a sanctuary for healing** and equip them with the resources they need. **My hope is to unite us** and embrace the evolving tapestry of our culture. May peace and harmony reign as we heal together!”

**-Damaris Ortiz,** Pan Con Café

“During my grandmother’s 90th birthday celebration in Cabo Verde, my cousin spoke the phrase **‘Vida E Pa Vive’**, which means **life is for living**. Through the laughter and dancing in that moment, It reminded me **it’s essential to embrace the joy of living, today.**”

**-Evandissa Cabral,** Vida E Pa Vive



## HEALING SUPPORT SERVICES

# WHEN SURVIVORS SPEAK, CHANGE HAPPENS.



In September, we brought over 30 members of our **Survivors of Homicide Victims Network** to the nation's capital for the **Crime Survivors Speak March on Washington**, the largest gathering of crime survivors in U.S. history.

Together with more than **2,500 survivors** from **20 states**, we marched the National Mall in solidarity, to honor our shared pain and amplify the call for a more just future.

The March highlights just one of the ways **Healing Support Services** carried out its work in 2024, offering survivors meaningful opportunities to **be heard, heal, and connect**.



## TRAINING AND CONSULTING

2024 marked an opportunity to expand our unique healing modality, **Peace Play**. Adopted from Sandtray Worldplay, as taught by Gisela Schubach DeDomenico, Ph.D., this modality invites participants to create a concrete world to express feelings they may not have language for by creating scenes using miniature figures in a tray of sand.

In October, we successfully graduated a new cohort of **Peace Play Practitioners**. Through **Massachusetts General Hospital Cohort Trainings**, we partnered with MGH to equip their staff members with the tools to facilitate trauma-informed healing across urban settings. These Peace Play Trainings built their toolboxes of healing techniques, culturally sensitive language, and inclusivity. We are excited to see how these providers will incorporate Peace Play into their **care for survivors**.



Just as exciting, we brought Peace Play to **Boston City Hall** in December, creating visibility for survivor-led healing work at the heart of our City's government. Everyone from **elected officials** and **government staff**, to **newlyweds** and **passersby** got to experience the **healing power of Peace Play**.



## COMMUNITY REENTRY SERVICES

We partnered with our friends at **New England Culinary Arts Training** (NECAT), a culinary workforce development program that shares our vision to bring career opportunities to those who need them, and sets people on the right path of purpose and productivity.

Located next to Suffolk County House of Correction, we brought **Peace Play** to support and motivate NECAT students. Our Reentry Services Coordinator **Kamal Oliver** emphasized healing from the weight of incarceration, creating a safe space where participants could imagine futures defined by strength rather than struggle.

“The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute has been a crucial partner to our organization, and together, **we are helping our target population to access vocational training** that is usually unavailable.”

-**Elise Brandwein**, NECAT Student Services Director





## GENERATION PEACE

Peace Trail artists clockwise from top left: **Fernanda Lopez, Shaanti Williams, Tran Vu, Alexis Smith, Temmy Monteiro Gomes, Nora Valdez, and Ruth Henry.**

**Ruth Henry**, our **Generation Peace** Teaching Artist in Residence, launched the **Peace Trail** in honor of **Dion Emmanuel Taylor**, a young artist murdered in 2005, and **Stacy Ann Taylor**, his sister who shared this dream. The Peace Trail is a collection of public artworks that transform pain through **Love, Unity, Faith, Hope, Courage, Justice and Forgiveness**. The seven inaugural #PeaceTrail poles in Dorchester honor victims of violent crime and **cultivate new cycles of peace** in their names.



Stay connected to the Peace Trail!





## POLICY AND ADVOCACY

In November, we rang in the **24th Annual Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month (SHVAM)** at the Massachusetts State House.

Enacted in 2000, **SHVAM is a month-long effort to inform, influence and impact how society views and responds to the families of murder victims.** It educates the public and policymakers on the effect that murder has on families and communities, and uplifts the peace-building efforts of survivors.

**Beatriz Cuoho** and **Linda Smith** (pictured) never imagined speaking in public. Standing before a packed room, they called upon the principle of **Courage** to share their sons' stories. Their words served as a powerful testament to the **resilience** and **power** of survivors.



## HR AND ADMIN

We formed the **Accessibility Pod** to ensure our services can be utilized by all who need them. Just a few of the steps we've taken to improve access to our services include:

- Partnered with **Found in Translation** to improve language accessibility for non-English speaking communities.
- **Hosted an Open House** for the Spanish-speaking community to foster engagement and trust.
- **Strengthened internal policies** to ensure our programs are more accessible to diverse communities.

We continue to brainstorm different ways we can create the most welcoming environment for all.

# DEVELOPMENT



In 2024, the Development team secured **\$3.8 million in funding!** This ensured that our programs continue to thrive.

One of our most significant achievements was securing the **Cummings Foundation** 10-year award, a \$750,000 grant that will provide sustained funding for our ongoing efforts.

