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Community events in support of the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

2027

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ABOUT THE MORAN CENTER

Our Mission

The James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy provides community-based legal, social work, and restorative services for youth and families. Our approach is holistic, healing-centered, client-driven. Our work advances the vision of a more just, racially equitable, and restorative society at the local, regional, and state level.

Our Beliefs

We believe that no person should be defined by their worst mistake, and that all young people deserve justice in the courtroom, access to the classroom, and restoration in the community.

Our Goal

The Moran Center provides young people and families with support to successfully emerge from challenging legal situations, tools to make positive life choices, and the ability to thrive in the community.

Our Vision

We envision a more just, racially equitable, and restorative society at the local, regional, and state level, and a community:

- where youth and families have bright futures – successful in school, jobs, and the community.
- that is just and racially equitable, employing restorative practices to resolve conflict.
- where systemic barriers are dismantled locally, regionally, and statewide – adopting instead public policies that radically benefit and improve the lives of historically marginalized youth and families.

Our Programs & Services

The Moran Center primarily serves young people (up to age 26) and families in Evanston/Skokie School Districts 202 and 65 with holistic, integrated services:

- Youth and Emerging Adult Criminal Defense Practice
- Education Advocacy Program
- School-Based Civil Legal Clinic
- Integrated Social Work Services
- Criminal Record Relief Practice
- Roger Pascal Restorative Justice Initiative



2027 EVENTS

The Moran Center will host two exciting special community events in 2027: the *Justice Restores* Luncheon and our annual event, A Concert for Justice. These two events will provide two different atmospheres and inspiring programs to engage our community in support of our mission. At the Moran Center, legal advocacy, social work support, and restorative services are available at no cost to those needing help most - thanks in entirety to contributions from our community.

Your event sponsorship helps us acquire new supporters, raise critical funds, and grow the visibility of our innovative, community-based approach to restorative legal aid. Sponsorship of Moran Center events positions you as a supporter of the community, youth empowerment, and valuing social responsibility.

***Justice Restores* Luncheon**

The *Justice Restores* Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2027 at The Woman's Club of Evanston from 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. The event will feature dynamic keynote speaker Fania Davis, a lawyer, educator, and social justice leader with a specialty in restorative justice. We anticipate 225-250 attendees at this benefit event.

A Concert for Justice

A Concert for Justice is the Moran Center's annual signature event and will be held on June 17, 2027 at Evanston SPACE, with a headliner to be announced. We anticipate 200 - 225 attendees at this soulful celebration of the power of community. Past headliners include Mavis Staples, Los Lobos, and Danielle Ponder, and featured artists Nathan Graham and Dave Specter.

Audiences

Moran Center events attract an engaged audience of adults in the Greater Evanston community: social justice-minded and music-loving advocates, attorneys, parents, educators, and friends.

Both events are promoted through direct mail correspondence to the Moran Center's supporters, as well as online promotions across our social media platforms and on moran-center.org.

Our social media (and event) audiences are mostly adults between ages 35-75 living in Greater Evanston and Chicago. Our highest engagement on social media is amongst legal, higher education and public sector professionals, and this audience is generally reflected in our event attendees.

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Justice Restores
Luncheon

About the Luncheon

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About Keynote Speaker Fania Davis

Fania E. Davis is a leading national voice on restorative justice. She is a long-time social justice activist, civil rights trial attorney, restorative justice practitioner, writer, professor and scholar with a PhD in Indigenous Knowledge. Coming of age in Birmingham, Alabama during the social ferment of the civil rights era, the murder of two close childhood friends in the 1963 Sunday School bombing crystallized within Fania a passionate commitment to social transformation. For the next decades, she was active in the Civil Rights, Black liberation, women's, prisoners', peace, anti-racial violence and anti-apartheid movements. Studying with indigenous healers, particularly in Africa, catalyzed Fania's search for a healing justice, ultimately leading Fania to bring restorative justice to Oakland, California.

Founding Director of Restorative Justice of Oakland Youth (RJOY), her numerous honors include the Ubuntu award for service to humanity, the Dennis Maloney Award for excellence in Youth Restorative Justice, World Trust's Healing Justice award, the Tikkun (Repair the World) award, the Ella Baker/Septima Clark Award, the Bioneer's Changemaker Award, the LaFarge Social Justice Award, and the Ebony POWER 100 award. She is a Woodrow Wilson fellow and the Los Angeles Times named her a New Civil Rights Leader of the 21st Century.

Fania, who resides in Oakland, California, writes and speaks internationally on restorative justice, racial justice, school-based restorative justice, restorative justice to interrupt the racialized school-to-prison pipeline and mass incarceration, a restorative justice-based truth and reconciliation process to transform historical harm against African-Americans, gender and restorative justice, restorative justice to promote community peace and healing and other subjects.

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A CONCERT FOR JUSTICE

About the Concert
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About the Program
A Concert for Justice will fill Evanston SPACE's main stage and the venue's adjoining lounge and patio for a soulful celebration of the power of community. We anticipate 200 - 225 attendees.

