



The Garden of Peace is a memorial commemorating victims of homicide and a visual reminder of the impact of violence. It is a visual testament to the need for eliminating violence and fostering peace.

MEMORIAL DESIGN

The central focus of the memorial is a dry streambed containing smooth river stones engraved with the names of victims of homicide. Each stone will be similar in size but different and unique like the victims they represent.

The streambed begins with a huge circular black granite stone called "Tragic Density", which symbolizes the enormous weight of sadness and grief. The streambed moves through the Garden and culminates with a trickle of water into a pool out of which rises "Ibis Ascending", a skyward sculpture representing hope.

PURPOSE

It will be a special place where families, friends, and the greater community can remember and celebrate the lives of those taken by violence. We hope the Garden of Peace will affect change through raising awareness and serving as an educational tool.

LOCATION

The memorial site, approximately 7000 square feet, is located in Boston near the State House on Somerset Street. It is adjacent to the plaza of the 100 Cambridge Street Building (formerly the Saltonstall State Office Building). Construction was completed in Spring 2003

ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL

Members of Parents of Murdered Children originally conceived this memorial. It has since broadened into a statewide coalition of individuals, groups and public officials committed to creating an appropriate memorial to homicide victims.

We are deeply indebted to the late Paul Rober for the vision that culminated in the Garden of Peace. We are also grateful for the design work of two talented local artists Catherine Melina, a landscape designer and Judy Kensley McKie, a sculptor, and herself the mother of a homicide victim.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

To get involved you can, make a donation or include a victim you know in the memorial. You can also tell others about the Garden of Peace. Let us know how you would like to be involved by filling out the form below.



I want to help commemorate the lives of homicide victims by:

Making a donation in the amount of \$ _____

Please make check payable to the **MOVA/Garden of Peace.***

This donation is made

in honor of:

in memory of:

Name: _____

Please send an acknowledgment to:

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Please print the message you would like in the card:

Adding the name of a homicide victim in the memorial

(Please send me a request form.)

*As an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) is considered a charitable organization pursuant to 26 U.S. Code § 170. Donations are used solely for the public purpose of supporting the Garden of Peace.

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND YOUR DONATION TO:

MOVA/Garden of Peace

One Ashburton Place, Suite 1101

Boston, MA 02108



Your information (required):

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Additional information (optional):

Please add me to your mailing list to receive future information about the Garden of Peace.

I would prefer to receive information by mail, rather than by email.

Someone I knew was a homicide victim, my relationship to victim was:
