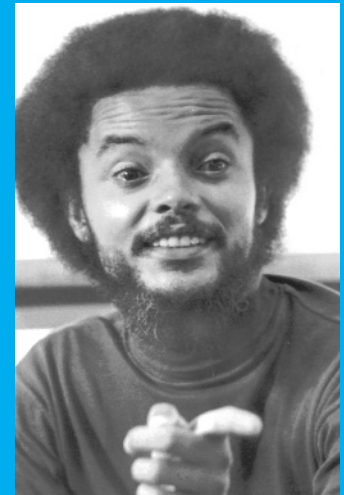


Frieda Garcia and Byron Rushing: TE Honors Their Work

Teen Empowerment is grateful for the opportunity to honor the inspiring lives of Frieda Garcia and Byron Rushing at our Celebration of Hope and Caring on November 10. The evening's program will highlight their stories and their connections with the past, present, and future of Boston neighborhoods and of national movements for progressive change.

- Frieda has worked diligently for Boston youth and adults for 40 years, including 20 years as the executive director of United South End Settlements. She was the founding director of La Alianza Hispana, and has served on boards and commissions too numerous to list.
- Byron has courageously and thoughtfully represented the people of his district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since 1983. Throughout his career, he has worked for justice, liberty, and civil rights for all people, beginning with his work with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in the 1960s.

Their lives are stellar examples of people who had the courage to disregard low expectations, who used



Frieda and Byron early in their careers

the resources of their communities and families to find their voices, and who blazed new paths for others to follow. We hope you are able to share this memorable evening with us.

See inside for details.

Expanding Our Scope

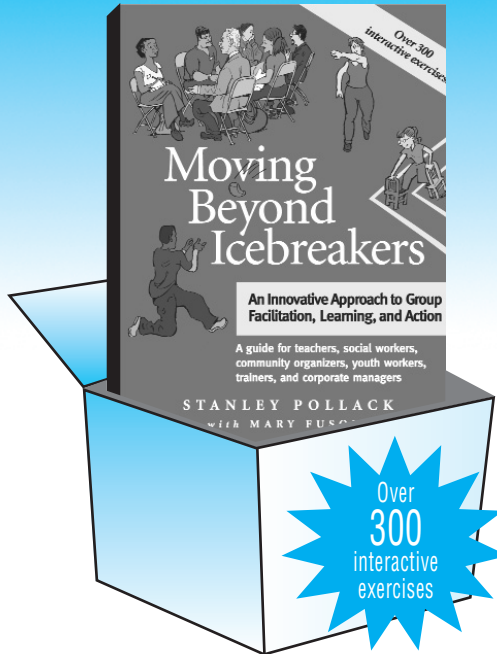
In communities

It's a season of growth for Teen Empowerment. This fall we are opening a new site in the Upham's Corner section of Dorchester, in partnership with the Young Cape Verdean Club and Dorchester Cares, to confront gang violence and engage youth as the leaders of a community-wide improvement effort. In Somerville—following the success of the East Somerville site that TE opened

last year to tackle the problems of teen suicide, drug addiction, and gang involvement—we have received funds to open a second site to serve the western end of the city. Thanks to Rep. Byron Rushing, Rep. Patricia Jehlen, Senator Jarrett Barrios, Senator Therese Murray, and Mayor Joe Curtatone for working with us to obtain the funding to make this happen.

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We've created a website just for the book, www.movingbeyondicebreakers.org, where you can see more than 100 pages in both HTML and PDF formats. You can read testimonials from a variety of people involved in the theory and practice of teaching and group work. You can find new hints for working interactively posted on the blog by TE staff and other users. And of course, you can order the book if you don't have a copy yet.

Please join us at

The Center for Teen Empowerment's

Celebration of Hope & Caring

HONORING FRIEDA GARCIA & REP. BYRON RUSHING
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- A learn-to-sail day trip
- Gift certificates to some of the area's fine restaurants
- Theater tickets
- Art, furniture, books, CD's
and other items too numerous to mention!

Expanding Our Scope

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In schools

In cities all over the country, high schools are being reconfigured into small schools through funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which is spending millions of dollars to create schools where teachers can know and care about their students and students can know and care about each other. TE is in the forefront of these efforts in Boston, providing training and support to six new small high schools, as well as two large high schools. We are in a position to help because of our 14+ years of experience developing

methods to build community and engage the hearts and minds of young people. TE is training faculty to use our interactive methods for teaching, helping teachers to develop innovative curricula, intervening in classrooms that are experiencing behavioral difficulties, and helping to build positive relationships among teachers and between students and teachers. In the schools where we work, the headmasters and teachers will tell you that our interventions are helping to lower rates of suspensions and behavioral problems, improve grades and MCAS scores, and increase the number of graduating students who attend college.

Moments from Teen Empowerment's Youth Peace Conference, May 2005 "Street Life: Deeper than the Eyes Can See"

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Clockwise from lower left: Krystle McClune, Ashley Calderon, Jacque Cobb, Israel Mendez, Cherly St. Louis, Josh McMillan, Marcus Foster



Natural disaster: Pulling away the veil

All of us have been affected in some way, if only in our hearts, by the devastation of this hurricane season. The hurricanes showed us once again how vulnerable we are to things we cannot control. They also exposed the terrible inequities existing in our society that we can and must do something about. This is TE's work—to open the doors of opportunity to people living in poor urban neighborhoods whose plight might not now be visible, but whose problems and challenges are no less real.

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