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## **Ujima Inc., The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community Hosts Launch Celebration**

***Organization Debuts During Rebuilding Community + Connection Event in Washington, D.C.***

[Washington, D.C., November 11, 2022] --- [Ujima Inc.](http://Ujima Inc.), The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community is hosting its inaugural organizational launch to kick off the holiday season on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 6:00pm to 8:00pm at The Gathering Spot in Washington, D.C. Ujima Inc. serves as a global, culturally-specific resource center to provide support to and be a voice for the Black community in response to domestic, sexual, and community violence.

“Our launch serves as a national call to action for our community as Black women and girls continue to be disparately impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault,” says Karma Cottman, Chief Executive Officer, Ujima Inc., The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community. “We actualize this mission through research and resource development.”

“Rebuilding Community + Connection,” the evening’s theme, emphasizes the cornerstone of Ujima’s programming, which enhances services and resources for survivors of intimate partner violence through education and outreach; research and evaluation; training and technical assistance; and policy and legislative initiatives. “Ujima” means collective work and responsibility, and it will take the entire community to implement prevention and intervention strategies that resonate with the lived experiences of the survivors the organization seeks to help. Ujima Inc. serves as a resource to survivors of violence, advocates and service providers, and the community at-large.

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The awareness and fundraising event brings together advocates who work in the domestic violence and sexual assault field, representatives from federal agencies, and national policy leaders to celebrate Ujima's founding and the past year's accomplishments, which include, but are not limited to: the passage of the 2022 Reauthorization of The Violence Against Women Act and increased funding to support culturally specific organizations developed by and for communities of color.

For media access, interviews, and photo opportunities, please contact [sgarcia@ujimacommunity.org](mailto:sgarcia@ujimacommunity.org).

### **About Ujima Inc.**

Launched in 2015, [Ujima Inc.](#), The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community is a national culturally specific resource center that provides support and serves as a voice for the Black Community in response to domestic, sexual and community violence. Ujima Inc. was founded in response to a need for an active approach to ending domestic, sexual and community violence in the Black community. The name *Ujima* was derived from the third principle of Kwanzaa and means Collective Work and Responsibility.

### **About Karma Cottman**

Karma Cottman, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of [Ujima Inc.](#), The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community, is responsible for leading the national organization's outreach efforts. Before joining Ujima, Inc., Karma led the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence as Executive Director for a decade. Prior to that, she served the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) as Vice President of Policy and Emerging Issues, for a decade.

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