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The 11TH Annual JCWWP "Edutainment Event"

# The Next Generation of Art, Heart & Peace Fundraiser

"Moving forward, our next generation, who are more open-minded, tolerant, connected, and educated, will use their voices and platforms to create, collaborate, advocate, and push for change to advance an increasingly complex world." — Susan Toler Carr



Art



Heart



Peace

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

1:00 P.M.

ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE EVENT SPACE

SANTA MONICA, CA

*J. Carr*

Background art is by Justin Carr  
"Turquoise Swirls" in acrylic

**JUSTIN CARR** was a young Renaissance Man who loved the visual and performing arts. He was four years old when he started his quest to achieve World Peace. On 2/22/2013, at 16, Justin died suddenly during swim practice at his school. He had an undiagnosed heart condition (cardiomyopathy), which resulted in his Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). SCA is the #1 Killer of student-athletes, contributes to the #2 Medical cause of death of individuals under the age of 25, and is the #1 cause of death on school campuses. JCWWP is a 501 (c) 3 created in his honor and as a memorial to his interests, hopes, and dreams for the world. JCWWP's mission supports Justin's blueprints he left behind, focusing on the three arc platforms and areas he excelled in (Art- visual and performing), dreamed of (Peace), and exhibited and succumbed to (Heart).



## Program

### Opening Video

### Host Greetings

Alexander McDaniel

### Peace Segment

Music Selection #1

James Wimbley

JCWWP Peace Award

Susan Toler Carr  
Harriet Zaretsky

### Heart Segment

Music Selection #2

James Wimbley

Next Generation

Dr. Ruey-Kang Chang, **QT Medical**  
Ziva Halpert, **A+Plus CPR**  
Kyle Nobel, **Avive**

Heart to Heart

Nikki Marks, **TM23 Foundation**  
Amanda Daniels, **Heartquake Media**

Live Auction

Amy Ashton

### Art Segment

Music Selection #3

James Wimbley

JCWWP Art Award

Darrell Carr  
Gary Lett

### Closing Remarks

**RECEPTION WITH MUSIC, FOOD & ART IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM**

## HOST | ALEXANDER MCDANIEL



**Alexander McDaniel** is a 16-year-old filmmaker. In 2021, he received the Justin Carr Wants World Peace Foundation Scholarship and purchased a camera he still uses for his films. He is a SAG-AFTRA actor and started creating when he was 11, directing his first film, *Bully Proof Vest* — which is about a girl who overcomes bullying through a magical bullyproof vest. Alexander has made dozens of short films, directed twelve, and won at various film festivals. He has dual enrollment with his high school and LA Valley College; he has Pre, Post, and Production certificates while majoring in Cinematic Arts Production. He has two years of studying at Ghetto Film School, which has helped shape his style of filmmaking. Alexander works at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures as a Teen Council member and enjoys creating events and showcase panels and planning screenings along with others in the council. [www.mcdanielfilms.com](http://www.mcdanielfilms.com), @alexandermcdanielofficial, @mcdanielfilms

## MUSICAL PERFORMERS

**James Wimbley** is 13 years old and the youngest of 4 siblings. He moved to Nashville, Tennessee, with his mom when he was 4. As a singer-songwriter, James has written several songs inspired by his life experiences. He started singing at 5 and first performed on stage in Nashville, TN when he was 9 and continues showcasing his craft during many occasions and various venues throughout Tennessee. James is fluent in Spanish, plays the piano, and loves playing the guitar. He is humbled by the warmth and support he has received in his career. Next week, he is off to perform at the famous Apollo Theater in New York City. Amongst the many artists he admires are Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, and Alicia Keys. James's ambition is to achieve greatness in his music, bring joy, and touch the hearts of many through his songs. @jameswimbleymusic



