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COMMUNITY SCREENING & PANEL:

This is Where I Learned Not to Sleep

Join us on Monday, October 6, for a screening of the award-winning short documentary, "This is Where I Learned Not to Sleep." This story follows retired detective, Lieutenant Mark Wynn, and his journey from his first hand experience to committing to keeping victims of domestic violence safe. We will be joined by tireless advocate for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse & human trafficking, **Sheriff Tom Dart** as our keynote speaker. After the screening, there will be a panel hosted by several experts, including former CPD **Aileen Robinson**, a continued advocated for victims of abuse, filmmaker and and Emmy award recipient, **Kirsten Kelly**, Commander **Christopher Bielfeldt**, and **Mark Wynn**, who has helped thousands of women and children since starting his work to help those who are being abused.

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MEET THE PANEL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TOM DART



Sheriff Tom Dart has dedicated his career to challenging injustice, fighting the violence plaguing our communities, and bringing a new and thoughtful approach to public service. Sheriff Dart continually has prioritized reducing violence in Chicago, creating programs that build community and connection between law enforcement personnel and the people they serve. At the jail, the Sheriff's Anti-Violence Effort (SAVE) program provides intensive therapy and life-skills training for those 18 to 24-year-old men who are incarcerated from neighborhoods with the most violence in the city. Outside of the jail, the Sheriff's Chicago Initiatives program uses a community policing model, which works to remove guns from the street while reconnecting law enforcement with communities. Under Sheriff Dart, Sheriff's Officers regularly create community events that provide health care and offer other necessities so that the people who live in these underserved communities can have some of their needs met. He is a tireless advocate for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, human trafficking as well as helping to break the cycle of arrests tied to substance abuse, mental illness and homelessness.

PANELIST: MARK WYNN



Mark Wynn is a childhood survivor who has devoted his life to ending violence by working as a police officer, detective, educator, program supervisor, consultant and advisor. A twenty-one year veteran of the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department, Mark was a key creator of the largest police domestic violence investigative unit in the United States responsible for investigations of elder, child abuse, domestic and sexual violence. He is a national trainer to police executives, patrol officers, training officers, prosecutors, judges, legislators, social service providers, healthcare professionals and victim advocates sharing his passion, compassion, and humility in every presentation. A graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and a Fulbright Specialist for the Department of State, Mark has testified twice before Congress on Family Violence, delivered a speech at the White House, and lectured internationally at police academies in Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America. Over the past 20 years he has traveled 2,478,313 miles to all 50 states and 16 other countries while visiting 1,250 cities, towns and villages.

PANELIST: KIRSTEN KELLY



Kirsten Kelly is an Emmy and Golden Telly-Award winning documentary filmmaker, senior producer and narrative change media maker. Her most recent film, This Is Where I Learned Not To Sleep, won the 2024 SIMA Impact Video Award and the 2023 Purple Ribbon Award for Best Documentary. Her Emmy-winning film, The Homestretch (PBS), was co-produced with Kartemquin Films, funded by Sundance and had over 800 community and school screenings in partnership with PBS' American Graduate Initiative and MacArthur Foundation. Other film projects include the award-winning The Girl with the Rivet Gun, an animated short documentary which won many film festival awards and is housed in the permanent collection at the FDR Presidential Library; Stranger/Sister (UK InterFaith Week, 2020, Tannenbaum Interreligious Organization); Asparagus! Stalking the American Life (2008, PBS). She was instrumental in creating a "Trauma-informed Screening Guide" for filmmakers, educators and grassroots community leaders which was featured in IDA's Documentary Magazine. Kirsten has appeared on documentary panels for NYWFT and IDA and is a notable guest artist and lecturer at universities. Her projects have been supported by MacArthur, Sundance, ITVS, Kartemquin Films, Good Pitch, Bertha Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Chicago Media Project, Chicken and Egg, among others. She is a former theater director and a Graduate of The Juilliard School. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband, son, and overly active Malinois pup.

PANELIST: CHRISTOPHER BIELFELDT



Commander Bielfeldt, Commander of the 18th District, is a 27-year member of the Department, and previously served as Captain of Airport Operations– South, where he oversaw CPD's public safety operations at Midway Airport. Commander Bielfeldt was also a Captain in the 017th (Albany Park) District, the Central Control Group and the 018th District, which he will now command. While a Lieutenant, he was assigned to the Bureau of Detectives, where he worked on the re-opening of the Area Four and Area Five detective divisions. He was also a Saturation Lieutenant in Area Central, and both a Watch Operations and Field Lieutenant in the 012th (Near West) District. As a Sergeant, Commander Bielfeldt served in the Special Functions Division, the Bureau of Patrol, the 007th (Englewood) District and the 012th District. Commander Bielfeldt holds a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University. He also attended the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

PANELIST: AILEEN ROBINSON



Aileen Robinson has been an advocate for victims of domestic violence for over thirty years. She spent twenty-five years at the Chicago Police Department building out the Domestic Violence Program from a team of three to a team of over forty serving victims across the city. Aileen built a best practice/model program for law enforcement based victim services from vision, to policy, training, and direct service. In 2022 Aileen was called to respond to the victim assistance center following the mass shooting in Highland Park. This experience changed the trajectory of her career. Today, Aikeen continues to serve as the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Section Manager for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Office of Homeland Security. Aileen remains committed to working with the community to address domestic violence.

CHICAGO POLICE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

Every October, organizations and individuals unite across the country for a national effort to uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors. Congress declared the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. The Chicago Police Department is committed to supporting victims and survivors of domestic violence through a trauma-informed and survivor-centered approach. CPD's Domestic Violence Victim Specialists provide personalized assistance to help individuals navigate crises or challenging situations, engage with the justice system, and access long-term support. Whether someone is in immediate danger or working toward a long-term plan, Domestic Violence Victim Specialists ensure that survivors are not alone in the process.

Our Domestic Violence Victim Specialists are non-police, civilian specialists who help create a connection between CPD and victims and survivors to offer immediate support services. All services are trauma-informed to help minimize the widespread impact of trauma and assist those impacted by a violent crime to help toward their path to healing and recovery.All services are FREE, and a police report is NOT required to receive services. Their staff will be available to provide information and referrals for supportive services.

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