Prior to the musical performance, the Concert will feature a program highlighting the Moran Center's community impact, and will honor the recipient(s) of the annual Emerging Youth Advocate Award. This award recognizes a young person or group of young people who embody the Moran Center's mission by helping build a more restorative community. Past Awardees include Community Peace Builder Amari Radcliffe and the ETHS & NU Student Circle Keepers at Oakton Elementary School.

About Evanston SPACE
SPACE is a live music hall located in Evanston, Illinois, established in 2008.

Over the past decade, SPACE has welcomed thousands of local and national touring acts, including The Lumineers, Alabama Shakes, Graham Parker, Nick Lowe, David Lindley, The Weepies, Dr. John, Lucinda Williams and many more.

SPACE hosts both seated and standing-room-only shows across a variety of genres - from folk to rock to jazz and beyond. In 2018, SPACE celebrated 10 years of live music with the inaugural "Out of Space" series, a full summer of outdoor concerts welcomed by 93-XRT in some of the most beloved locations in the City of Evanston.

Performer Information - *Forthcoming!*
The Moran Center partners with Evanston SPACE to produce the signature A Concert for Justice event, selecting talented, soulful headlining artists who embody the spirit of the event, with messages of justice, belonging, peace, and community. Past headliners include Mavis Staples, Los Lobos, and Danielle Ponder, and featured artists Nathan Graham and Dave Specter.

BECOME A SPONSOR

Sponsors of the Moran Center's 2027 Event series will be recognized throughout the six month promotional cycle for both events, and at the events themselves.

In addition to providing visibility at the event, the Moran Center will recognize sponsors across our social media platforms, by email, and on our website.

All sponsorships:

- create free access to integrated legal, social work, and restorative services for young people and families in Greater Evanston.
- are customizable to meet your community engagement needs.
- include recognition on our website and annual report, and screen displays at the event.
- are partially tax-deductible according to law.

Sponsorship Levels

$45,000 - Presenting
celebrating the Moran Center's 45th anniversary!
$25,000 - Champion
$10,000 - Beacon
$5,000 - Advocate
$2,500 - Defender
$1,500 - Friend
$1,000 - Nonprofit Partner

***New!* Add-Ons**

$1,500 - Sponsor a Table for Moran Center Staff & Peace Builders

Media Recognition

All sponsors will be recognized in the following media:

Facebook	Instagram	LinkedIn	MailChimp	Website
• 1.7k followers • 3.8k monthly viewers	• 1.1k followers • 3.2k monthly views	• 1.1k followers • 4.6k monthly impressions	• 2,400 contacts • 23% open rate	11,000 pageviews per quarter

Eligible sponsors will be included in two press releases, as well. See the sponsorship grid at the end of this packet for more information.

Questions about sponsorship benefits or looking to customize your premiums?
Contact Rachel at rsolomon@moran-center.org or 224-765-0994.

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CONTACT US

Interested in becoming a sponsor?

Contact Rachel Solomon, Director of Development & Communications:
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Thank you for supporting the Moran Center through event sponsorship.
Both the Justice Restores Luncheon and A Concert for Justice are ticketed events.
The Luncheon will be a seated event, with tables seating eight people.

	Recognition	Luncheon Tickets	Concert Tickets	Added Visibility	Exclusivity in Industry
Presenting $45,000 **Honoring the Moran Center's 45th Anniversary**	✔	24	12	• Logo • Invitation* • Press Release • Give Remarks	✔
Champion $25,000	✔	16	10	• Logo • Invitation* • Press Release • In Remarks	✔
Beacon $10,000	✔	8	6	• Logo • Invitation* • Press Release • In Remarks	
Advocate $5,000	✔	4	4		
Defender $2,500	✔	4	2		
Friend $1,500	✔	2	2		
Nonprofit Partner $1,000	✔	2	2		

*Logos will be included in event invitation if received by January 8, 2027.

ADD-ON

Our Team at the Table
$1,500
The sponsor will cover the cost of one table for Moran Center staff and Peace Builders to attend the Justice Restores Luncheon.
(four available)

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Thank you for supporting the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
Your sponsorship helps ensure access to integrated, holistic legal, social work and restorative services for young people and families in our community.

Please complete this form to accompany payment and email rsolomon@moran-center.org or mail to 1900A Dempster Street, Evanston, IL 60202, Attn: Rachel Solomon.

Sponsor Name *How would you like to be recognized?*	_____	
Sponsor Type	☐ Individual ☐ Company	
Sponsorship Contact Name, Phone, Email *This individual should be contacted about payment, receipt and other details.*	Name	_____
	Phone	_____
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Sponsorship Level	☐ Presenting $45,000 ☐ Champion $25,000 ☐ Beacon $10,000 ☐ Advocate $5,000 ☐ Defender $2,500 ☐ Friend $1,500 ☐ Nonprofit Partner $1,000	
Extras	☐ Team at the Table: $1,500/table Qty: ____	
Benefits	Will you use your Luncheon tickets? ☐ Yes, please follow up with me about my guest information. ☐ No, I do not want to accept these tickets. Will you use your Concert tickets? ☐ Yes, please follow up with me about my guest information. ☐ No, I do not want to accept these tickets.	