

## Newsletter

# SILENT CRY INC.

How do good intentions of a mission go bad? Well, let me tell you of this beautiful staple in the Harlem community called New York City Mission Society. It was used to save many young people for a very long time. It was a place of life, second chances, hope, community, and the cornerstone of love. What every Community Center should be and the multitude fall short. This organization was amazing in its time of good leadership and management. I, Shawanna Vaughn, arrived at New York City Mission at the demise of a once-great hope of the community. The change of guard to new leadership and business practices didn't create a better outcome for an already crumbling infrastructure not of a building but an organizational structure. I worked for a program called Snug, which was guns spelled backward. It was a harm reduction initiative that came out of Chicago, known as Ceasefire. This, I thought, was perfect for me. I was already developing my own grassroots organization and desired more knowledge and training. My belief was that our missions were aligned.

## #MissionLostTheMission

The realization of finding out our missions were incredibly different; the criminal elements of individuals who were employed unaddressed and the safety of others ignored. In a statement by the supervisor of this program, he stated, "we were meant for war because we worked there." I would like to pose a question. Is working at a nonprofit organization in Harlem the same as signing up for the military? Ponder that. But, the fact you did need bulletproof vest on occasion or protective gear in which we didn't have nor combat training when a co-worker put himself in harm's way in front of assault weapons at New York City Mission Society so our lives could be spared that day.

While it looked like the Wild Wild West in a city, state, and federally funded program, the president of this company opted for personal security as we worked in wartime conditions. This atmosphere caused Post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and depression to me and others; who were not part of being a gang member, committing a crime, and causing irreversible harm to young people and a community that is already fragile and fractured. There is an obligation to stand for injustice in our communities, systems, and against organizations that put profit over people. Standing alone and offering truth to dismantle horrific behaviors in this organization, which was once the safety net for the multitude to thrive and become who they dreamed of and create lasting relationships.

Fast forward 2020 currently in a legal battle still trying to attain justice for the injustice that was caused to me as a human being, a woman, and an employee of the New York Mission Society. I've been my own attorney (pro se) an uphill struggle, but I've persevered stayed the course to justice. I need the support of community, parents, and those who fund city, state, and federal programs and hold them accountable for their actions. Taxpayers, I'm speaking directly to you. Tell, New York City Mission Society, it's time to do the right thing. The tactic is still profit over people. Apologies are helpful in Healing; this organization owes workers that, but we will most likely never get one that is genuine. The closure comes in many ways, but for me, compensated through damages is my solace. Let's put people over profit.



## CALL TO ACTION

**Please leave reviews on there site to do the right thing by Shawanna Vaughn  
"People Over Profit"**

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With OVER A DECADE of experience as a public defender in the South Bronx, Jodi Morales, Esq. Knows the ins and outs of criminal prosecutions, how to zealously defend them, and where trends in criminal justice are headed. Jodi has represented THOUSANDS of clients, litigated countless cases to acquittal and carefully negotiated complex dispositions saving many of her clients from criminal convictions, lengthy prison sentences and even deportation. During her tenure with one of the most respected public defense offices in the world, she served as a supervising attorney in the Criminal Defense Practice and taught the art of effective trial advocacy to junior attorneys. Jodi was also appointed to the specialized Adolescent Defense Project where she represented teens charged with felonies in Supreme Court. In 2015 the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute at Harvard Law School

awarded her a competitive research fellowship to gather death penalty case data and help develop The Fair Punishment Project which creates a fair and accountable justice system through legal action and public discourse. Aside from courtroom advocacy, Jodi remains active in her community. In 2017, she was appointed to serve on Community Board Four by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. Jodi received her Juris Doctorate degree from Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law where she was honored as a David Berg Fellow for the Public Interest. She is also a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She is admitted to practice in New York State and the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, and Northern Districts of New York. Jodi is a fluent Spanish speaker.