**Tamboura Baptiste** is a classically trained violinist with over 20 years of performance experience. Although classical was his sole focus and genre for many years he has grown to also be able to play Pop, Rock, Jazz, etc. Born in the Lower East Side of New York City, Tamboura started playing the violin early. He attended Third Street Music School and summer music camps and was accepted into the New York Youth Symphony during his senior year in high school. He graduated from Pomona College with a degree in Theater Performance. After a few careers, Tamboura decided to try being a full-time musician. He has fulfilled that goal and has since then not looked back!  
[www.tambouraplaysviolin.wixsite.com/tamboura-baptiste](http://www.tambouraplaysviolin.wixsite.com/tamboura-baptiste)

## SPEAKERS



### Ruey-Kang Chang, MD

Dr. Chang is a pediatric cardiologist, Professor at UCLA, and founder and CEO of QT Medical. He completed his pediatrics and cardiology training at UCLA, then joined Harbor-UCLA in 1999. He is currently the Chief of Pediatric Cardiology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Principal Investigator at the Lundquist Institute. Dr. Chang is a researcher, having received over \$10 million in funding from the NIH; an inventor with over 30 patents on medical technology; and an entrepreneur who founded three companies. Today, Dr. Chang will introduce the invention he is most proud of -- the world's most compact and user-friendly 12-lead ECG designed for infants and children. <https://www.qtrmedical.com>



**Ziva Halpert** is the Founder of A+Plus CPR. From a young age, she realized how crucial it was to know basic life-saving skills. That's when she decided to become a certified CPR instructor and help others learn how to save lives. With every class she teaches, Ziva feels a sense of fulfillment knowing that she is empowering her students with the knowledge and skills to potentially save a life. For her, being a CPR Instructor is not just a job; it is her passion. She also believes everyone should have access to basic life-saving skills, and she is committed to spreading that message to as many people as possible. <https://www.apluscpr4less.com>



**Kyle Noble** is the Senior Marketing Manager for Avive Solutions, where he leads a team committed to bringing Avive's next-generation AED to the masses, so no witnessed Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) goes untreated. With experience in direct-to-consumer e-commerce, global public health, and pediatric healthcare settings, Kyle blends marketing expertise with passionate dedication to improving health outcomes. At Avive, he and his team are focused on making innovative and easy-to-use AED technology available to all, educating the nation about AEDs and SCA, and upending the traditional AED industry so more people than ever are empowered to save a life. <https://www.avive.life>



**Amanda Daniels** the Founder and CEO of Heartquake Media. Amanda earned a BA in Communications from UC Berkeley, and a Master of Broadcast Journalism from the USC. Amanda began volunteering for the American Heart Association as a speaker and walked with other heart disease survivors in the 2017 Rose Parade. She trained to be a women's heart health expert and Women Heart Champion at the Mayo Clinic. In 2012, she co-founded the first peer-led support group through UCLA for women living with heart disease and created the lifestyle brand Flight of the Heart. Amanda coined the phrase Heartquake™ to soften the trauma, shame, and blame felt by many heart disease survivors. She works with individual clients and large audiences, empowering them to access inner heart knowingness and intuition after a "heartquake." <https://www.heartquakemedia.com>



**Nikki Mark** founded the TM23 Foundation to honor her eldest son, Tommy, who was 12 years old when he unexpectedly passed away in 2018. After a 20+ year career developing Los Angeles-based startups, Nikki embarked on an unconventional journey to heal her heart. She doesn't wish her loss upon anyone but wishes for everyone all she has learned from it. Nikki's "inspirational debut memoir," as lauded by Publisher's Weekly, is entitled *Tommy's Field: Love, Loss and the Goal of a Lifetime* and was released on January 23, 2024. Her weekly articles, alternative healing toolkit and free gifts can be found at <https://www.nikkimark.com>.



