

A Time for DC To Remember: Lives Lost During COVID-19

The Black Coalition Against COVID-19 (BCAC), a coalition of community leaders and diverse community-based organizations from across the District of Columbia, is organizing a series of programs to honor the families and their loved ones who have died from COVID-19.

More than 460 people have died in the District from this pandemic and, due to the necessity for social isolation, our loved ones are dying without family presence and are buried without the full measure of the ritual of family and public mourning. As such, the BCAC will give voice to the pain our community is experiencing, to honor the lives we have lost, and to help our community heal.

Participation is easy. Families interested in sharing their loved ones' stories are encouraged to write a letter honoring their loved one and send it along, in a pdf format, with a photo and contact phone number, to "remembrance@blackcoalitionagainstcovid.org."

The BCAC website will house a vibrant memorial to these lives and provide a place where the stories can be viewed and honored by the community at large.

Additionally, we are partnering with WHUR/WHUT and WPFW radio to hold at least two city-wide virtual multi-media events called "A Time for DC To Remember: Lives Lost During COVID-19." The Washington Informer will also feature these submissions in the newspaper.

We will hold the first program on June 14, 2020 from 11am – noon. Interested families that submit their stories to the BCAC website by Friday, June 5, 2020 will be contacted to schedule a remote recording for broadcast.

If you have questions, please go to our website at blackcoalitionagainstcovid.org or reach out to us by email at remembrance@blackcoalitionagainstcovid.org. The process is easy to complete and we do hope that you will join us in this effort.