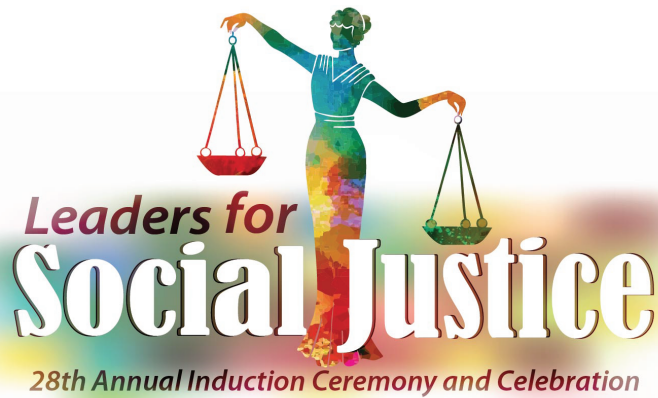




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Enola G. Aird is a lawyer, activist mother, and founder and president of Community Healing Network. Launched in 2006, CHN is the only organization focused exclusively on attacking the lie of White superiority and Black inferiority—the root cause of the dehumanization of Black people in the United States and around the world.

Under Aird's leadership, CHN has put into place key elements to build the global grassroots movement for the emotional emancipation of Black people, including:

- 1) the Defy the Lie (of White superiority and Black inferiority) and Embrace the Truth (of Black Humanity) pledge campaign;
- 2) Community Healing/Wear Sky Blue Days—endorsed by Dr. Maya Angelou and observed on the third weekend of every October to put “time for healing” at the top of the global Black community's agenda;
- 3) Rapid Response Ubuntu Healing Circles—to respond to urgent needs for healing spaces in Black communities;
- 4) Emotional Emancipation Circles—a self-help support group process, originated by CHN and developed in collaboration with the Association of Black Psychologists, to help Black people heal from the trauma caused by the lie; and
- 5) The Valuing Black Lives Global Emotional Emancipation Summit—to develop global strategies to free ourselves and our children from the lie—once and for all.

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