

# **“CHARM CITY” Documentary**

## **Screening and Discussion**

**A documentary film by Marilyn Ness**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 pm – 9:30 pm (Doors open at 6 – film will begin promptly at 6:15 pm)**

How can communities work effectively with community leaders and police to stanch the flow of violence and help residents to thrive? CHARM CITY has lessons to be learned for all communities in its portrayal of citizens, community advocates, and government officials fighting on the frontlines of the escalating violence in Baltimore. The film highlights the positive actions undertaken by groups and individuals, including Baltimore's implementation of "Safe Streets," an evidence-based public health program to reduce gun violence by youth. Safe Streets utilizes community organization, public education, and a strong street outreach component to deescalate and mediate disputes and spread the message that violence is no longer acceptable.

Following the documentary, Brandy H. M. Brooks, a Board Member of Montgomery County Renters Alliance & IMPACT Silver Spring, will discuss lessons to be learned from the film with Alex Long, a violence interrupter with Safe Streets whose experience working with youth in his Baltimore community is featured in the film, and Candace Kattar, co-founder of Identity, a Montgomery County organization serving Latino youth in the community.

Doors open at 6pm. Film will begin at 6:15pm. Snacks will be provided. This is a free event.

**Please RSVP: <https://jufj.org/event/cc-documentary/>**