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**LESSONS
IN
RECOVERY
AND
RESILIENCE**

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**Building Resilience after
Terrorism and Traumatic Loss**

**The Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice
320 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017**



8:00 AM - 9:00 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM INTRODUCTION & OPENING REMARKS FROM TUESDAY'S CHILDREN

Welcome to *Lessons in Recovery and Resilience*, highlighting how experts and survivors around the world are countering violent extremism and supporting communities impacted by mass tragedies.

Terry Grace Sears, Executive Director, Tuesday's Children



9:15 AM - 9:45 AM KEYNOTE: Dignity: The Role it Plays in Healing & Well-Being

Dr. Donna Hicks, Ph. D. Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM SURVIVOR STORY: Michael A. Brown

Associate Director, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Targeted Violence & Terrorism Prevention; son of E. Kenneth Brown, victim of September 1985 ETA terrorist attack in Madrid, Spain



10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PANEL DISCUSSION: Countering Violent Extremism & Responding to Long-Term Needs of Survivors & Communities

Hear from experts working in innovative ways to address the rise of violent extremism, and from those on the other side of violent extremism working to build resilience and long-term healing in communities.

Moderator: Deputy Commissioner John Miller, New York Police Department, Intelligence & Counterterrorism

Panelists:

- **Michael A. Brown**, Associate Director, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Targeted Violence & Terrorism Prevention
- **Heather Cartwright**, Director, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism
- **Steven Siqueira**, Deputy Director, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism
- **Sallie Lynch**, Senior Program & Development Consultant, Tuesday's Children
- **Dr. April Naturale**, Disaster Mental Health & Traumatic Stress Specialist



11:00 AM - 11:15 AM BREAK

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM SURVIVOR STORY: Amy O'Neill

Resilience Expert, Therapist & Motivational Speaker, survivor of 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing



11:30 AM - 12:00 PM KEYNOTE: My Path To Peace: Zak Ebrahim

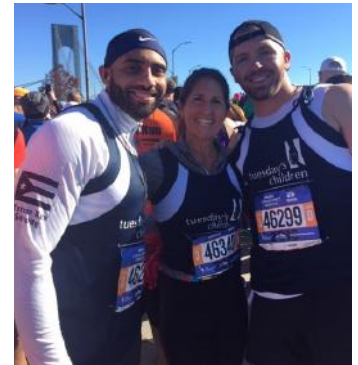
Peace campaigner, Author, *The Terrorist's Son: A Story of Choice*

12:00PM - 12:30 PM LUNCH

12:30PM - 1:00PM TECH TALK: Leveraging Social Media Platforms to Counter Violent Extremism & Support Survivor Communities

Moderator **Melissa Mahtani**, CNN Multimedia Producer, Social TV Panelist:

- **Nick Pickles**, Twitter



1:00PM - 1:15PM INTRODUCTION TO SURVIVOR STORIES & RESILIENCE PANEL

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1:15PM - 1:40PM SURVIVOR STORY: Colonel Melchizedek "Kato" Martinez

USAF, Director of Air Force Gold Star Family Programs; survivor of the 2016 Brussels terrorist attack



1:40PM - 1:55PM SURVIVOR STORY: Jim Giaccone

Docent, 9/11 Tribute Museum; Mentoring Advisory Board Member, Tuesday's Children; brother of Joseph, victim of the 9/11 terrorist attack



1:55PM - 2:15PM SURVIVOR STORY: Sandy & Lonnie Phillips

Founders, Survivors Empowered; parents of Jessica, victim of the 2012 mass shooting in Aurora, CO

2:15PM - 2:30PM BREAK

2:30PM - 3:30PM PANEL DISCUSSION: Reflections on Resilience from Survivors & Communities Impacted by Mass Violence

Hear from individuals impacted by tragedies and how they are using their voices in a variety of ways to raise awareness for and address the long-term needs of communities directly impacted by mass tragedy.

