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### WEEKEND OF PEACE TO KICK OFF AUGUST 1-3

The Philadelphia Police Advisory Commission is pleased to announce the kick-off of a “**Weekend of Peace**” sponsored by several local community groups including United Parents for Successful Children, Philadelphia READS, Stop the Madness Stop the Violence, The Philadelphia Clef Club, and the Lancaster Avenue Business Association, SWAC, C&C Athletic Association, First African Presbyterian Church, and Philadelphia Federal Credit Union.

These groups have partnered with several city agencies including the Recreation Department, Police Department, Police Advisory Commission, Human Relations Commission, Water Department, Office of Councilman Curtis Jones, and others, to present a weekend of activities that will take place at eight event sites around the city. The participating locations are **Tustin Rec. Center, 59<sup>th</sup> & Columbia, Eastwick Rec. Center, 80<sup>th</sup> & Mars Pl., Kingsessing Rec. Center, 50<sup>th</sup> & Kingsessing Ave., Chew Playground, 19<sup>th</sup> & Washington Avenue, Simone Rec. Center, Woolston & Walnut Lane, First African Presbyterian Church, 42<sup>nd</sup> & Girard Ave., Hebron Tabernacle Church, 6600 Germantown Ave., and the New African Center, 4243 Lancaster Ave.**

The purpose of the weekend is to promote peace throughout the city and to encourage Philadelphians to pursue peaceful relations as a way of life. There are a host of activities scheduled at the various locations including, Jazz concerts, basketball tournaments, health screenings, anti-violence and information tables, workshop discussions, spoken word poetry, bands, music, vendors, games, food and prizes and live performances. There will also be a commemorative march on Friday, August 1, at 50<sup>th</sup> and Baltimore Avenue @ 7:00pm, to remember those who have lost their lives to senseless acts of violence. All are welcome to attend.

For more information about the events taking place in your area contact Calvin Johnson @ 215-738-5181, Deborah Toney Moore @ 267-242-2624 or Malik Johnson @ 215-410-2859 or visit these websites [www.STOPTHEMADNESS-STOPTHEVIOLENCE.com](http://www.STOPTHEMADNESS-STOPTHEVIOLENCE.com), or [www.CandC.org](http://www.CandC.org).

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