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Never Ever, Ever, be Reminded

Happy PRIDE month, Charter Family! As a queer person, having this dedicated Pride month makes me feel so many feelings, *but more on that later!*

I want to share with you something that happened to me this week, something, I think, is worth sharing.

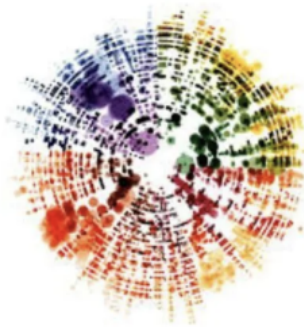
Just for reference, I drive a small hatchback, sort of sporty. It's low and speedy, and has treated me well for many years. The other day, my partner and I were driving home from buying some groceries, feeling great that we had taken care of some long overdue house errands, ready to get home and stock the fridge—ready to cook more, eat out less, save some money, and eat healthier.

Waiting for the green light, I looked at my partner, and I got this mushy feeling all over my body, filling me with such gratitude for life at that very

moment. Feeling so grateful for his love and for me to be able to love him, to be a team and support each other, and make a life together. It's so cool to be together. I love him...! I felt gratitude for being able to be together without feeling prosecuted or unsafe because...

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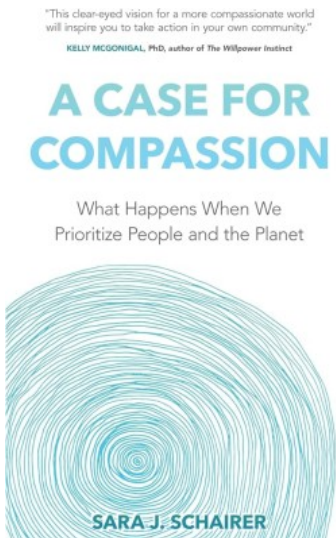
The Magical Ability of Music to Inspire Action with Marilyn Turkovich

**Every Wednesday (June 12, 26) at 8am
PT/11am ET/4pm BST/8.30pm IST**

Our Executive Director, (and now DJ) Marilyn Turkovich, brings to the session a few pieces of music that allow space for reflection, helping to transcend cultural barriers, inspire kindness, and evoke a sense of peace. Let's see what happens when we come together!

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GLOBAL READ



A Case for Compassion: *What Happens When We Prioritize People and the Planet* By Sara Schairer

Tuesday, June 18, 9am PT/12pm ET/5pm GMT/9.30pm IST

What would happen if the systems within our society focused on care and healing instead of growth and profit?

In this book, Sara Schairer—a leader in the compassion field—examines five of our most influential systems: education, health care, corrections, law enforcement, and the workplace.

Using personal narratives, research, thought-leader interviews, and examples of compassionate institutions, Schairer shows us that compassion can solve many of our society's most pressing problems.

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Circle of Trust: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, June 29, at 9am PT/12pm ET/5pm BST/9.30pm IST

On the last Saturday of every month, the Charter for Compassion offers a 90-minute practice of people coming together to be in a Circle, a Sangha.

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On the Blog!



My Scarf Is A Silent Protest

by Barbara Kaufmann

If you're not paying attention to the news out of the Middle East these days, you won't notice that the scarf I am wearing today is a Keffiyeh. It's not a fashion statement. The black and white scarf is an iconic symbol of Palestine nationalism. It's worn by men as a self-fashioned turban and by Arab women as a hijab—the headscarf that defines a Muslim woman or Middle East native. Some define the Keffiyeh as a Palestinian military scarf. I am also wearing a Peace pin.

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Gaza Poems by Yahia Lababidi

Read a collection of poems from YAHIA LABABIDI, author of 11 books of poetry and prose. His forthcoming collection is PALESTINE WAIL (2024). Lababidi, Arab-American of Palestinian background, regularly, shares words of hope and healing on his

You Tube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@Yahia.Lababidi>

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From our Partners



The Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons Fifth Annual Youth Award will be presented to a youth (35 years of age or younger) or organization pioneering or part of exemplary programs and actions to engage youth in the movement to abolish nuclear weapons. The award honors the legacy of former U.S.S.R. President Mikhail Gorbachev and former U.S.A. Secretary of State George Shultz in their efforts for nuclear disarmament and will be presented on Nuclear Prayer Day, August 6, 2024.

Nomination submissions for the Fifth Annual Voices Youth Award 2024 are now being welcomed with a **submission deadline of June 28, 2024.** Required submission materials include the name of an individual or organization and supporting narrative, 250 words maximum. Additional materials such as online posts, photos, website articles, and video with a maximum of three minutes are welcome.

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Saturday, June 15, 12:30-3:30 pm

The dA Center for the Arts

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**Come Celebrate with Puppets KAI & LOLA at a FREE
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Join Character Champion Kids: Compassionate Actions Count & The dA
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Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024

Time: 12:30-3:30pm

Location: The dA Center for the Arts, 252 S Main St D, Pomona, CA 91766

Puppet Showtimes: 1:30pm & 3:00pm

About the Show: Join LOLA the Lion and CC Kid KAI, with her animal friend "Rainbow MetaHawk," as they teach us the superpower of each of the CC Kids.

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