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Thank you for joining us tonight and welcome!

2020 is a year that will be remembered for many things. A global pandemic that has taken a terrible toll around the world and, especially, in our country. A deep economic recession, the beginning of long-overdue racial reckoning, and a disputed presidential election.

This has also been a year of overcoming. Tonight, we bring you inspiring stories of families and students facing educational barriers and not turning away. These stories give concrete meaning to MAC’s work as a community of connection and support for families seeking to create opportunity for their children.

Stories have the power to transform realities that can often seem impossible to change. This “force” has been with the people you will meet tonight, and it is the power we need to face, together, the challenges that await us.

We hope the stories you hear tonight will inspire you as they have inspired us. We shall overcome!

Kevin Murray
Executive Director
Evening Program

**Opening Performance**

“The Thunderstorm”  
Ravi Burtner, age 13  
Composer and Pianist

**Opening Remarks**

Kevin Murray  
MAC Executive Director

Carlos Rojas Álvarez  
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**Keynote**

Boston City Council President Kim Janey, District 7

**MAC Stories**

Language Access in the Time of COVID-19  
Maria Antonetti  
Parent Advocate and MAC Helpline Caller

Jean Joseph Uribe Antoneti  
Student

Listening to Student Voices  
Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative

Keeping Faith in My Son  
Taisha Garrett  
Parent Advocate and MAC Helpline Caller

Inclusion: Sending Our Sons to School Together  
Delmy Flores and Daniel Monterroza  
Parent Advocates and Former MAC Clients

**Closing Remarks**

Hubie Jones  
MAC Founder

**Virtual Reception**

Music: “Rondo”  
Ravi Burtner, age 13  
Composer and Pianist
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Cada dos Miércoles a las 8 PM

Online communities
MAC Autism Connections:
A Virtual Parent Support Group

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TLPI Online Learning Community
For educators interested in trauma-sensitive schools

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- Diagnostic Screening
- Integrative Services and Psychoeducational Counseling

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for all of MAC’s work on behalf of vulnerable children, especially those with disabilities, during this difficult time

EILEEN M HAGERTY & THOMAS M. ALPERT
Thank you for celebrating with us.

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