A Peace of News- August 2020 Newsletter

What We've Been Up To:

Dearest TKF Family,

We continue to send strength and healing to our TKF family in these unprecedented times. We know many of you are struggling, and we remain committed to being here for you. You are not alone. Together we will get through this. Continue to show up for yourselves by practicing self-care, self-love and self-compassion. When we show up for ourselves it builds our resiliency muscles so we can fight the good fight for the greater good of humanity.

TKF remains steadfast in spreading our message of forgiveness, hope and peace, while supporting the social-emotional needs of our children, parents, guardians and educators.

Some of the many things we have been involved with over the past few months include:

In May, Program Director, Benita Page, converted 6 sessions of TKF's Restorative Workshop into online lessons for teachers at one of TKF's Safe School Expansion Site in Pennsylvania, supporting their move to online learning during the covid-19 crisis.

In June, Azim Khamisa, TKF Founder and Chief Spiritual Officer, facilitated a guided meditation focused on building spiritual resiliency for TKF's supporters from Klemmer and Associates' Heart of the Samurai.

Executive Director, Tasreen Khamisa, participated in a World Unity Week panel on "Collective Healing Action: Learning from Indigenous Wisdom" with TKF Board of Trustee member Vikas Srivastava. They discussed how the principles and practices of ancient, indigenous spiritual traditions shaped their being and inspired their current work fostering restorative justice, healing, and conflict resolution in youth and adults.

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Benita Page was also invited to guest speak at a student leadership retreat for the New Commonwealth School in Valley Center. This event was an opportunity for seven high school juniors to connect with community leaders and hear about their personal journey of purpose and leadership.

This summer, Tasreen Khamisa has joined the Compassionate California's San Diego Chapter, taking the lead in the San Diego County and Community Initiatives at the grade school level.

Following the unjust killing of George Floyd, Azim Khamisa and Tasreen Khamisa co-signed an open letter, "Healing Our Nation: Addressing Systemic Trauma with Communities of Color" along with 40+ leaders including Deepak Chopra and Dr. Shamini Jain.

If you know of an event that TKF should be participating in to continue to relay our important work, please let us know.

in the 2019-2020 school year TKF served over 8,000 students and facilitated the TKF Restorative Parenting Workshop in both English and Spanish with 55 parents and guardians!

Upcoming Events:

Exciting News!
Azim Khamisa, Ples Felix, Tony Hicks and Tasreen Khamisa will be participating in a special closed panel for the California Judges Association on "Restorative Justice: Reimagining Juvenile Justice". The panel will be moderated by the judge who sentenced Tony to 25 to life back in 1996 and recently wrote a letter to Governor Newsom asking that Tony be paroled.

Monday, August 31st from 1:00 - 2:30 PM (PST)
Tasreen Khamisa and Benita Page will be presenting on "TKF's Safe School Model – Teaching Peace, Hope, and Forgiveness" at the International Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma Across the Lifespan. Learn more about the summit and register to attend HERE!

Tuesday, September 1st from 10:30 AM- 12:00 PM (PST)
Azim Khamisa will also be joining at panel at the International Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma Across the Lifespan on "What's Next for Social Justice". Learn more about the summit and register to attend HERE!

Monday, October 26, 2020
Azim Khamisa and Ples Felix will be giving a keynote at the Safe School Climate Conference sharing their story of forgiveness, peace and hope and TKF's mission of creating safer schools and communities through our safe school programming.

Tasreen Khamisa and Benita Page will also be presenting at this conference on "Teaching Students A Restorative Mindset Through Social –Emotional Life Skills" from 2:45 - 4:00 PM. Learn more about the conference and register to attend HERE!
This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation! In honor of such a monumental occasion we will be celebrating virtually throughout the remainder of the year. The festivities will kick off in October culminating on March 6, 2021 for Tariq Khamisa's birthday.

COVID pending, we hope to celebrate in person with all of you at a very special 25th Anniversary Celebration on Tariq's birthday!

More details to follow via social media and email!