When We Lose Part of Our World

“My son got into some trouble, and then tried to make amends with one of guys, and was murdered.”
“She was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.”
“He was the best son a mother could ask for, never got in trouble.”

These were a few of the tearful sentiments shared with members of Pastoral Care, the Penn Trauma Center, and other HUP staff, family members, and friends last month to honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the lives lost to violence in our community in 2012.

“We are gathered here today to remember with sadness, appreciation, and reverence the precious lives that have passed through our care during this past year,” said Rev. Ralph Ciampa, director of Pastoral Care.

The overwhelming stories of tragedy shared by loved ones in attendance echoed Dr. King’s quote that “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

John Gallagher, Trauma program manager, introduced a video of the “Families are Victims Too” mural that stands in West Philadelphia as a reminder of how memories of those lost to senseless violence linger with loved ones forever.

“All of us here feel a calling to fight disease, injury, and save lives, and relieve suffering,” said Patrick Kim, MD, medical director of the Trauma Program. “I’m very grateful for all Pastoral Care does for us and with us.”

Several years ago, residents in HUP’s Clinical Pastoral Education Program who were extremely troubled by the traumas and deaths they faced used tea candles and a jigsaw puzzle of the Earth to help each other heal. Denise Statham, administrative chaplain, explained that every month, they would take a puzzle piece out and light a tea candle, a practice they all conducted at this evening’s event, because “a piece of the world is gone when your loved one has left here.”

‘DASH’ FOR ORGAN & TISSUE AWARENESS

Join the Penn Medicine team in the Dash for Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness and help raise money to educate people about the serious need for more registered organ and tissue donors. Those who register with Team PENN MEDICINE will receive a Penn t-shirt to wear as we walk or run as a team! The Dash will be held on Sunday, April 21, from 8:30 am to noon at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. To learn more and to register, go to www.donors1.org.

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