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Dear Garden of Peace supporter,

In September 2004, the Garden of Peace was officially dedicated. Today, there are almost 600 names engraved in the Garden. Behind each of these names is a story – a story of someone’s life that was tragically cut short by homicide.

We invite you to share the personal stories of your loved one with the public through the Garden of Peace. By telling this story, you can help the public understand the cost of violence as well as the grief, sorrow and journey toward healing. These stories help raise awareness not only about the Garden but also about the diversity of lives affected by homicide. These stories bring another dimension to helping us heal and unite in our quest to prevent violence.

Personal stories will be included on our web site and may be used for other promotional materials for the Garden. Those received before August 30th will be considered for display at the annual Honor Program held in September.

To assist you in drafting the narrative, check out examples on our website at www.gardenofpeacememorial.org under ‘Personal Stories.’ If we determine that the story needs to be edited in any way, we will work with you on the final copy.

If you are interested in submitting a personal story, please either:

- Fill out the attached form (please type), include a photograph (write the person’s name, your name, and telephone number on the back so that we may return it to you) and mail to: the Garden of Peace, PO Box 8382, Boston MA 02114; or
- Email all required information to: gardenofpeace@earthlink.net, and attach a digitized photograph.

Please call or email us with any questions. Thank you for sharing your story and helping us break the silence.

Most Sincerely,

Toni Troop
Publicity Chair, Garden of Peace Board of Directors

