





# DAY 2 - Compassionate Youth Mental Health Zoom Discussions & Art Hosted by Compassionate San Diego with Partners

# Diversity, Inclusiveness and Equity

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM (PST)

## COMPASSIONATE SAN DIEGO YOUTH AMBASSADORS



Jordan Bui graduated in June 2019 from UCSB with a degree in Biological Sciences. She currently works full-time as a Clinical

Research Coordinator in the UCSD Division of Neonatology. Outside of work, Jordan volunteers as an ESL Teacher at the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic to help Spanish-speaking patients become more confident with their English skills and overcome possible feelings of intimidation from a language barrier. As a Youth Ambassador for Compassionate San Diego, Jordan is helping organize a mental health fair and presenting information on diversity and inclusion. Some of Jordan's hobbies include doing aerial silks, baking, playing piano, and reading mystery books.

Alexia Woods, loves to help others and learn new things. She is currently a sophomore in college and pursuing a Biology Degree. Before she attended Mississippi University for Women, she



attended Overton High School. At Overton High School, she participated in CAPA Choir, National Honor Society, and Social Studies Honors Club, and a counselor assistant. After high school, she knew that she had to pursue her dreams of becoming a Veterinarian.

She is a Youth Leader in Compassionate Arts in Action. After she started college, majored in Biology to help animals have better lives. She has received honors throughout high school and enjoys helping counselors organize multiple events for student success. "My purpose is to inspire others to pursue their goals. Once I become a Veterinarian, I hope to make a difference by providing care to animals."



Jolina Bui is going into her 2nd year as a student at UCSD, as a Human Biology major, She is on the pre-med track and aspires to be a doctor in the

future. On campus she participates in Camp Kesem and the Chinese American Student Association. On the weekends she volunteers at a Hospice center. She is concerned about Mental Health for youth. She has an older brother who also attends UCSD and a younger brother who is in high school.

"As a POC, I believe it is important to not feel ashamed of our culture."

COMPASSIONATE ADULT ALLY, COUNSELOR:

**Rev. Carolyn Wilkins,** MBA, MS, is a leading speaker, consultant and activist for peace, nonviolence, equality and social justice.

She has delivered workshops at the Parliament of the World's Religions, the Association for Global New Thought, Gandhi Development Trust, United Religions International, Santa Monica Race Relations, Compassionate Arts and many churches and community programs Rev. Carolyn is the Founder and Spiritual Director of Inspirational Ministries, an organization for spiritual expansion, personal growth, and community inclusion, bridging racial, gender, age, cultural and religious divides across the Beloved community.

She teaches empowerment, mediation and mindfulness classes to youth and adults, offers transformational leadership programs, and facilitates organizational and community dialogues around race, values, dignity and belonging/inclusion.

Rev. Carolyn builds Interfaith collaboration:

In Culver City, she chaired the Interfaith Council for 6 years, and collaborated with the Teen Center, Parks and Recreation programs and the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health. She led celebrations of the Season for

Nonviolence and Peace Sunday for 20 years.



She served as director of humanitarian programs with Agape International Spiritual Center for 10 years and directed outreach for their annual conference; supported the Los Angeles Consulate Corps on peace programs and co-directed a global launch of Oprah's 'Belief' series to 14 million people.

She has been an advisor to Compassionate California, Compassionate Arts, UN Women, Institute for Nonviolence LA, International Association of Human Values, the World Dignity Forum, and several international humanitarian organizations.

Her background includes 20 years as a marketing executive with Xerox Corporation, an MBA in management, a masters in Transformational Leadership, church leadership programs at USC School of Religion, a cohort of Rev. Dr. James Lawson's Institute for Nonviolence and certifications in nonprofit management, nonviolence, conflict resolution and racial healing.

### COMPASSIONATE ARTIST ALLIES:

**Camile Salleh** has been doing community arts since she was six years old. Her father was from Malaysia, her mother from the USA. Her father was a brilliant self- made man trained in his trade. As an immigrant, he had difficulty reading and writing English.

Growing up bi-racial, Camile and her family understood some of the challenges of not being treated equally. Camile wants to work with



this panel to help inspire her children, and other youth, cope in this racially charged time.

