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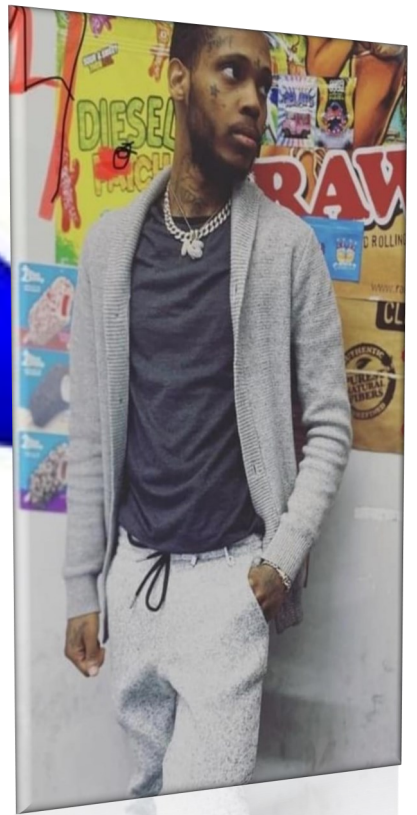
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C.A.R.E.S. NEWSLETTER

**Philadelphia District Attorney's Office
Victim Services Division**



I want to educate all parents to get your children life insurance. I never want you to go through what I went through wondering how I was going to bury my baby who was murdered on 8/3/2022. As parents we must do better! We need to come together as a whole and we need to take a stance and move as one when it comes to our children. Our children are being gunned down in the streets of Philadelphia. It is time for change, we can not work alone WE need each other. We need to work together NOW not tomorrow, we need to start TODAY!

Please get your child life insurance no matter how old your children are. One day we will ALL need life insurance. We do not want our families to struggle to lay us to rest.

Sekou Sr.

DID YOU KNOW?



While many people are unsure what the Office of the City Controller does, it is a critical part of Philadelphia City government. It serves as the financial watchdog for the city, ensuring the efficient, effective, and appropriate operation of Philadelphia government through financial, compliance, performance, and departmental audits. The Controller's Office is head by the independent elected city controller. The controller serves a four-year term staggered from the mayor and city council, allowing the controller to act as an important check on the powers of

Rebecca Rhynhart was sworn-in as Philadelphia's first woman ever elected City Controller in January 2018 after defeating a 12-year, party-backed incumbent. She was re-elected in 2021. Under her leadership, the Controller's Office has focused on transparency, accountability, and good government.

"I am idealistic in that I believe our city government can work for the people, but we need change and disruption. I call out things that aren't right or aren't working because I believe Philadelphians deserve a government that works for everyone," said Controller Rhynhart. "It means knowing how the city spends taxpayer money. It means point out when the city is falling short and offering solutions to improve its operations. It means focusing on equitable city services and the issues that matter most to Philadelphians."

During her tenure, Controller Rhynhart expanded the role of her office to identify opportunities for social impact, as well as a financial one. Though not a typical issue for city controllers to wade into, Controller Rhynhart and her team have worked to address Philadelphia's worsening gun violence crisis since 2019.

Starting with an analysis of the economic impact of gun violence and the history of redlining and its impact on violence today, the Controller's Office has focused on programs that have worked in other cities and advocated for strategies that target those most likely to shoot or be shot and focus resources on the areas where gun violence is the worst. Other analyses include: a review of gun violence clearance rates and case outcomes, an interactive map of Philadelphia's shooting victims that is updated daily, and a look at the City's fiscal year 2022 anti-violence budget. In the coming weeks, the Controller's Office will release an update on the City's anti-violence budget for fiscal year 2023, detailing how the Kenney Administration plans to spend more than \$200 million to reduce gun violence, as well as a spending review of the Philadelphia Police Department.

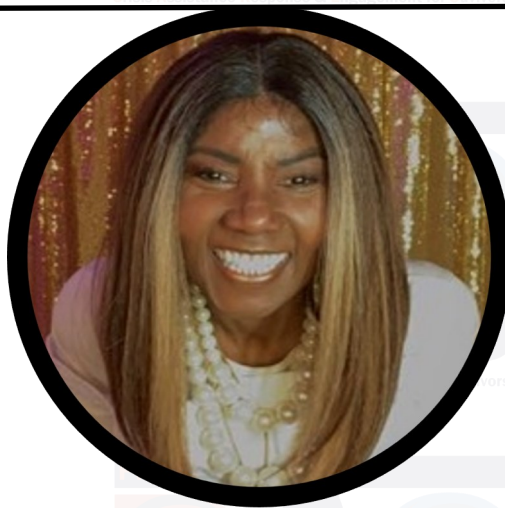
For more information on the Office of the City Controller, [check out its website: controller.phila.gov](http://controller.phila.gov).

THANK YOU

The C.A.R.E.S. Team appreciates the collaborations with all entities that help us serve co-homicide survivors in need. We would like to Thank **TWO** amazing supporters of the C.A.R.E.S. Unit.

Jeffery Brown, the **founder, President and CEO of Brown's Super Stores, Inc.**

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Your Destiny Is Here, Inc. (YDH) is a newly established, non-profit, Christian-based organization that helps individuals and families in crisis. Rev. Linda J. Ivey, MSW is the founder of Your Destiny is Here, Inc. (YDH). She is Philadelphia born and raised, an anointed preacher, teacher, and counselor who earned her bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University, and her master's degree from Temple University.



THE C.A.R.E.S. TEAM LOVE LANGUAGE TO YOU IS: WE CARE, WE LOVE YOU, AND WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!



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