**The Klarman Family Foundation** also recognized the importance of our work by awarding us \$1 million.

# PRODUCTION & STORYTELLING



Last year, we focused on sharing meaningful stories of our work, and increased the use of original **photography** and **videography**. In that spirit, we launched **From the Chaplain**, a monthly newsletter authored by our CEO, and **Voices with Vision**, a quarterly newsletter from our Co-Executive Directors. We also celebrated our Content Producer, **Taylor Lee**, who successfully ran the **Boston Marathon** to support the **28th annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace!**



**Join our newsletter community!**

# THE CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE

Join us on a bold, **\$25M mission** to build a new **National Center of Healing, Teaching and Learning** on 30 Westville Street in the Four Corners section of **Dorchester**.

Since 1994, we've led the way in **homicide response, violence prevention, and peacebuilding**, filling critical gaps and creating a model now used **nationwide**.

**But violence persists.** We must do more.

The Campaign for Peace will:

- Expand programs and services for people impacted by murder, trauma, grief or loss, and
- Interrupt cycles of violence to cultivate new cycles of peace.

The new Center will turn a vacant lot into a **beacon of hope**, and a place to **heal, learn, and lead lasting change** in Boston and across our country.

## FUNDING PROGRESS

**\$2.7M**

committed  
in 2023

**\$4.0M**

committed  
in 2024

**\$25M**  
GOAL



“The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute is **essential infrastructure** that the City of Boston relies on every day.”

**-Michelle Wu**, Mayor of Boston

# THE CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE

## CAMPAIGN CABINET

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## HONORARY CAMPAIGN CABINET

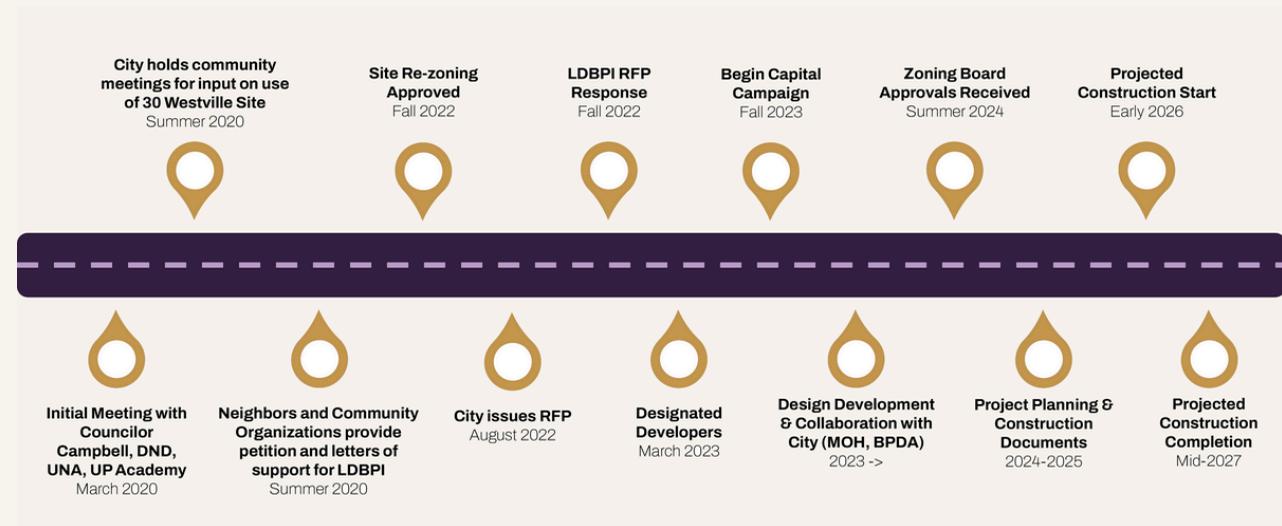
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## BUILD WITH US.

Scan to donate, host a fundraiser,  
 or spread the word.



## THE PATH TO 30 WESTVILLE



# PEACE PARTNERS

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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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 Eastern Bank Foundation  
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 TJX Foundation  
 US Department of Justice  
 Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance  
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 Lyft  
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 Fields Corner Crossroads Collaborative  
 New World Foundation  
 New Commonwealth Fund  
 Office of the Suffolk County District Attorney  
 Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture  
 MTV  
 U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime  
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 New England Foundation for the Arts  
 Safe States Alliance  
 The Once Here Foundation  
 The Scarlet Feather Fund