Moderator: Monica Meehan McNamara, family therapist; Curriculum Director, Project COMMON BOND

Panelists:

- **Jim Giaccone**, Docent, 9/11 Tribute Museum; Mentoring Advisory Board Member, Tuesday's Children; brother of Joseph, victim of the 9/11 terrorist attack
- **Colonel Melchizedek "Kato" Martinez**, USAF, Director of Air Force Gold Star Family Programs; survivor of the 2016 Brussels terrorist attack
- **Amy O'Neill**, Resilience Expert, Therapist & Motivational Speaker, survivor of 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing
- **Sandy & Lonnie Phillips**, Founders, Survivors Empowered; parents of Jessica, victim of the 2012 mass shooting in Aurora, CO
- **Bob Resciniti**, President of The Bobby Resciniti Healing Hearts Foundation; founder of "Bobby's Place" grief center near Parkland, FL; bereaved father of Bobby, lost in car accident in 2006



3:30PM - 3:45PM CONCLUDING REMARKS

Terry Grace Sears, Executive Director, Tuesday's Children

3:45PM - 5:00PM RECEPTION

Gather together to meet your fellow audience members, speakers and Tuesday's Children staff.



SPEAKER BIOS



Michael A. Brown serves as Associate Director for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Targeted Violence & Terrorism Prevention (TVTP). Michael oversees and coordinates cross-functional projects and communications within and outside DHS to inform and advance public policy, strategy, research, and programmatic activities. His office is dedicated to helping communities and law enforcement understand the phenomenon of radicalization and mobilization to violence, and exploring ways to prevent and address public safety threats at the local level. Additionally, Michael examines emerging topical areas including terrorist recidivism, digital communications and terrorist use of the internet, and overall partnership and engagement with the interagency, private sector, non-governmental organizations, and academia.

Michael joined DHS in 2007 as a writer at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and has since served in several collaborative roles. He has served as the branch chief for the Air Domain Intelligence-Integration & Analysis Center (ADIAC) pilot, TSA Representative and dual hat Attaché for DHS at U.S. Embassy Singapore, as well as a liaison officer, regional desk officer, inspector, and analyst. Michael is a former DHS Fellow to the RAND Corporation, where he teamed with critically acclaimed researchers on homeland security, national defense, and intelligence community projects. Before joining the federal government, Michael worked in the consulting industry, as well as state and city government, and began his professional career as a financial management officer.

Michael is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) Master's Program, and is a founding member of the CHDS HSx: Advanced Thinking in Homeland Security Program. He also holds a master's degree in public administration from Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey and a bachelor's degree in business administration from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. A native of Delran, New Jersey, Michael resides in Maryland with his wife and three daughters, and is a passionate fan of the Super Bowl LII Champion Philadelphia Eagles.



Heather Cartwright, Director, Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice is the Director of the Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism (OVT) in the National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. OVT supports U.S. citizen victims of overseas terrorism by helping them navigate foreign criminal justice systems and by advocating for their voices to be heard around the world. Prior to her appointment as OVT Director, Ms. Cartwright spent 17 years in various capacities in the Department of Justice including: Chief of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia where she managed the largest prosecution-based victim assistance program in the federal court system; Federal Division Director at the Office for Victims of Crime where she developed policy and managed grants for federal victim programs; and Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia where she prosecuted violent crimes in the local and federal courts.

Ms. Cartwright received both her Undergraduate and Law Degrees from the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois. Throughout her career she has supported victims of terrorist attacks taking place in both the United States and overseas including the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, the 9/11 attacks on the United States, and the 2016 Brussels bombings.

On November 3, 2017, the American Bar Association awarded Ms. Cartwright its Frank Carrington Crime Victims' Rights Attorney Award for her leadership in the advancement of the rights of crime victims and contributions over the course of her career to improve the rights of crime victims in the criminal justice system.



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Zak Ebrahim was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on March 24, 1983, the son of an Egyptian industrial engineer and an American school teacher. When Ebrahim was seven, his father shot and killed the founder of the Jewish Defense League, Rabbi Meir Kahane. From behind bars his father, El-Sayyid Nosair, co-masterminded the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Ebrahim spent the rest of his childhood moving from city to city, hiding his identity from those who knew of his father. He now dedicates his life to speaking out against terrorism and spreading his message of peace and nonviolence.

In 2013, he participated in TED's talent search in New York City, and was selected to speak at the main conference, TED2014, in Vancouver, BC. His TED talk was released on Sept 9, 2014, in conjunction with his TED Book, *The Terrorist's Son: A Story of Choice*. *The Terrorist's Son* was awarded the Alex Award from the American Library Association.

