

Cynthia Day
Domestic Violence Survivor
November 2002 – Present

Following the tragic death on November 9, 2002 of her 23 year old daughter Danielle Hurley, Cynthia Day joined the fight against domestic violence. In November 2003 she held a candle light vigil in memory of her daughter at this event she shared her story and has been sharing it ever since. Her goal is to heighten awareness so that others will not suffer from this violent crime.

Over the past nine years she has volunteered her time and talent and has participated in events throughout Prince Georges County to include Domestic Violence walks for the Prince Georges County States Attorneys office and the Family Crisis Center, The Empty Place at the Table exhibit, panelist on Domestic Violence Survivor Forums and Project Safe Sunday.

Danielle Cheryce Hurley, affectionately known as Danni is a prime example of why choosing the wrong mate is so dangerous. Danielle went to visit her on again – off again boyfriend of several years, the father of her son. The visit was to allow their son time to visit with his Dad and for her son's father to give her funds to help buy winter garments for their child. The request for money to purchase winter clothes turned into a physical altercation where the estranged boyfriend produced a gun and shot Danielle in her neck hitting the jugular vein and killing her instantly. This brutal act of domestic violence was committed as their then 5 year old son watched as he sat in the auto's passenger seat beside his mother. Traumatized, her son Tai' Vaughn (Tavon) stayed with her body until EMT personnel and the police arrived.

As if the events that lead up to her only child's death are not tragic enough the perpetrator was acquitted of all charges. Cynthia and her grandson continue to live together but must deal with the perpetrator on an almost daily basis.