



Strides for Peace

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**The Gene Siskel Film Center and Strides for Peace
Announce A Special Free Film Screening of the Choose Hope Film Series
Featuring 10 Chicago Community Organizations on the frontlines of Covid-19,
Racial Injustice and Rising Gun Violence**

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

7:30 – 9:00PM

The summer of 2020 was like no other. Meet the people who Choose Hope, no matter the odds.

In response to the need to social distance during an unprecedented time of change and disruption, Strides for Peace launched the Choose Hope film series to transport viewers to the frontlines of Chicago communities facing the greatest challenges, to provide a window into what was happening on the ground and to introduce the hidden heroes who choose hope, no matter the odds.

Join a panel discussion and Q&A, moderated by
Mary Stonor Saunders, Executive Director of Strides of Peace

Meet the Filmmakers: Filming During Lockdown

Brandi Reed, LSHY Media

Patrick Mulvey and **Andrew Ramsay**, 5 x 12 Films

Community Leaders: Choosing Hope No Matter the Odds

Franklin Cosey-Gay, Executive Director of University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration's Center for Youth Violence Prevention, **will help lead the discussion**

Matt DeMateo, Executive Director, New Life Centers of Chicagoland (Little Village)

Diane Latiker, Founder and Executive Director, Kids Off the Block (Roseland)

Autry Phillips, Executive Director Target Area Development Corp (Englewood)

Featured organizations: BUILD (Austin and Humboldt Park), The BASE Chicago (Garfield Park), C.H.A.M.P.S. (Greater Grand Crossing), I Grow Chicago (Englewood), Kids Off the Block (Roseland), Mothers Against Street Shooters (Englewood), New Life Centers (Little Village), Paving the Way (Washington Park), Target Area Development Corp (Englewood), West Town Bikes (Humboldt Park)

This event is free, but you must PRE-ORDER tickets to join. Visit <https://www.stridesforpeace.org/> or go to <https://www.siskelfilmcenter.org/strides-peaces-choose-hope-film-screening> for details and to register

About Strides for Peace: Founded in 2014, Strides for Peace is dedicated to increasing collective impact of nonprofits working to end gun violence and create a stronger Chicago where all can thrive, free from the fear of gun violence. To that end, we work to empower existing community organizations, promote collaboration and amplify solution-driven dialogue of those on the front lines of ending gun violence.

About the Gene Siskel Film Center: The Film Center's programming includes annual film festivals that celebrate diverse voices and international cultures, premieres of trailblazing work by today's independent filmmakers, restorations and revivals of essential films from cinema history, and insightful, provocative discussions with filmmakers and media artists.