Zak was invited by the Department of State to join the U.S. Speaker Program on Countering Violent Extremism. He has also given lectured for the FBI's Antiterrorism Task Force, Jeff Bezos, the John Adams Institute, Richard Branson, Skoll World Forum, WEF, the Model UN, the Forgiveness Project, the Student Peace Alliance, Credit Swiss, the UBS Annual Philanthropic Event, the American Embassy in Tokyo, and numerous other universities, nonprofits and business conventions.



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Jim Giaccone lost his older brother, Joseph, in the attacks on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Joseph was one of the 658 employees of the Cantor Fitzgerald financial services firm who died in the attacks. Jim grieved the loss of his brother, but knew that the best way to honor him was by giving back to others – especially children – who also were affected by the tragedy. Jim is involved with many aspects of Tuesday's Children including raising funds, serving on the Mentoring Advisory Board, serving on the Family Advisory Board and his most significant contribution: serving as a mentor. Jim also spends his time volunteering and leading tours at the 9/11 Tribute Museum and has shared his story on *The Moth*.



Donna Hicks, Ph.D. is an Associate at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. She has been involved in numerous unofficial diplomatic conflict resolution efforts including projects in the Middle East, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Colombia, Cuba and Northern Ireland. She is the Vice President of Ara Pacis, an Italian organization sponsored by the Italian Foreign Ministry. They are currently involved in a dignity restoration project in Syria and Libya. She was a consultant to the BBC where she co-facilitated a television series, Facing the Truth, with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, which aired in the United Kingdom and on BBC World. She has taught conflict resolution at Harvard, Clark and Columbia Universities. Dr. Hicks conducts training seminars in the Dignity Model, a human-centered approach to rebuilding conflict relationships and to creating a culture of dignity in a variety of settings—in the corporate world, health care, education, faith communities

and non-profit organizations. She is the author of the book, Dignity: It's Essential Role in Resolving Conflict, published in 2011 by Yale University Press. Her second book, Leading with Dignity: How to Create a Culture That Brings Out the Best in People, was published by Yale University Press in August, 2018.



Sallie Lynch, Senior Program and Development Consultant at Tuesday's Children has nearly 18 years of experience serving families of September 11th victims, responders and survivors, and has worked through Tuesday's Children with international victim service providers and with other communities impacted by mass tragedies, including Newtown, CT, Orlando, FL, Las Vegas, NV and Parkland, FL. She is the principal researcher and author of Tuesday's Children's evidence-based Long-Term Healing Model, a five-module training curriculum, toolkit and compilation of lessons learned on community healing and resilience.

She previously coordinated a collaborative research and intervention program with Columbia University School of Social Work and the FDNY Counseling Service Unit working with 9/11 widows and children. She is a co-author of the book FDNY Crisis Counseling: Innovative Responses to 9/11 Firefighters, Families and Communities (Wiley, 2006). Sallie is a member of the Advisory Board for Peace of Mind Afghanistan (PoMA), a national campaign to raise awareness of mental health issues in Afghanistan. She holds an MA in Anthropology from Columbia University and a BA in Cultural Studies from Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.



Melissa Mahtani is a multimedia producer for CNN's award winning digital team producing, writing and creating content for the entire network.

In addition to writing breaking news stories and feature articles for CNN, Mahtani hosts 'Facebook Live' interviews with key influencers, including Hamilton creator Lin-Manuel Miranda, self-described 'fat femme yogi' Jesamyn Stanley and on board the USS Intrepid for Fleet Week. Her role connects the traditional world of TV with digital, pushing programming across all platforms and worldwide. She also plays a key role in designing the social strategy around special events including bespoke CNN Town Halls, CNN Heroes and the United Nations General Assembly.

Mahtani previously worked on numerous shows as a television news producer for CNN including 'Fareed Zakaria GPS,' 'Reliable Sources,' 'Erin Burnett Out Front' and "The World Right Now with Hala Gorani." Most recently she lead the New York launch of the morning business show 'CNMoney with Maggie Lake,' managing a team spread across three cities. Mahtani has also field produced for major international events and produced special content for CNNI, including a special half-hour show on the crisis in Syria.

Mahtani has lived and worked in Zambia, UK, France, Spain and Italy. She brings more than 12 years international experience in producing content for major broadcasters including CNN, CNBC, France 24 and ITN on a wide variety of platforms.

Mahtani received a bachelor of arts from King's College London and a postgraduate diploma from London School of Journalism.



