



**Community Foundation  
2019 Norman Goldfarb Organization Award**



**Stop the Violence Coalition**

Stop The Violence Coalition was created in 2006 by Bishop Perry Davis and came out of the Help Stop the Violence Foundation, to, as its name suggests, help end the violence that impacts the members of this city and region. The coalition works with other peacemakers in and around Buffalo to prevent gang conflict, resolve tensions, educate young people on the dangers of a life of violence. It also helps families who've been the victims of violence. It is a small but powerful organization, one whose members walk the walk, and they have been recognized many times for their direct intervention in times of crises, and for their ability to bring people and organizations together to address emerging conflicts.

Similar to the work of the NFJC, through dialogue, the coalition succeeds by building trust, and empowering people to be advocates and allies. Their programs reach a wide and diverse audience, and they also collaborate with many other local groups in support of their work. One of their key events, the annual Hoops for Peace basketball tournament is about something much bigger than sports; it's about bringing people together, connecting them, and helping them to recognize the humanity in one another.

For their work to save lives and build a stronger community, one where all are respected and safe, the NFJC is proud to present the Stop the Violence Coalition with the 2019 Norman Goldfarb Organization Award. Accepting this award is Board member Leslie Haynes.



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