

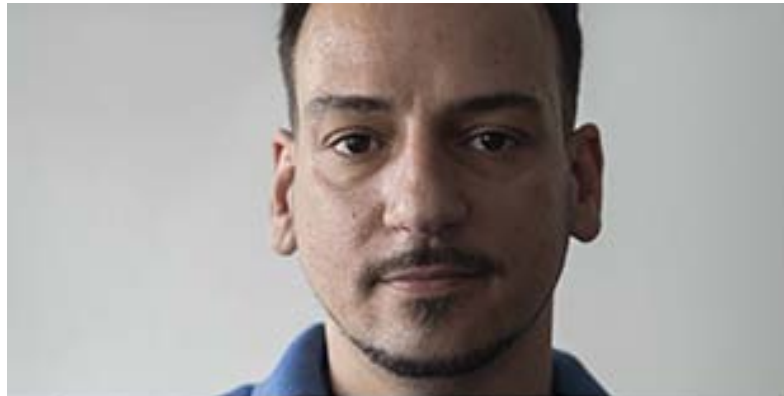


"OUR CHALLENGE IS TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ABOUT THE SERVICES AND RESOURCES WE PROVIDE, AND THAT MATTAPAN DESERVES."

- SHAVELLE, MATTAPAN FOOD AND FITNESS COALITION

OUR MATTAPAN. MANY PASTS. ONE FUTURE.

I SEE OUR STORIES, AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP PREVENT VIOLENCE AT BPVIC.ORG/OURMATTAPAN



"THE BAD GUYS DON'T REPRESENT US. I KNOW THE FAMILIES HERE. THE KIDS, THEY GROW UP IN MY STORE. I TRY TO HELP THEM JUST LIKE I WOULD WITH MY OWN."

-ARI, OWNER OF MATTAPAN HOUSE OF PIZZA

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"I USED TO SAY, ' I'M GONNA GET THIS GUY, HE'S GONNA PAY.' BUT I KNOW IT WOULDN'T MAKE ME FEEL BETTER. WHY PUT SOMEBODY ELSE THROUGH MY PAIN."

- AMANI, LOST OLDER BROTHER TO SHOOTING 8 YEARS AGO

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"THERE'S OPPORTUNITY HERE FOR THE KIDS THAT WANT IT. BUT THEY CAN'T HAVE A CHANCE IF PEOPLE ARE CUTTING THEIR LIVES SHORT."

-JOLENA, SON SURVIVED STABBING AT AGE 17

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"MATTAPAN ISN'T ABOUT THE FIVE MINUTE NEWS CLIPS YOU SEE ON TV. I'D FIGHT TO WORK HERE BECAUSE THIS IS A COMMUNITY THAT REALLY CARES."

- SGT. DETECTIVE JOHN FORD, BOSTON POLICE, B-3 MATTAPAN

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"WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS A CONNECTION TO ALL THINGS POSITIVE HAPPENING IN MATTAPAN."

- CYNTHIA, LEAD ORGANIZER FOR MATTAPAN UNITED

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"WE CAN'T GIVE UP ON OUR CHILDREN. WHEN KIDS DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY'RE IMPORTANT OR THAT ANYONE CARES, THEY'RE GOING TO REACH OUT FOR THE NEXT THING."

- AUDREY, LOST OLDEST SON TO SHOOTING 7 YEARS AGO

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"VIOLENCE HAS GOTTEN OUT OF CONTROL. I HEAR KIDS SAY 'THIS IS MY BLOCK.' HOW CAN THIS BE YOUR BLOCK IF YOU'RE TEARING IT DOWN?"

- DAVE THE BARBER, ENTREPRENEUR AND RESIDENT SINCE 1978

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"WHEN THERE IS COMMUNICATION, AND OUR ORGANIZATION WORKS TOGETHER WITH THE COMMUNITY ON PROJECTS, WE BUILD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE."

- PAUL, NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

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"THE FARMER'S MARKET IS A WAY FOR THE COMMUNITY ONCE REFERRED TO AS A 'FOOD DESERT,' TO IMPROVE IT'S HEALTH BY ACCESSING FRESH, LOCAL, ORGANIC PRODUCE."

- HOLDEN, MATTAPAN FOOD AND FITNESS COALITION

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"YOU CAN'T LEGISLATE MORALITY, AND PRISON ISN'T THE ANSWER TO EVERY PROBLEM. THAT'S WHY WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER, BECAUSE WE WANT PEOPLE TO LIVE IN PEACE. "

-WES, LONGTIME COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND EDUCATOR

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"A GUN IS A POWERFUL THING. THESE GUYS THINK THEY'RE COOL, BUT WE GOTTA STOP GLAMORIZING THAT LIFE."

-TONY A.K.A. "BIG TIME," VIOLENCE INTERRUPTER

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