



# City of Fall River Massachusetts



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## City of Fall River to Host Ceremony Acknowledging International Day of Peace and Heroes of Peace Award Winners

(FALL RIVER, MA- September 15, 2021)- On Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4pm Mayor Paul Coogan will be joined by the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention Initiative for a ceremony outside of Government Center. The ceremony will honor the 2020/2021 Heroes of Peace Award winners and acknowledge International Day of Peace, which is celebrated globally on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Media and the public are invited to attend.

### 2020/2021 Recipients of the Heroes of Peace award:

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| <b>Youth</b>        | Summa Slater   |
|                     | Annika Lewis   |
|                     | Trinity Rodriguez  |
|                     | Dakota Patin   |
| <b>Individual</b>   | Derek Foulds, Vice President of Community Support Services at Family Service Association |
|                     | Bobby Bailey,  |
|                     | Charlie Merrow, CEO of Merrow Manufacturing  |
|                     | Jessica Cyr, Family Support Worker at Family Service Association                         |
| <b>Agency/Group</b> | Multicultural Affairs, Bristol Community College   |
|                     | United Way of Greater Fall River   |
|                     | Blessed Trinity Parish   |
|                     | RivaRocks  |
|                     | Fall River Diversity & Inclusion Committee   |

*About the Heroes of Peace Award:*

Quite often, the news is filled with stories of violence and aggression. However, throughout Fall River there are individuals, groups, and programs that are addressing violence and working toward creating peace. Peacemakers are the ones fighting to make our community stronger through acts of kindness.

The “Heroes of Peace” award was created in 2010 by the Peace by Piece Steering Committee to recognize the many individuals and groups who are providing a positive message of hope and compassion in Fall River. As part of the effort to acknowledge that no one person, group, or approach can solve the program of violence, the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention Initiative Steering Committee is once again looking to recognize those in the community who are instrumental in overcoming violence, refusing to be a bystander to aggressive acts, and understanding that the world will become a better place because of kindness.