



WILLIAM KELLIBREW FOUNDATION

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**SLEEPING OUT IN THE COLD
TO HELP VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE
FORCED TO FLEE THEIR HOMES**

Washington, D.C. – Though the temperatures are expected to drop below freezing in the nation’s capital city Friday night, a band of tough souls will face the elements and sleep outside on the city streets to raise awareness of the plight of domestic violence victims.

The third annual **Victims and Survivors Sleep Out for Peace** is Friday, **December 10, 2010** outside the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, starting at **7:30 PM**.

“We will brave the cold so that our community will help those who are forced out into the cold by domestic violence,” said William Kellibrew, the President of The William Kellibrew Foundation, a resource for people and institutions committed to breaking the cycle of violence and poverty. “The holidays are joyful for many of us, but in homes scarred by domestic violence they can be a very frightening time of year.”

Started in 2008, the Sleep Out was a response to the murder of Tiffany Gates, who was stabbed to death as she frantically called 911 for help. Kellibrew teamed up with his sister, Manyka Gaither, family members, friends, and partners to show resolve and solidarity on the issue of domestic violence by sleeping outside.

Among those joining the Sleep Out is Colin Goddard, a survivor of the Virginia Tech shooting tragedy, whose story is the focus of a new film, *Living for 32*, about a victim who becomes an advocate. (For more on the film, visit www.Livingfor32.com.) Kellibrew is also a survivor of gun violence: when he was 10, he witnessed the shooting deaths of his mother and brother by his mother’s abusive boyfriend.



The Foundation urges sleep-out participants to bring hats, gloves, layered clothing, at least two pairs of warm socks, scarves, snacks, lotion, lip balm, sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, lawn chairs, flashlights, water and warm beverages.

The William Kellibrew Foundation, www.thewkfoundation.org, is a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. and located within the offices of the Brady Center and Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. It was founded in May 2007 by University of the District of Columbia Professors Clarence Davis and Barbara Harvey to provide educational support to individuals like William C. Kellibrew IV.

Today, the foundation is a resource for people and institutions committed to breaking the cycle of violence and poverty. Additionally, the foundation is dedicated to supporting victims and survivors of crime through arts, education, mental health advocacy, and passion development--with a special focus on families, women and children.

This foundation thrives off of individual donors and community partners and is led by Brandon Wallace, Executive Director and CEO.

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