



Keystone Courage Award 2022

20 Years of Standing for a Life Free From Gun Violence

For more than 20 years, CeaseFirePA has brought Pennsylvanians together to end gun violence. We're building on that legacy because this is a fight we cannot lose. We are so proud to have you help to honor two leaders tonight.

May 3, 2022 in Philadelphia
6 PM to 8 PM





Gun violence is a preventable catastrophe waiting to be stopped. We are turning our belief in a safer world into action and honoring those already lost to this crisis. Together, our advocacy will save a life.

We want to thank you for your profound generosity and solidarity in this movement. We are going to build the political power together to end gun violence all across Pennsylvania.

*Adam Garber, Executive Director
CeaseFirePA*

Our Program

Welcome from Jeff Yurcan, CeaseFirePA Director of Development

Remarks from Adam Garber, CeaseFirePA Executive Director

Presentation of Keystone Courage Award to Senator Vincent Hughes

Remarks from Chantay Love, EMIR Philly

Remarks from Rickey Duncan, NOMO Foundation

Remarks from Hasshan Bhatti, Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley

Presentation of Lighting the Way Award to Nancy Gordon

Closing remarks from Jill Zipin



More than 1,700 Pennsylvanians will die from gun violence this year. At least 3,000 more will be injured. This preventable catastrophe is uniquely American and it impacts every Pennsylvanian.

Enough.

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Our Honorees

Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent Hughes, Honoree of the Keystone Courage Award



Senator Vincent J. Hughes represents the 7th Senatorial District in Pennsylvania and serves as the Democratic Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a position he has held since 2011. His work in partnership with CeaseFirePA secured \$45 million in community investments to address the root causes of gun violence. This latest effort is just one of many examples of Senator Hughes' commitment to the cause of ending gun violence all across Pennsylvania.

Senator Vincent Hughes is a trustee of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and is supported by his loving wife, actress, entertainer and activist Sheryl Lee Ralph, and their blended family of four children.

We are so proud to honor Senator Hughes with the 2022 Keystone Courage Award.

Nancy Gordon, Co-Founder of CeaseFirePA Honoree of the Guiding Light Award



Nancy Bregstein Gordon co-founded CeaseFirePA after leading the Pennsylvania delegation to the Million Mom March in May 2000. She was a Board member for many years, including several years as President. She currently chairs the Litigation Committee, through which we—together with the City of Philadelphia—are suing to vindicate the right of localities to protect their residents from gun violence.

After graduating from Yale and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Ms. Gordon clerked for Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell and then worked as an appellate litigator at firms in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia. She has taught at Yale and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she most recently co-taught the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic from 2010 through 2018. She is married to Dr. Gary V. Gordon and has four grown children and four grandchildren.

We are absolutely thrilled to honor Nancy with the 2022 Guiding Light Award.



Have a hero in your life? Do they work every day to create a Pennsylvania free from gun violence? We want to know them. Tell us about them here: info@ceasefirepa.org.