

RAY WINANS

Detroit Life Is Valuable Everyday (DLIVE)

Co-Founded with Tolulope Sonuyi

2019 Black Male Achievement Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Design and create pathways to health for youth who have been acutely injured by community violence by introducing innovative health-centered strategies for violence intervention and prevention.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

DLIVE, a hospital-based violence intervention program, addresses community violence from a public health approach. Its mission is to provide young people and their support teams with the proper information and services to prevent reinjury as well as retaliation. Activities are centered around creative approaches to authentic relationship building, mental health and wellness, uplifting youth voices, and addressing social determinants of health. DLIVE intends to shift the paradigm on how Detroit's violently injured youth are thought of, cared for, and treated.

PERSONAL BIO

Raymond Winans, the executive director of DLIVE, felt called to action after a 9-month-old baby was shot and killed in Detroit in February 2012. Violence had been in his family for three generations, and he was tired of suffering in silence. He quit his job and started volunteering with local organizations that focused on violence prevention. He has achieved more than he set out to do. Raymond was invited to the White House to receive the President's Volunteer Service Award, and he also received the Willis Young Memorial Award from the National Network of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs. Raymond's work at DLIVE has been recognized in the Los Angeles Times, the Huffington Post, as well as local newspapers, and he earned a fellowship from Black Male Engagement (BME). As a master trainer in adverse childhood experiences, he has directly served over 4,000 middle school and high school students as well as their parents. Raymond is a 2019 Echoing Green Fellow.

Issue area

Health and Healthcare

Organization/Fellow Location

Detroit, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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