

NO MORE HATE CRIMES



LGBTQIA+ AWARENESS

C.A.R.E.S NEWSLETTER

VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

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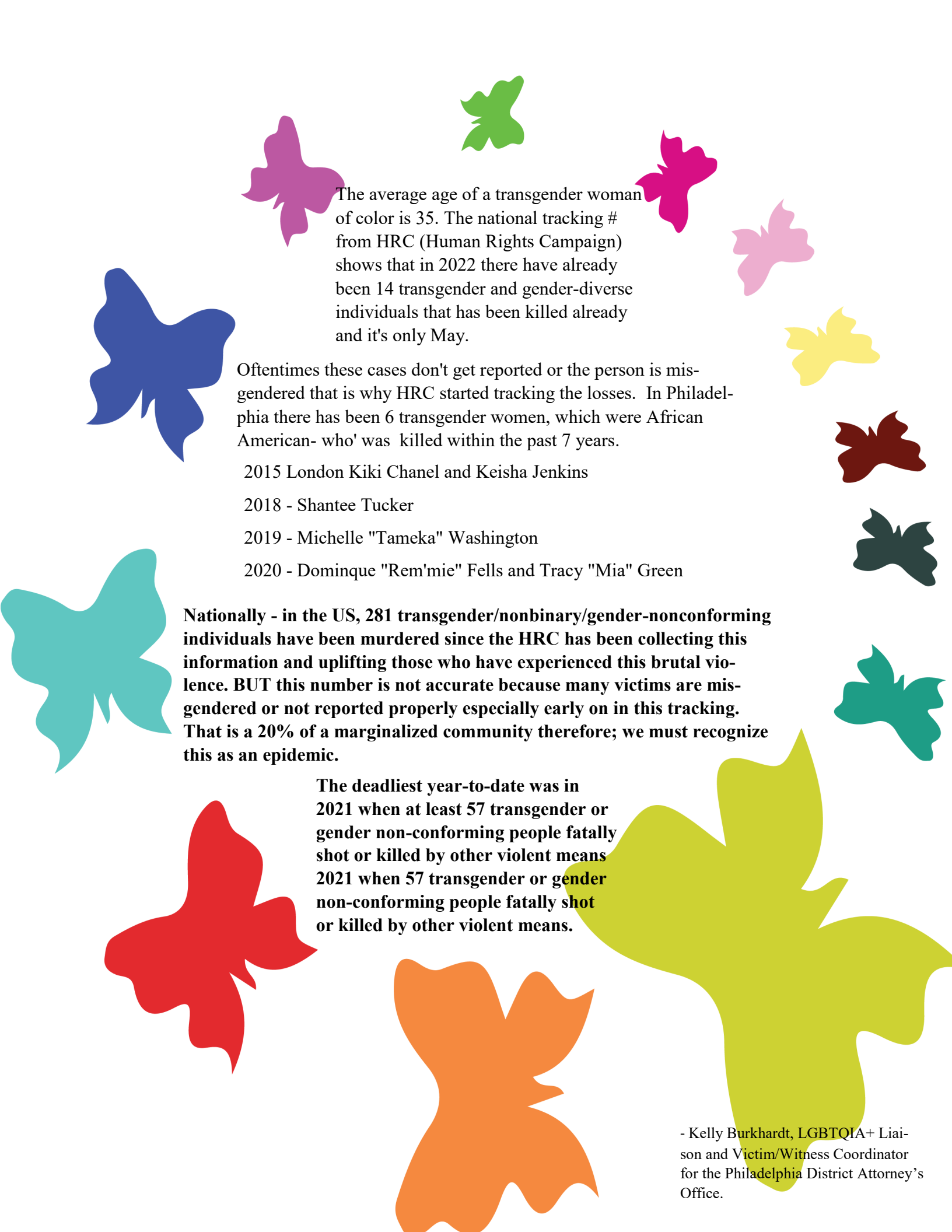


On 12.27.78 a beautiful person was born who would do her part to change the world. Michelle "Tameka" Washington, fought for the rights of the LGBTQIA+ Community to ensure they were treated with respect and dignity. On 5.19.19 the world had to say goodbye on this side to Michelle. Michelle was shot three times, twice in the back and once in head because of someone's ignorance towards transgender women. Michelle's sister Crystal is now faced to live each day without her sister and her best friend. Michelle grew up in West Philadelphia and she spent most of her adult life advocating for the transgender community. In 2012 her passion grew and she began educating others on HIV. She started a Podcast to discuss issues surrounding the transgender community and Michelle fought for what she believed in with no regrets. Michelle received an award from the Mayor of New Orleans because of her great work in the city of Louisiana.