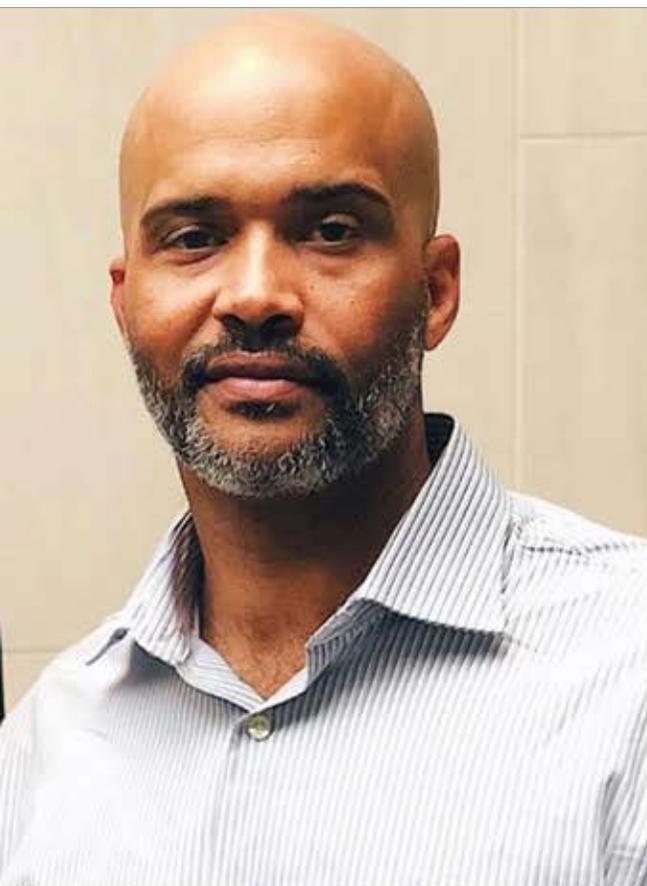
### **In Loving Memory**

**My friend. Friendship isn't the length of time but the quality of being in someone's life. You are so encouraging, and I say that because you always be everything you deposited into Humanity. Your work here is done, and the Father said, All is well. You left a legacy that is written in the hearts of women all over, and for that, the world was a better place for having you. But, Heaven is hosting you a Well Done party. And I am encouraged because I knew you along with so many others. Rest well in the Master's Arms. Healing didn't come on this side, but Healing came on the Other Side. Sleep well, Veneé Sykes; we Love you, Queen.**



**Stephanie Carnegie is a dynamic woman that embodies passion, strength, and tenacity. She is a public speaker and former educator who founded Totality Of A Woman (TOAW) in March 2018 to fill a void in the mental health space. Stephanie states, 'I didn't want women to suffer in silence as I did. I wanted to let them know they are NOT alone, and I wanted to help break the STIGMA surrounding mental health and mental illness.' TOAW is an organization that takes a 360-degree approach focusing on the wellness of Women, Men, and Children.**

**Stephanie is a brand manager and the founder of Carnegie PR, a leading public relations and strategic communications firm. Best known in media circles for her early start representing some of Hip Hop's prolific emcee's she has steadily broadened her scope and served as the National Communications Advisor for the National Council of Women of the United States at the United Nations.**



**327 Consulting Group is a network of qualified consultants working earnestly toward reshaping the culture of American Institutions such as Education, Policy, Health Care, Mental Health, And Criminal Legal Reform, among other areas of focus. My passion in most of these areas is the lived experience of being formerly incarcerated. I'm 1995 at the age of 16 I was charged, convicted, and sentenced as a duty to serve the rest of my life in prison.**

**Upon my release in 2017, I embarked upon a path of Legislative Advocacy that led me to an Organizing position with the ACLU's National Smart Justice Campaign. It is my position that there should be no conversation about Criminal Legal Reform without the minds of those who have lived through the realities which are collaterally consequential to incarceration. I am dedicated to seeing equality in all aspects of the cultural fibers of America. I'll do this until my physical perishes or my mind refuses to allow me.**

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# Action News

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