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City of Fall River to Host Ceremony Acknowledging Heroes of Peace Award Winners

(FALL RIVER, MA- Friday, October 14, 2022) - On Monday, October 17th, 2022 Mayor Paul Coogan will be joined by the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention Initiative for a ceremony to honor the 2022 Heroes of Peace Award winners. The ceremony, which will take place at 3:30 in the Atrium of Government Center, will also acknowledge Unity Day (10/19/22), a special day to demonstrate that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion of all students.

2022 recipients of the Heroes of Peace award include:

Youth Citizen: Michael Thompson
Adult Citizens: Sheila Kauffmann, Allison Hague, Sara Rodrigues
Group: Organization Standing Together
Agency/Business: Viva Fall River, Scottie's Pub, Citizen for Citizens Family Planning and Teen Prevention Programs

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 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.