

HOMICIDE SURVIVOR : SON MURDERED IN JANUARY OF 2022

FEAR

ANGER

PANIC

HELPLESSNESS

ONLY THROUGH THE GRACE OF GOD IS HOW I AM ABLE TO STAND TODAY!
WHEN I LOOK BACK MENTALLY AND LOOK AT MYSELF TODAY, I REALIZE I AM NOT OUT OF MY MULTIPLE FEELINGS BUT I HAVE FULLY ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT VOILENCE HAS TOUCHED MY FAMILY BUT I REFUSE TO LET IT TAKE CHARGE OF US!



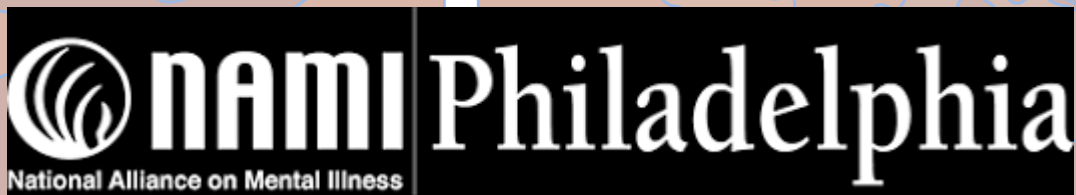
C.A.R.E.S MAY NEWSLETTER

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

**YOUNG MEN & MEN AFFECTED BY A HOMICIDE
FREE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU!**

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT



Homicide Grief Support Group for MEN

Every Thursday from 7-8:30pm

Anyone interested can send an email to afederer@namiphilly.org with their name, email, phone number and an emergency contact name and phone number. Once the information receive that information, A unique zoom link will be sent.



**Men are welcomed to join a healing session at the Be-
loved Care Project in June 2022. Location: 5534 Chest-
nut Street**

Men volunteers are NEEDED.



GUN VIOLENCE AFFECTED TWO DIFFERENT FAMILIES BY TAKING THEIR SISTER'S

There is no day that passes that I'm remembering my sister, the pain never goes away. I have to focus on the positive contributions she accomplished in her life, I'll always miss her
- David



My Sister is gone and I promised I will raise her children. Family means everything to me and I will do everything I can to protect my nieces and nephews to make sure they stay together and they are safe.



Russell Craig. A Philadelphia native, Craig's work combines portraiture with profoundly social and political themes. He is a self-taught artist who survived nearly a decade of incarceration after growing up in the foster care system and creates art as a means to explore the experience of over-criminalized communities and reassert agency after a lifetime of institutional control. His work has been shown at the Philadelphia African American Museum and included in group shows like Truth to Power; State Goods: Art in the Era of Mass Incarceration; and the OG Experience and has garnered coverage in outlets including the Philadelphia Inquirer, The Washington Post, Artsy, The Guardian, and The New York Times. Craig is an alumnus of Mural Arts Philadelphia's Restorative Justice Guild program, a 2017 Right of Return Fellow, and a 2018 Ford Foundation: Art For Justice Fellow.

The C.A.R.E.S. Team is extremely excited to work with the Mural Arts Program and Russell as he captures the Crisis Peer Responders and the important work they perform on a daily basis.



The C.A.R.E.S. Peer Crisis Responders offers support to co-homicide survivors immediately after a homicide at crime scenes and at some hospital throughout Philadelphia. If you are a co-homicide survivor and are in need of assistance please call 215-686-8019 or the hot-line 215-275-7937. Our email address is philacares@phila.gov. You can reach Melany directly on 267-808-0350.

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