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ANOTHER ONE COMING UP!**

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December 23, 2018

Dear Friends,

It has been quite a year! Violence Transformed 2018 finished the year with a total of TEN exhibits in participating venues throughout the greater Boston area and works by mature and emerging artists from throughout New England and New York. We were aided in our endeavors by an amazing group of curators, activists for social justice and community partners. In 2019, Violence Transformed was also a key recipient of grant-funded initiatives including the [Stable Ground grant from The Kresge Foundation](#) to nuLawLab of Northeastern University (NEU) School of Law and its partnering organizations (Violence Transformed, the Public Health Advocacy Institute, the Domestic Violence Institute at/of NEU School of Law, and the City of Boston Office of Housing Stability), and a second year of funding for our victims services training initiative "Perspectives: Transforming Violence with Mindful Artmaking". And, in 2018 we also received a positive response from MOVA to extend federal Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) funding to launch our newest victim service initiative: the [Transformative Action Project \(TAP\)](#). Very briefly, TAP offers to crime victimized individuals and their communities free of charge, community based interventions that integrate the ingredients of mindful practice, creative engagement and legal empowerment.

Please visit our website: www.violencetransformed.com to learn more about both our latest exhibits and our grant-funded initiatives, to see images from this and prior years, and to get a sense of the pride and excitement we feel about what continues to happen with Violence Transformed!

You can also see our latest [Call for Art](#) and learn a bit about the exhibits that are taking shape for 2019!

Now for the request. At the same time that Violence Transformed has been able to attract significant and vitally needed grant support for our victim service and victim service training initiatives, we continue to need significant funding for the visual and performing arts exhibits, curators, and artists who contribute so much to all that we do. Frankly, I have held off requesting donations from our many supporters throughout most of this year because I know how crucial the 2018 elections were to so many of us. And, I know that it will be the same as the 2020 elections come onto the horizon!

Now, however, as 2018 comes to an end, I do need to reach out to all of you and ask that you please contribute what you can to this amazing enterprise..... and that you invite friends and friends of friends to contribute as well. You –and they-- need to know that roughly 80% of any/all donations to Violence Transformed go support honorariums for and contracts with our contributing artists and curators and help to offset the costs of transporting works to and from our venues, providing food and beverages and entertainment for Violence Transformed events that are hosted by a wide array of community partners --- partners who in the first half of the year 2019 will include: First Church Cambridge, Boston City Hall, the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists, Cambridge College, Lesley University, Harriet Tubman House of the United South End Settlements — and in the second half, an equally wide array of community venues with whom we have just begun to talk.

To make a donation, just go to: www.violencetransformed.com/donate. Your gift will be so appreciated.

Thank you..... and here's wishing you and yours our warmest wishes for the Holiday Season and a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

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