**Amy Ashton** is a Celebrity Comedian, Producer, and Auctioneer. She has performed on many TV networks, including HBO, Netflix, and Comedy Central cable shows. She wrote for the late Joan Rivers and has performed for over 500 corporations, including Google and Facebook Inc. She has been successful at meetings and live auctions in an entertaining style. She is also the founder of Standup for Mental Health and the Glenda Foundation. <https://www.amyashton.com>

# JCWWP HONOREES



## Harriet Zaretsky

Harriet Zaretsky, originally from New York, earned her BS in Speech and Language Therapy at BU and her Master's at the U Mass at Amherst. After moving to Los Angeles in 1974, she worked for LAUSD for 11 years as an Aphasia teacher. Teaching special needs students reinforced her conviction that all children deserve the best childhoods we can give them. She has been a dedicated activist in her community, consistently advocating for children and never wavering in pursuit of that passion.

Harriet became a lawyer in 1988. When her son, Dillon, was born in 1989, and her daughter, Taylor, was born in 1992, she continued her devotion to numerous community programs, leading fundraising efforts for their schools, her synagogue, Rustic Canyon Park, and organizing many local events. Harriet also obtained her Real Estate license and managed several hundred multi-family units.

She has been a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) since 1996. Besides giving her CASA children her expertise in court, she is active in trying to provide leadership in changing a flawed system that services abused, abandoned, or neglected children. Harriet was also Chairperson of the CASA LA Board of Directors. Last year, she joined the Board at Ready to Succeed, which helps foster college students graduate and find meaningful employment.

Harriet is President of The Dillon Henry Foundation (DHF), which honors her son Dillon's memory and passions. He died tragically in 2007. DHF partnered with other non-profits to work locally and around the world to improve the lives of children and work on environmental issues affecting our planet. In 2018, DHF built and opened a school in a Congo rural village for 566 children who had little opportunity for an education. The beautiful and safe learning setting offers two meals a day and provides opportunities to change the culture by helping bring gender equality, peace, and non-violence to the region.

As a devoted mother to Taylor and her son-in-law, Jace, Harriet welcomed her grandson Bodhi on 1/31/2024. She misses her husband of 45 years, Steve Henry, who passed away on 7/18/2023.  
<https://dillonlist.org>



## Gary V. Lett

Gary V. Lett is the CEO of Lett's Do Art Inc. and President of Lett's-Do-Art LLC. He has been a working artist for over 40 years in Pomona, CA, where he has been active in civic opportunities and non-profits. His creative work has been showcased throughout California and Texas and has received numerous awards. His artistic experience includes custom ceramic tile murals, fabric art, graphic design, illustration, and sculpture. His most joyous moments come when working with and teaching aspiring artists from kindergarten to adulthood. For over 20 years, Gary's career has focused on education: directing after-school children's art programs and teaching ceramic and fabric art.

While living in San Antonio, Gary completed three major art projects and received state commendation for his work with children. The Art History annuals of San Antonio highlighted Gary as one of 25 Leading Artists in 2005. His artwork is honored in two books based on his Texas projects: Cow Parade San Antonio and Arte Del Pueblo: The Outdoor Public Art of San Antonio.

Gary was the sculpture and advanced hand-building teacher at the American Museum of Ceramic Art in Pomona, CA, and the sole drawing, painting, and digital instructor at the Inland Conservatory for the Performing Artists in Ontario, CA. He completed and installed a 16 ft. x 9-inch x 9 ft. ceramic tile mural, which took three years to complete at the Foothill Country Day School in Claremont, CA, where the Middle School kids assisted. Gary created the third commemorative plaque art installation funded by Monrovia, CA, and is making a 54 ft x 6-inch x 11 ft custom ceramic tile mural for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park in Pomona, CA, this summer.

Intuitively, cultural diversity and appreciation are keystones in his approach to teaching and delivering his art impetus. Gary's mantra is, 'Art is the glue that binds the fiber of society together, although sometimes loose and sometimes tight, we are all in this thing together.'

Gary created the JCWWP logo and led many Art sessions during the JCWWP Dare to Dream program that Justin created to provide outlets for underserved students. Gary plans to expand his accessibility to teach youth and seniors and produce more public art installations. Gary has been married to Lisha, his bride, for over forty-four years, and they have two sons and eight grandchildren. @artbygaryvincentlett

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