

Following the murder of his son in 1995, Azim Khamisa founded the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF.org), which started a subsequent forgiveness movement that has reached millions. In 2002, he received Search for Common Ground's prestigious "Award for Building Better Communities." In 2004, he participated in the Synthesis Dialogues with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and in 2006 he was given the "Spirit of Crazy Horse Award" from the Reclaiming Youth Network. In addition, Azim has been the recipient of the California Peace Prize.

Azim has served as TKF's founder and chairperson for over 22 years. He is an emissary of peace and an international inspirational speaker with over 600 keynotes, including one to 300,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial at the Stand For Children Rally, as well as a speech to the United Nations General Assembly. Azim lives in La Jolla, California and is the proud father of daughter Tasreen and grandfather of Shahin, Khalil and Miya.

With a strong passion to share his message with the youth, Azim has given over 1,000 presentations to over a million students worldwide. He is the author of four books and has been featured countless times in local, national and international media. In 2017, Azim spoke for TEDWomen. View this video here: go.TED.com/azimandples. And for more information on Azim, please visit www.AzimKhamisa.com