

THE CONVERSATION

Documentary Screening & Men's Dialogue

Join us for Part two of First Step's Men's Initiative - An evening anchored by the award-winning documentary ***This Is Where I Learned Not to Sleep*** followed by a facilitated dialogue among men, featuring international speaker Mark Wynn and other national and local leaders. This event invites the community—especially boys and men—to listen, learn, reflect, and engage in open dialogue about violence, masculinity, accountability, and change.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2026, 6-9PM

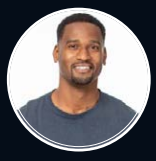
FEATURED PANELISTS:



Mark Wynn
International Domestic Violence Expert



Jim Schmidt
Co-Founder Gabby Petito Foundation



Jonathon Orr
Former NFL Player

More to be announced!

Redford THEATRE

17360 LAHSER RD, DETROIT

Agenda:

6:00-6:30p: Doors Open/Registration

6:30-6:35p: Welcome + Door Prize Winner

6:35-7:15p: Screening

7:15-8:15p: Men's Panel

8:15p-9:00p: Photo Opportunities/Meet and Greet

TURN CONVERSATION INTO ACTION:

In addition to education and awareness, this event will host a **donation drive**. New, full-sized personal care and hygiene items to support survivors and families served by First Step will be accepted at the door.

FirstStep
Peaceful Families • Safe Communities

Suggested $10 donation online or at the door.
RSVP in advance to be eligible for a door prize.

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FACE THE PAST. CHANGE THE FUTURE.

This is Where I Learned Not to Sleep

SPARGEL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS "THIS IS WHERE I LEARNED NOT TO SLEEP" A DOCUMENTARY BY ANNE DE MARE AND KIRSTEN KELLY
EDITED BY PAUL LOVELACE CINEMATOGRAPHY BY AMY BENCH AND NELSON WALKER PHOTOGRAPHY BY MEREDITH ZINNER ORIGINAL MUSIC BY WILLIAM TYLER
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS CINDY WAITT AND GAVIN DE BECKER PRODUCED BY ANNE DE MARE KIRSTEN KELLY AND ANDREW W. SCHWERTFEGER
DIRECTED BY ANNE DE MARE AND KIRSTEN KELLY
THISISWHEREFILM.COM

Part quest for justice. Part journey towards healing.

Decorated Nashville cop Mark Wynn wrestles with his own violent childhood while working to reform decades of domestic violence mishandling, cover-ups, and abuse from deep within law enforcement.

WINNER HUMANITAS AWARD SIMA AWARDS 2024

Winner ANCHORAGE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2023 Jury Award

OFFICIAL SELECTION Chagrin Documentary Film Festival 2023

OFFICIAL SELECTION New Hope Film Festival 2024

OFFICIAL SELECTION Salute Your Shorts Festival 2024

Viewer age recommendation: *This Is Where I Learned Not to Sleep* is an unrated documentary that includes discussion and depictions of childhood trauma, family violence, and law enforcement response. These themes may be difficult for some viewers. Caregiver discretion is advised, and we encourage all attendees to make decisions that feel appropriate for themselves and their families.

Screening Thursday, February 12th
Followed by Men's Panel and Discussion
6-9p | Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Rd, Detroit