



## Statement of Remembrance and Solidarity

### Issued by the African American Men of Westchester

It is with heavy hearts and profound sorrow that we, the African-American Men of Westchester County, gather our voices to mourn the loss of our brother, **Robert Watson**. His life was a testament to his dedication to family, his vibrant spirit, his professional excellence, and his absence leaves a void in our community that cannot be easily filled.

### Honoring the Man

**Robert** was more than a statistic; he was a son, a father, a friend, and a neighbor. Whether he was seen on the streets of White Plains or in the quiet corners of Greenburgh, he moved through this world with generosity, honesty, and love. We choose to remember him for his light, rather than the darkness of the circumstances that took him from us.

### Addressing the Silence

Domestic violence is a scourge that knows no gender, race, or zip code.

Often, for men—and particularly Black men—the struggle remains hidden behind a veil of perceived strength or the fear of being misunderstood.

- **We stand together** to affirm that vulnerability is not weakness.
- **We acknowledge** that domestic tragedy is a community crisis, not just a private one.
- **We commit** to fostering environments where our brothers feel safe to speak, seek help, and find refuge.

### Our Commitment

As our brother rests, we do not simply offer "thoughts and prayers." We offer our hands and our voices. We pledge to:

1. **Support the Family:** Providing tangible assistance to those he left behind during this period of grief.
2. **Raise Awareness:** Partnering with local Westchester organizations to provide resources specifically tailored for men facing domestic challenges.
3. **Break the Cycle:** Engaging in honest dialogue within our circles to ensure that no other brother feels he must suffer in silence.

"To be a man is not to be silent in the face of pain, but to be strong enough to seek a path to peace."

We ask the community to join us in honoring Robert's memory by treating one another with renewed grace and by looking out for the brother standing next to you.

### Resources for the Community

If you or someone you know in Westchester is experiencing domestic strife, please reach out to:

- **Westchester County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 914-995-5972
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 800-799-SAFE (7233)

### Rest in Peace, Our Brother,

John Tuller

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