

National Center for Civil & Human Rights Eighth Annual

POWER TO INSPIRE 2022

THE POWER of TRUTH



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A NOTE FROM JILL



Dear Friends:

Good evening and welcome! We are delighted to be back together in person with all of you for our 8th annual Power to Inspire Tribute Dinner.

It has been just three years since our last in-person gala, but it sure feels like a lifetime ago.

Through the pandemic, your support helped us weather the storm. You gave financial support, which we appreciate enormously, but you also shared your time and talents, which sustains us in important ways. You attended and participated in online programs, joined our Campaign for Equal Dignity, and signed up for our DEI conversations. Once we reopened, you visited the Center and hosted events in our space. Thank you.

Our theme tonight is the Power of Truth. The Center's mission is rooted in truth telling – sharing both the truth of our history and the truth about our current moment.

Our honorees tonight, Donna Stephens and Nujeen Mustafa, are truth tellers who have bravely committed to making sure we know the truth about those who have been victimized or marginalized. We are eager for you to meet them.

Our commitment to the truth takes shape through our programs, which are making a real and measurable difference in the lives of students, our visitors, and our community. Over the past year:

- + Our Education team welcomed thousands of students to The Center and Zoomed into scores of classrooms to supply curricular resources and teacher training about U.S. civil rights history and its relevance today, emphasizing critical thinking, civics, and empathy.
- + Our DEI program reached dozens of workplaces with our transformational conversations, which are equipping companies with tools to create diverse, fair, and inclusive organizational cultures.
- + We provided REPAIR, our human rights education course, to more than 2,500 law enforcement leaders and officers across the country. Our program ensures police personnel understand how protecting the civil rights of all people is an essential part of our democracy.
- + Our Truth & Transformation initiative is galvanizing our community to engage with chapters of our country's history that have been erased or forgotten, such as convict leasing at the Chattahoochee Brick Company and the 1906 Atlanta Race Massacre. Last month we partnered with Out of Hand Theater to host Equitable Dinners – bringing together 5,000 people at 500 tables across Atlanta on the same day to commemorate the violence of 1906 and commit to actions to ensure fairness today.

Even as we pursue our daily work, we are focused on the future. Tomorrow we will break ground for an expansion campaign that will help fulfill the original vision of our founders: to be a truly national cultural center focused on rights and justice. Our Building the Vision Campaign supports investments in our programs and our iconic building. We will add two wings to the Center – 20,000 additional square feet of space for exhibitions, conversations, and education.

The new west wing will house a café and three new galleries, including one for children under 12. The east wing will house multifunctional space for classrooms, performances, conferences, and events, along with broadcast capability to stream what happens in our building to the world. We will also update and enhance our current exhibitions, including a stunning re-imagining of how we present the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection.

These many changes will help us deliver our mission to more students, more visitors, more Atlantans and tourists, with the goal of making sure people are informed about our past so they better understand the present and can chart a just and equitable future.

Enjoy tonight. We are so glad you are here.

JILL SAVITT
PRESIDENT & CEO,
NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS

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A woman with short dark hair and large hoop earrings is speaking into a yellow and white megaphone. She is looking upwards and to the left. In the background, another person's hand is visible, holding a small object. The scene appears to be an outdoor public gathering or protest.

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NUJEEN MUSTAFA

REFUGEE AND DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATE
AND CO-AUTHOR OF *THE GIRL FROM ALEPPO*

Nujeen Mustafa is an advocate for the rights of refugees and people with disabilities. Nujeen was a teenager when bombs began falling in her hometown of Aleppo, Syria. Her family didn't have enough money for everyone to flee, so Nujeen and her sister embarked on a grueling 16-month journey to Germany by road, boat, and bus – with Nujeen in her wheelchair. Because of this journey, Nujeen has become a vocal advocate for refugee and disability rights.



DONNA STEPHENS

CO-FOUNDER, CHATTAHOOCHEE BRICK COMPANY
DESCENDANTS COALITION

Donna Stephens is an Atlanta native, graduate of Georgia State University, community organizer, representative for the US EPA Environmental Justice Academy, and a force of nature on issues related to historical truth and environmental justice. After Emancipation, thousands of African Americans were re-enslaved because a practice known as “convict leasing.” Government officials arrested and imprisoned African Americans – on false or trumped-up charges – and leased them to businesses to work in labor camps. When Donna discovered convict leasing happened in her Atlanta neighborhood, she committed herself to telling the stories of these victims and leads an effort to turn one site where convict leasing happened into a memorial.

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enriches
the world
we live in.

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backgrounds, or life experiences, we embrace
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BUILDING THE VISION CAMPAIGN

We launched the Building the Vision Campaign in 2021 to fulfill our original idea to create an immersive space that builds empathy, generates brave conversations, and inspires people to protect civil and human rights. Through our physical and programmatic expansion, we will engage our audience more deeply and in a range of new ways, transforming our Center into a national institution.

The Center was built for these tumultuous times. In this moment, we are uniquely positioned to advance the broader causes of civil and human rights in our communities. Our innovative programs are making a real and measurable difference in the lives of thousands of people in Atlanta and across the nation. We are quickly becoming a destination for educational resources on civil and human rights for students and teachers.

Building the Vision will propel The Center to a new level of reach and impact.

We hope to raise \$63 million or more in private and strategic public sector support by December 31, 2025. The funds are needed for the following priorities:

Physical Expansion – \$48 million

New Programs & Projects – \$5 million

Annual Operating Support – \$2 million per year (for 5 years) = \$10 million

We Need Your Support: This is YOUR Center – you are vital to helping us achieve our vision. Our Building the Vision Campaign is designed to seek gifts from people from all walks of life – as well as from our corporate and foundation partners. While you may choose to support a specific project or program – and there are exciting naming opportunities for larger gifts – we invite you to consider being a partner of the Center by making a gift or 5-year pledge at any of the three levels:

Gold Partner – \$10,000

Silver Partner – \$5,000

Bronze Partner – \$2,500

Gifts at these levels and larger will be featured on a creative and permanent plaque in the new Center.

To learn more about the expansion campaign visit: civilandhumanrights.org/about-the-center/center-expansion



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