Colonel Martinez is currently assigned as the Chief, Gold Star Family Program, Airman & Family Care Directorate, Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Randolph Air Force Base, TX. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Deputy Commander, 26th Cyberspace Operations Group, 67th Cyberspace Wing, Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland Air Force Base, TX.

Colonel Martinez entered active duty in 1990 as an enlisted Medical technician. He later received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1997. He has held numerous leadership positions at the Sub-Unified Command, MAJCOM, Warfighting HQ and squadron levels. Significantly, he has served as the United States Military Assistant to the 4-star NATO Commander, HQ Allied Joint Force Command, the NATO LNO to the Commander, HQ Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan; the Director of Support, Counterterrorism Task Force 508, Special Operations Command Pacific; Chief of Combat Search & Rescue Systems Branch, HQ Air Force Special Operations Command; deployed Director of Communications for the Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component for Afghanistan & Iraq; and finally, Director of Communications for Operation DAMAYAN, the humanitarian operation in the Central Philippines. Colonel Martinez is a graduate of the US Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School at Quantico, VA. He wears the master Cyber Officer Insignia, the Operations Support Badge and the Commander's Insignia. Colonel Martinez is also designated as an U.S. Air Force Political-Military Strategist.

Colonel Martinez is married to the late Gail Bandong Minglana of Corpus Christi, Texas. He has four children: Kianni (20), Kimo (15), Noelani (11) and Kailani (9).



Monica Meehan McNamara is a Family Therapist in private practice in Boston, MA. She works with individuals, couples and families.

Monica has been a Consultant to the course on Negotiation at Harvard Law School for over 20 years.

Monica is the Director of Curriculum for Project Common Bond, for which she recruits and trains Facilitators as well as running a number of staff groups. In addition, Monica serves as a Facilitator for Project Heart to Heart, which runs weekend retreats for women who have lost either children or spouses in the military.

Monica holds a BA from Tufts University; a Masters from New York University. She has post graduate certification from the Laban Institute for Movement Studies; the Family Institute of Cambridge; and the Trauma Center of Boston.



John Miller, Deputy Commissioner, Intelligence & Counterterrorism is the NYPD Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence & Counterterrorism, overseeing operations in both the Intelligence and Counterterrorism Bureaus, including the partnership in the FBI/NYPD Joint Terrorism Task Force.

He is the former Deputy Director of the Intelligence Analysis Division at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and served as Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He was also the Commanding Officer, Counter Terrorism & Criminal Intelligence Bureau of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators.



April Naturale, Ph.D. is a traumatic stress specialist with 30 years of experience as a health/mental health care administrator, and a clinician specializing in response to traumatic events. After 9/11, Dr. Naturale directed Project Liberty, the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH)'s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded mental health response to the World Trade Center disaster, the largest crisis counseling assistance and training program awarded in the program's 30-year history.

Dr. Naturale spends considerable time in the field assisting with operations management and training, public communications and crisis intervention. She was project director for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Disaster Technical Assistance Center (SAMHSA DTAC), and has collaborated on disaster response work with the Veterans Administration's National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (NCPTSD), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and most states across the nation as well as 7 countries in post disaster and armed conflict situations.

In 2004, she helped launch SAMHSA's National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, then spent several years working in each of the states affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Wilma, and Ike. She worked with the Mental Health Association–New York City to launch the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Distress Helpline, now known as the Disaster Distress Helpline and to oversee the 9/11 10th Anniversary Healing and Remembrance program. Dr. Naturale was the architect of the Boston Marathon Bombing Behavioral Health response and developed the needs assessment for the states of Nevada and CA of the Rte. 91 Harvest Festival Shooting. She has been assisting in program development efforts as well as victim, family and provider forums for the Pulse Nightclub, Parkland, Thousand Oaks and Pittsburgh Tree of Life shooting incidents and is currently training Humanitarian Aid workers for the European Union.



Amy O'Neill is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a 25-year career in the mental health field. Amy has worked in a variety of treatment settings with many different populations. For the past 8 years Amy has primarily worked in a private practice counseling setting. In 2013, Amy was injured in the Boston Marathon Bombing while running the marathon. Following this attack, she became involved with the Resiliency Center in Boston as a Victim Advisory Panel member and served on this panel through its tenure.