## 28TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE SPONSORS



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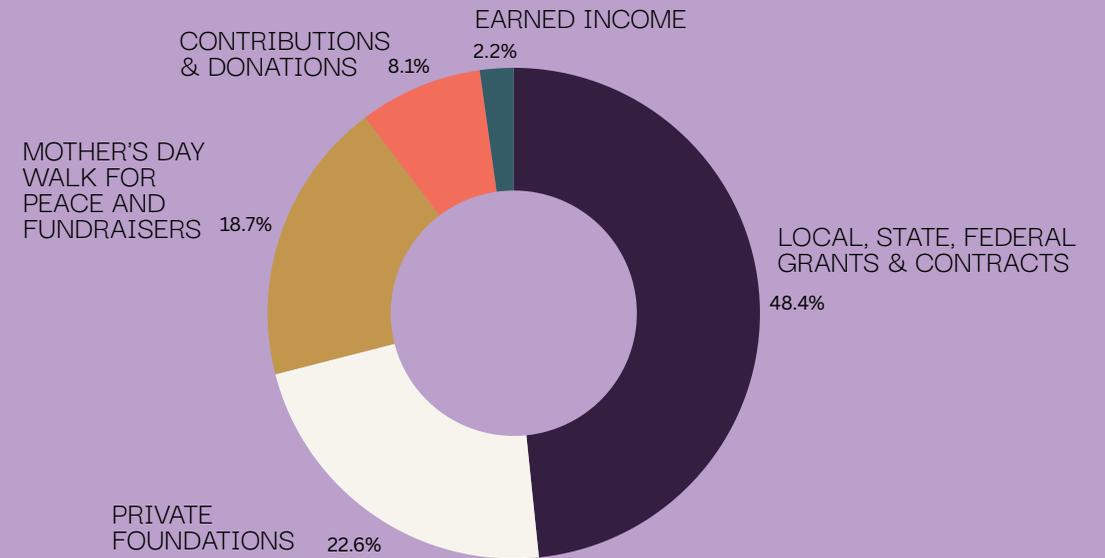
# THANK YOU TO OUR PEACE FELLOWS AND VOLUNTEERS!



# FINANCIAL REPORT

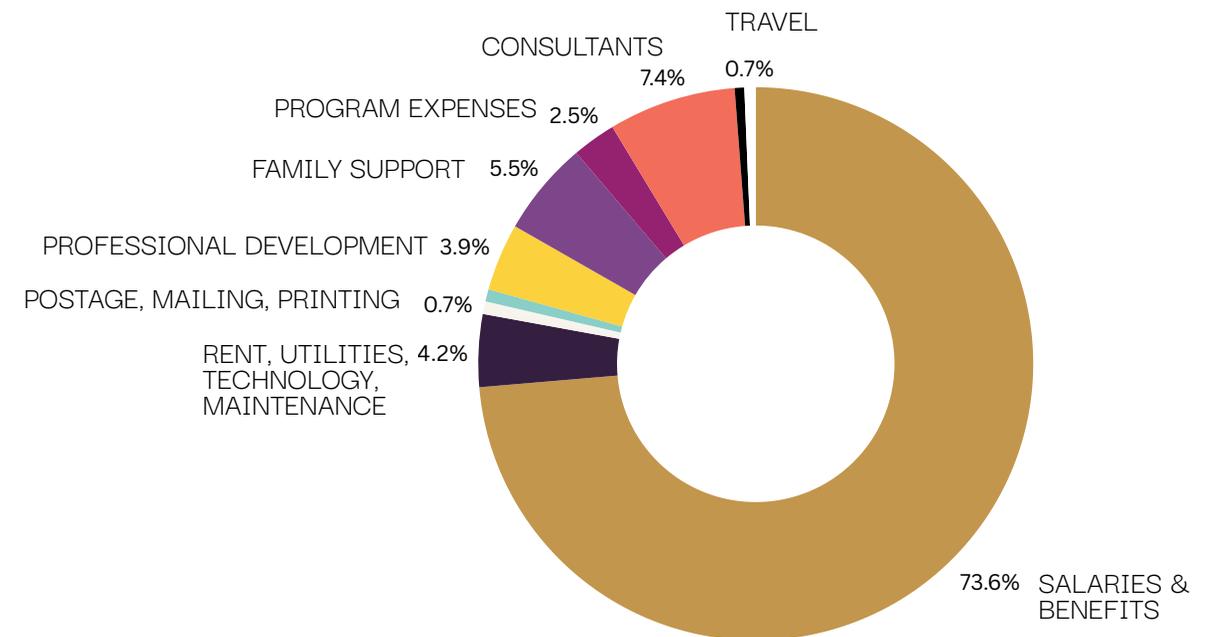
## INCOME

Local, State, Federal Grants & Contracts	\$ 1,626,777.56
Private Foundations	\$ 761,110.53
Mother's Day Walk for Peace and Fundraisers	\$ 628,401.85
Contributions & Donations	\$ 272,631.54
Earned Income	\$ 74,388.45
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,363,259.93</b>



## EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 2,336,182.78
Rent, Utilities, Technology, Maintenance	\$ 134,475.28
Professional Development	\$ 23,441.43
Travel	\$ 22,607.33
Family Support	\$ 125,112.21
Program Expenses	\$ 175,265.42
Fundraising & Marketing	\$ 80,843.63
Consultants	\$ 235,602.50
Legal & Insurance	\$ 17,635.36
Postage, Mailing, Printing	\$ 20,896.86
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,172,062.80</b>



# 2024 IN PHOTOS



Photography in this Gratitude Report by Rosa Cabán and Luis Antonio Thompson.





Don't miss a moment — scan for our calendar of events!

