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**FOR A CONVERSATION ON  
NONVIOLENCE & FORGIVENESS**



*with* JOURNEY OF HOPE: FROM VIOLENCE TO HEALING

Monday, October 12, 2015

11:00 am - 12:50 pm

University Center - Main Theater

**Free Admission, Lunch Provided**

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# ABOUT JOURNEY OF HOPE

# SOWING PEACE



*Journey of Hope...From Violence to Healing* is an organization led by the families of murder victims, originally founded in 1993. Speakers share their stories about the process of healing through reconciliation. They call for alternatives to the death penalty and an end to the cycle of violence that capital punishment perpetuates in our society.

Joining with these speakers are **death row family members, family members of the executed, death row survivors, activists and friends** from around the world. Every year *Journey of Hope...From Violence to Healing* travels to spread the message of nonviolence and forgiveness. This year they are speaking with the University of Houston Cougar Family.

Journey of Hope provides a platform for the family members of murder victims who choose not to seek revenge, and instead select the path of love and compassion for all of humanity. Forgiveness is seen as strength and as a way of healing.

## SPEAKERS

**Bill Pelke** - *Journey of Hope President*. His grandmother was the victim of murder, but he is against the death penalty. Bill explains why he opposes the death penalty despite his loss.

**Terri Steinberg** - Terri's son is on death row. She explains her son's case and why he should not be on death row.

**Shujaa Graham** - Shujaa is an exonerated death row prisoner - one of over 150 in the USA. Shujaa explains his case and why he was exonerated.

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