**Kira Carrillo Corser** is Co-founder of Compassionate Arts in Action and on the Leadership Team for Compassionate San Diego and Compassionate California.

She has a 30 year history of leadership in the arts designing and collaboratively building resilient communities, promoting peace and nonviolence, social justice and environmental projects. Kira has won over 30 awards for her collaborative art projects. Her work has been on national broadcasts with President Clinton and on international live streaming with President Carter and the International Human Rights Defenders at the Carter Center, Artwork

from her projects have exhibited in: The Center for Civil and Human Rights, the California Center for the Arts, Oceanside Museum of Art and more.



She worked as Staff Photographer at KPBS TV and Radio Stations for 10 years, taught at CSU Monterey Bay for 8 years, and co-authored 4 books and 4 nationally traveled exhibitions.

Felecia Lenee, Co-Founder of Compassionate ARTS, is better known as Fe Love to her fans, and is the host and creator of the Artist Eclectic pLAygROUND, a "pop-up" event



space that supports new as well as established artists and innovative entrepreneurs primarily in the Pasadena and Greater Los Angeles area.

She is on the Leadership Team for <u>CompassionateCalifornia.org</u> and cofounder of the <u>Compassionate ARTS IN</u> <u>ACTION</u>. She worked as the Youth Program Director and Creative

Strategist for the national project, Posts for Peace and Justice. Felecia has a B.F.A. from CALARTS where she trained as an actress. Her goals are to support youth, with a focus on health, public safety and social justice. Felecia's recent public appearances highlighting youth include: March for Our Lives, Los Angeles, CA; Youth Action Summit, Memphis. TN. the U.S. Human Rights Network National Conference, Atlanta, GA. and the 26th Anniversary of the American Disabilities Act, at the White House. Felecia Lenee is a healer and a certified massage therapist with a concentration on energy balancing. She has been in 16 films, has over 25 years of performing live on stage as a host and entertainer, and in several podcasts promoting racial, gender equality and justice.



Dr. Hong Dang Bui, MD (Rose) -Lead for *Compassionate San Diego*, came to the United States in 1975 escaping the war plagued Vietnam. She

has led a fulfilling medical and spiritual journey, together with her 52-year husband, Hum Dac Bui, M.D. She is a retired professor in pediatric infectious diseases at the Loma Linda University, and has been the medical director for a Free Clinic from 2013 to 2019 in Redlands, CA.

Spiritually, she devotes her life in interfaith works, in meditative sessions, in CaoDai teachings and writings and in the work for Compassionate cities. She participated in interfaith meetings in Italy, Japan, in the Parliament of World's Religions in South Africa, Spain, Canada and the United States; in World's Alliance of Religions for Peace in Seoul, South-Korea.

After the unexpected passing of Hum in late 2019, she moved to San Diego. She devotes her time in finishing the book "CaoDai, a Realizable Path to Light," that Hum spent his last years to pen. in this book they describe their spiritual journey and give a comprehensive account of CaoDai. CaoDai teaches that all religions spring from One same Divine Source and that we all receive a spark of the Divine Spirit.

She also continues her passion in Interfaith with the Poway Interfaith Team and as a lead in building *Compassionate San Diego*, a county and communities initiative.

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We are putting together a **Mental Health Art Gallery** and a **RESOURCES PAGE** wit videos for relaxation, stress reduction, and other health tools.

### We welcome your Art submissions! Email to: <u>KiraCorser@gmail.com</u>

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR OTHER PARTNERS FOR HELPING GROW THIS COMPASSIONATE EFFORT FOR YOUTH!

Emily Schell, CSD Team Member, California Global Education Project, The Jacobs Institute for Innovation in Education Rev. Dr. Abigail, POINT Interfaith, Patricia Frisher San Diego Arts Network, Compassionate California, Rev. Dale Suggs BELOVED San Diego, The Charter for Compassion are all partners or participating! If you want to join us or know ways to support our work, we would love to hear!



We are looking at ways to support **Jordan Bui** and **Madison Ross** in the future as they take on the leadership of the CSD Youth Ambassadors Council!

