

SEIZING THE MOMENT:

Enhancing the Public Safety Ecosystem

13th ANNUAL CONVENING SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

Memphis, TN
OCTOBER 20-23, 2026





A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partner,

For 15 years, Cities United has worked alongside changemakers across the nation to create safe, healthy, and hopeful communities for young Black men and boys, and their families. Our Annual Convening is the heartbeat of that work, elevating innovative approaches to comprehensive public safety, celebrating progress, and strengthening the relationships that make change possible.

Our convening is where policy meets practice; where the people making decisions and the people doing the work come together to shape strategy, and where hope is transformed into action.

By supporting this convening, you are directly contributing to the growth and sustainability of ecosystems that are interrupting the cycle of violence, dismantling systems of inequity, and investing in new infrastructure. It's a chance to co-invest in a movement, connect directly with the jurisdictions and communities doing the work, and uplift the conversations that drive real change.

Anthony Smith
Executive Director, Cities United



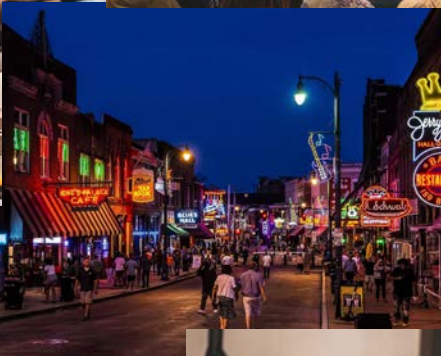
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A PLACE FOR STRATEGIES, CHANGE, AND SOLUTIONS

13th Annual Convening Highlights

- **Honoring Our Milestones:** Celebrating 15 years of our unwavering commitment to creating safer, healthier, and more hopeful communities for young Black men and boys and their families.
- **Leading Innovation:** Unveil Our New Learn, Act, Lead Framework for evaluating and supporting jurisdictions as they redefine public safety.
- **Transformative Impact:** Advance a movement committed to reducing community violence and building pathways to opportunities
- **Proven Strategies:** Share practical tools and models that are adding to the local public safety ecosystem
- **Uplift Youth Voices:** Center Young Leaders as co-creators of change
- **Driving Change:** Implement Narrative Change Strategies to shift perceptions and influence policy
- **Local Spotlight:** Showcase Memphis' comprehensive public safety ecosystem through interactive site visits, highlighting strategies your community can replicate





VISIONARY SPEAKERS

Our speakers, armed with extensive knowledge spanning local, state, and federal landscapes, are ready to ignite thought-provoking dialogues and spark actionable insights. Each voice will bring a unique perspective, weaving a narrative of resilience, innovation, and hope. From the first address to the closing remarks, attendees can anticipate a vibrant exchange of ideas that will enrich the discourse on public safety and infuse our gathering with a palpable sense of excitement and purpose. Together, let us explore, engage, and evolve.

PAST CONVENING SPEAKERS



Dr. Shani Buggs

Co-Founder and Advisory Chair, The Black & Brown Collective for Community Solutions to Gun Violence



Rob Wilcox

President and CEO of Fund For Safer Future



Karol Mason

President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice



Oresa Napper-Williams

Executive Director and Visionary of Not Another Child Inc



Tony Allen

6x NBA All Defensive Team, NBA Champion, Philanthropist, co-Founder of One City Basketball

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Fund Travel, Hotel and Registration for 5 Young Leaders to Attend the 13th Annual Convening				

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OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR 13TH ANNUAL CONVENING

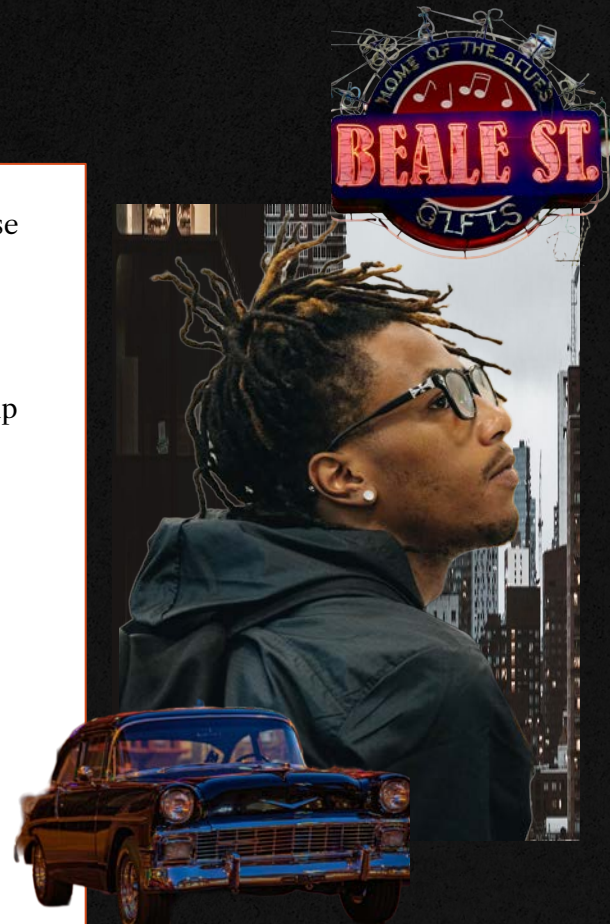
Whether your focus is removing financial barriers so community leaders and young leaders, whose voices are essential to shaping strategy, can attend, deepening relationships with key stakeholder groups, or elevating your brand, we can create a fully customizable package that reflects those priorities.

Partners can also support an impactful convening experience by investing in à la carte sponsorship opportunities, including meals, cultural activations, site visits, transportation, and other event experiences.

Our team will work directly with you to structure an investment that delivers real value for your organization while advancing the mission of the convening.

Sample À La Carte Opportunities

- \$7,500 Cover registration, flight, and hotel for team of 5 leading the work
- \$2,500-\$5,000 Supports one of our interactive site visits at a local organization
- \$2,500 Provide transportation to and from offsite convening activities
- \$5,500 Support the logistics for our Young Leader Summit
- \$15,000 Power the One City Basketball Game



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