In 2018 Amy O'Neill was asked to serve as a Victim Stakeholder for the National Mass Violence and Victimization Resource Center. As a survivor of domestic terrorism, she is lending her expertise in identifying long and short-term therapeutic needs of survivors from mass violence. Amy was invited to serve on the One Boston Commemoration Advisory Committee exploring ways to create a citywide monument to "Boston's Resilience."

Amy O'Neill received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services and Counseling from Old Dominion University 1992 and a Master of Science Degree from Chestnut Hill College in Counseling Psychology in 1999. In 2018 Amy completed a post masters Certificate program from Chestnut Hill College making her eligible for current licensing standards in the state of Pennsylvania.



Lonnie and Sandy Phillips are the parents of Jessica Ghawi who was murdered in the Massacre at the midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises" in the Summer of 2012 in Aurora, Colorado. In order to attend the trial of Jessi's killer they rented out their home and bought a camper trailer that ended up on a friend's property for the duration of a trial which lasted over four months. After the trial was over they took their retirement and are presently traveling the country speaking on gun violence prevention and forming coalitions with other survivor groups. In the six years since the death of their daughter they have been on the ground in the immediate aftermath of ten mass shootings. They founded a nonprofit, "Survivors Empowered" that provides resources, guidance and a soft place to land for survivors of gun violence.



Nick Pickles, Senior Strategist, Public Policy, Twitter is Head of Public Policy and Government for the UK and Israel at Twitter. He also leads Twitter's engagement with the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism. Previously he was Director of the Privacy and Civil Liberties campaign group Big Brother Watch. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an internationally published music photographer. He graduated from Durham University in Law, before serving as President of the Students' Union.



Bob Resciniti, Chairman & Founder of The Bobby Resciniti Healing Hearts Foundation is the dad to Bobby, who died in a tragic accident on July 13, 2006 at the age of 21. This led Bob to create The Bobby Resciniti Healing Hearts Foundation, a non-for-profit charity which serves the local community as well as nationally. He also started a grief center "Bobby's Place" where bereaved parents may come for free group and private counseling. Bob continues to give his heart through many community events. Bob is also a speaker, workshop presenter, writer, philanthropist, and the heart of The Healing Hearts Foundation. Bob has dedicated the rest of his life to helping the broken hearted after the death his son. Healing Hearts grief center is located less than two miles away from Marjory Stoneman Douglas and played an integral part, offering help to the families, students and faculty after the February 14th, 2018 tragedy. Healing Hearts continues to host group counseling sessions for the students and Parkland community. www.angelbobby.org.



Steven Siqueira brings to the position of Deputy Director for the UN Office of Counter- Terrorism many years of political, development and management experience.

Prior to this appointment, he was the Secretary of the Palestinian Rights Committee of the General Assembly from December 2013 to March 2015. While serving as Committee Secretary, Mr. Siqueira served as a coordinator for the Secretary-General's "Rights up Front" initiative, which sought to mainstream the protection and promotion of human rights across the work of the Organization. Mr. Siqueira also served as a member of the Secretary-General's Change Management Team (2011-2013), which produced Secretary-General Ban's Change Plan for the United Nations.


From 2010-2013, Mr. Siqueira served as Interim Chief of Staff in three different UN peace operations, to handle specific political or management challenges in the Central African Republic (2010), Burundi (2011) and Mali (2013). He has also served in Iraq, as Special Assistant to Special Representative Ashraf Qazi of the UN (2005) and Jerusalem, as a Change Management consultant for UNRWA (2003-4).

Earlier in his career, Mr. Siqueira served as Senior Political Affairs Officer in the Office of the Under-Secretary for Political Affairs (2006-2010) at UN Headquarters in New York. He worked in the private sector as the Director of International Government Affairs, Asia-Pacific Region at American Express International (2000-2003), based in Singapore and Hong Kong, securing the necessary licenses and approvals from regulatory authorities for five businesses across 13 markets.

Mr. Siqueira served as a Canadian foreign service officer and diplomat in Ottawa, Tunis and Washington, D.C from 1994-2000. In Washington, he served as Alternative Representative of Canada to the Organization of American States (OAS) and Alternate Delegate to several Inter-American and Hemispheric organizations.

Mr. Siqueira holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from McGill University (Canada) and a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Princeton University (United States), and was a Fulbright Scholar at Princeton.



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