


The Maryland Association Of Resources For Families & Youth

# MARFY



**"Rearing & Teaching  
B. A. D.  
(Bright, Assertive & Determined)  
Boys To Be Successful  
& Non-Violent  
In A Violent Community"**

**Presented By**

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# Aunt Hattie's Place



## ABOUT AUNT HATTIE'S PLACE

AHP currently provides a home to 12 young boys, 15 - 20 years old with the capacity to house 12 residents. These children, lovingly called "SuperKids", come to AHP with a wide variety of psychological and behavioral problems, as well as, poor academic records. They usually have a sense of hopelessness, lack of respect for authority, and a general negative outlook on their future. These problems typically are associated with feelings of loss and anger resulting from their parents' vicious cycle of substance abuse and/or incarceration, and are exacerbated by the stigma identified with being in foster care.

AHP has been cited, by the Department of Human Resources, as a model for other group homes, because of the significant progress its residents have made in their academics, behavior, and self-esteem. This progress is mainly due to the high expectations AHP administration and team have of the children and the love and stability the children feel because of the long-term nature of the home.

AHP also strives to erase the stigma associated with foster care by utilizing a family-oriented approach in caring for the children, which promotes a sense of belonging and accountability. This approach is a unique style that is engrained in the mission of AHP and a character trait that all AHP staff must possess.

Aunt Hattie's Place has a solid reputation for working with children through their problems and an excellent rapport with the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Social Services.

## Workshop Summary



**Dr. Hattie N. Washington**  
Founder & President

In recognition of **National Non-Violence Week (October 17 - 25)**, This Workshop Will Share Successful Strategies that Foster Parents, Care Providers, Educators & Others Can Replicate To Reach Youth Who Have Been Described As Emotionally Disturbed/Behaviorally Disordered and/or Learning Disabled To Be Become **Non-Violent and Successful Leaders**.

A Video (called "On 2nd Thought") will be shown depicting two scenarios of youth displaying violence and another scenario showing youth doing the "right thing" and becoming a leader among his peers and adults. Audience interaction and participation are welcomed. The Video was produced by **Black Women For Positive Change**, a national network addressing violence, domestic violence, dropout and other national issues ([bkwomen4poschange.com](http://bkwomen4poschange.com)).

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# *Innovative Strategies To Help Reduce Violence*

Developed by Dr. Hattie N. Washington



**EAGLE'S NEST**

**EASY LEARN**

(EARN AS YOU LEARN PROGRAM)

**C-FBI**

(COALITION OF FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS)

**T.I.L.E.**

(TOTAL INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING EXPECTATIONS)

**PROJECT M.I.N.E.**

(MAKING INDIVIDUAL NURTURING EFFECTIVE)



***Aunt Hattie's Place***



# Dr. Hattie N. Washington

Dr. Washington likes to be known as “Aunt Hattie” and is the Founder and President of Aunt Hattie’s Place, Inc. (AHP) which is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit residential facility for males with special educational needs. Founded in 1997, AHP reared males who have been abused, abandoned, and neglected, and who are usually in special education or are several grade levels below their peers when they first come into AHP. For over eighteen years, AHP has contributed to the community and to society by being home to many young males who have benefited from her programs and services, as their lives after AHP have proven to be fulfilling and successful.

In her new memoir, *Driven To Succeed* she reveals how a country girl, from Meherrin, Virginia, succeeded through life with optimism, drive and a belief in God in order to become an honor student, a teacher, a parent of two accomplished daughters (one is a physician & the other, an attorney), and a foster parent to many fine foster boys for over a twenty-year period.

She also discloses her personal sacrifices and accomplishments and gives us a wonderful and inspiring debut that bursts with wisdom, wit and love. Her faith and optimism shine through despite her elementary two-room schoolhouse closed in Prince Edward County, VA in 1959 due to desegregation, which led

to Brown v. Board of Education landmark case. She (Aunt Hattie) shares the long journey she had starting a non-profit foster boys home that she affectionately named Aunt Hattie’s Place. *Driven To Succeed: An Inspirational Memoir of Lessons Learned Through Faith, Family and Favor* is available at the MARFY conference exhibit hall. Purchase online at [www.drhnwashington.com](http://www.drhnwashington.com).

## Upcoming Events

BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE, D.C., VA., AND MD. STEERING COMMITTEES  
**WEEK OF NON-VIOLENCE - OCTOBER 17-25, 2015**  
 “CHANGING THE CULTURE OF VIOLENCE IN AMERICA”

**DMV SUMMIT ON NON VIOLENCE COMMUNITY FORUM**

STOP THE VIOLENCE! • STOP THE HATE! • WE MUST TRY TO COMMUNICATE!  
 COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM/EST

“WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF YOUTH, MILLENNIALS, PARENTS, FAITH LEADERS, CIVIC LEADERS, ARTISTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IN PROMOTING OR PREVENTING VIOLENCE?”

**YOU SPEAK. WE LISTEN!**

POSITIVE CHANGE HARMONY JAM: 2 PM-3 PM/EST  
 INTERGENERATIONAL PERFORMANCES OF NON-VIOLENT SPOKEN WORD, POETRY, MUSIC, RAP, HIP HOP

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015**  
**METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH**  
 1518 M. STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:  
[WWW.BLACKWOMENFORPOSITIVECHANGE.ORG](http://WWW.BLACKWOMENFORPOSITIVECHANGE.ORG)  
[bkwomen4poschange@gmail.com](mailto:bkwomen4poschange@gmail.com)

### *Black Women for Positive Change Presents*

#### *The 2015 Week of Non-Violence - October 17th - 25th*

Nation-wide events are being held to help stop violence. The organization is requesting participation of youth, parents, lawenforcement officials, politicians, schools, entertainers and many more to organize events to promote non-violence. Contact Dr. Stephanie Myers: [Bkwomen4poschange@gmail.com](mailto:Bkwomen4poschange@gmail.com)



### *Aunt Hatties Place Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration*

Sunday, November 22nd, 2015 • 3 - 5 pm

### *Aunt Hatties Place Christmas Holiday Celebration*

Holiday Open House, Sunday, December 13th, 2015 • 3 - 5 pm



### AFTER MOVIE DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What motivated Jamal and Neicey to commit an act of violence in the short film "on 2nd Thought?" Could it have been avoided? How?
2. What caused Neicey to have a 2nd Thought about getting a gun to shoot Kim? Who changed her mind and how?
3. What probably happened to Neicey and Jamal as a result of Kim's murder? Who else was affected by what they did?
4. Have you ever had a 2nd Thought about something you wanted to do and changed your mind? Did you reach a better decision?
5. Did you see any acts of caring and love in the movie? Where and by whom?
6. Have you ever known anyone who lost their life due to a gang war or random act of violence? Could it have been stopped? How?
7. How do you feel that you can help your peers to be non-violent? What could you say? What could you do? At Home, In the Neighborhood, In School and Elsewhere?

NOTE: Free screening of "On 2nd Thought" Available at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MUVqcVSOHM&feature=youtu.be>

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