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Dear Sharing Friend,

## **"How many deaths will it take till [we know] that too many people have died?"\***

How many deaths will it take till we know that too many unarmed black men have been killed, often with impunity, by law enforcement officials?

Dontre Hamilton, Milwaukee, WI  
Michael Brown, Ferguson, MO  
Twelve year old Tamir Rice, Cleveland, OH  
Walter Scott, N. Charleston, SC  
Freddie Gray, Baltimore, MD  
Eric Harris, Tulsa, OK  
Phillip White, Vineland, NJ  
Tony Robinson, Madison, WI  
Jerome Reid, Bridgeton, NJ  
Romain Buston, Phoenix, AZ  
Akai Gurley, New York, NY  
John Crawford, Dayton, OH

The above list represents some of the unarmed black men who have been killed so far in 2015.

Those of us who are white can't even imagine the fear that the parents of young African American men have each time their child leaves the relative safety of their home. But we should try. We should. Those of us who are white have been conditioned to fear black men. This was done intentionally by the slave masters who created the myth that black people were "sub-human" - and black men were dangerous. Black men, on the other hand, have been warned, all through life, to be wary, on guard because they are at the mercy of the white man.

## **"How many years can some people exist before they're allowed to be free?"\***

Ta-Nehisi Coates is the author of Between The World And Me. To say that I enjoyed this small in size but substantial in feel book would be a misnomer. It certainly has had an impact on me.

As the book jacket says:

"(He) offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race"; a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men - bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion..."

**"You can count the seeds in an apple, but you can't count the apples in a seed."**

Once again circumstances beyond my control necessitated the cancelation of my yearly trip to Mound Bayou MS in May. The date had been chosen to enable me to attend a very special graduation at Ole Miss. Corey Harris, a Sharing scholar, was to receive his Law Degree. Corey is a member of the distinguished Luther and Annyce Campbell family of Mound Bayou. His maternal grandmother is my dear friend Emily Campbell Harris.

In 1996, to celebrate the 25th Good Friday Walk, Sharing instituted its Scholarship Program. Twenty-five high school seniors, chosen by the groups we were supporting in the south, were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Corey's father, Petey Harris, was one of those original scholars and currently practices law in Chicago.

"May our generous and compassionate God grant us:  
Joy, for the journeys we have to take,  
Courage, for the choices we have to make,  
Faith, that sets us free,  
Hope, that heals,  
Love that lasts." \*\*\*

Shalom,



\* "Blowin' in the Wind," Music and Lyrics by Bob Dylan

\*\* Between the World And Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates

\*\*\* Jim Sheehan S.J.

**2015 Walk Financial Statement  
As of July 31, 2015**

**Income**

Hingham Walk	42,000	
Rockville Walk	10,000	
Wakefield Walk	1,287	
Other Walks	5,673	
Total		<b>58,960</b>

**Distributed as of 7-31-2015**

Tri-Town Shelter (Rockville Walk)	3,350	
Balance available for distribution		<b>55,610</b>

**Pledged for 2016 distribution**

Federation of Southern Co-ops	Epes AL/Atlanta GA	14,000
Kemetic Institute	Mound Bayou MS	14,000
21st Century Youth Leadership	Selma AL	14,000
Sharing's Scholarship Program		14,000

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