Michelle passed away at the age of 40. Her sister Crystal said "Everybody is promised trials and tribulations but we have to see each other as our brother's and sister's. Please let all of your hate go, it has not place in this world." Crystal is forever grateful to Kelly Burkhardt the LGBTQIA+ Liaison and Victim/Witness Coordinator for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. Crystal stated, without Kelly by her side she would not be standing strong today.

The epidemic of violence that continues to plague the transgender community in Philadelphia and around the world is unacceptable and should NEVER be tolerated!





The average age of a transgender woman of color is 35. The national tracking # from HRC (Human Rights Campaign) shows that in 2022 there have already been 14 transgender and gender-diverse individuals that has been killed already and it's only May.

Oftentimes these cases don't get reported or the person is mis-gendered that is why HRC started tracking the losses. In Philadelphia there has been 6 transgender women, which were African American- who' was killed within the past 7 years.

2015 London Kiki Chanel and Keisha Jenkins

2018 - Shantee Tucker

2019 - Michelle "Tameka" Washington

2020 - Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells and Tracy "Mia" Green

Nationally - in the US, 281 transgender/nonbinary/gender-nonconforming individuals have been murdered since the HRC has been collecting this information and uplifting those who have experienced this brutal violence. BUT this number is not accurate because many victims are mis-gendered or not reported properly especially early on in this tracking. That is a 20% of a marginalized community therefore; we must recognize this as an epidemic.

The deadliest year-to-date was in 2021 when at least 57 transgender or gender non-conforming people fatally shot or killed by other violent means 2021 when 57 transgender or gender non-conforming people fatally shot or killed by other violent means.

- Kelly Burkhardt, LGBTQIA+ Liaison and Victim/Witness Coordinator for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.



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Temporary phone number
during the pandemic:

267-416-0451

During the pandemic

Peer Counseling is open
for walk-ins from
6pm-9pm

Arcila-Adams Trans Re-
source Center -
Email trc@waygay.org for
resources and support

<https://www.waygay.org>



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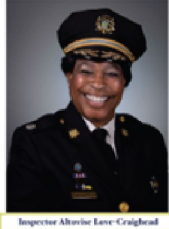
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Philadelphia Police Department



Chief Inspector Altovise Love-Craighead

Sergeant Nicholas Tees

The Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) is committed to enhancing the quality of life for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) people who work, live in or visit Philadelphia.

<https://phillypolice.com/lgbtq-services/>

Contacting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Liaison

For immediate emergency police service, always dial **9-1-1**. Emergency call takers can handle calls in multiple languages and can accommodate members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Once police are on the scene, you may request that the on-duty officer forward a copy of the report to the Community Relations Unit in case you would like a follow-up with an LGBTQ+ liaison.

For non-emergency situations and general inquiries, Sgt. Tees can be reached by phone at (215) 686-3380 or by email at nicholas.tees@phila.gov.



The CITY of Philadelphia, Office of LGBT Affairs works to foster equitable working and living conditions for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people and to advocate for LGBTQ issues in all areas of City government.

The Office of LGBT Affairs also works closely with the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations (PCHR) to make sure the rights of LGBTQ residents are protected. Contact the PCHR by phone at 215-686-4670 or via email at pchr@phila.gov.

LGBTQ Community-Police Relations: Deputy Commissioner Melvin Singleton works to improve safety and communications between LGBTQ communities and the Philadelphia Police Department. The Deputy Commissioner can be reached at dc_patrol_operations@phila.gov. Anyone who is not comfortable contacting the police can get in touch with the Office of LGBT Affairs for facilitation.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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THE C.A.R.E.S. RESPONDERS NEED YOUR LOVE!

We are facing scary times in the city of Philadelphia. Homicides and crimes occurring all hours of the day. Please do not forget to extend love and support to those who are serving victims and co-homicide survivors. Many C.A.R.E.S. Responders work around the clock and the work we do affects our personal lives. Also, remember we have families and our home life is just like yours, filled with unexpected circumstances that leave our hearts heavy. WE must uplift each other and spread love one to another.

CO-HOMICIDE SURVIVORS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

C.A.R.E.S is a Peer Crisis Response Program that offers:

- ◆ On scene response
- ◆ Immediate needs assessment
- ◆ Emotional support to the Next of Kin and family members
- ◆ Crisis intervention: Assist individual in coping with future difficulties more effectively
- ◆ Education on how to file a victims compensation application and the requirements
- ◆ Help prepare families for what is to come
- ◆ Referrals to community-based agencies and resources
- ◆ **24-hour hotline 215-275-7937**

C.A.R.E.S. Crisis Peer Responders Team, from left to right:

Melany P. Nelson, Director

Shakina DeShazor, Administrative Manager

Yvonne Nelson, Lead Responder

Deshawnda William, Responder

Andrea Rivera, Responder

Jacque DeShazor, Responder

Mark Pittman, Responder

Andre Nelson Jr., Responder

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