


THE HEALING STORY ALLIANCE PRESENTS

# KIND STORIES IN CONCERT

LISTEN, SHARE, AND REFLECT ON STORIES OF KINDNESS GIVEN, KINDNESS RECEIVED


**SUNDAY  
NOV. 6TH  
7-8:30PM EST**

**Emcee**




ALTON CHUNG


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Community Tellers who  
will share anecdotes of  
kindness from their lives  
and work.*




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**‘Kindness is having the ability to speak with love,  
listen with patience, and act with compassion.’**

-Random Acts of Kindness Foundation

Join the Healing Story Alliance for a special gathering to share and explore stories of kindness in its many faces and forms. Through folk tales and personal stories, we will dive deeply into multiple experiences of kindness. What is it? How does it impact us and our relationships to ourselves, to each other, to the world? Come and listen to “kind stories” shared by both professional tellers and community members and see what memories of kindness emerge for you.

**Date:** Nov 6, 2022

**Time:** 7:00pm-8:30pm EDT

**(Open Mic Story Share and Reflection:** last half hour)

**Format:** The story session opens with a concert of seasoned tellers and community tellers sharing stories with themes of kindness. During the second half of the gathering, audience members are invited to share a story, moment, or reflection about kindness that emerged for them as listeners.

**Purpose:** We all need a little more kindness in our lives. Perhaps a story can take us there.

**“WHEN YOU ARE KIND TO OTHERS, IT NOT ONLY CHANGES YOU, IT CHANGES THE WORLD.”**  
Harold Kushner

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## ABOUT the STORYTELLERS



**Doug Lipman** began as a teacher of highly resistant adolescents with behavior problems. One day he told them a story; they responded deeply. Ever since, Doug has been helping others experience the power of storytelling: in their lives, in their efforts to empower others, and in their organizations. Doug has taught, coached and performed across the globe. The author of award-winning books and recordings, in 2017 Doug was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for “sustained and exemplary contributions to storytelling in North America.” <http://storydynamics.com/>



**Carrie Sue Ayvar** grew up surrounded by stories, Storyteller/Cuentista Carrie Sue Ayvar learned early on the power of the oral tradition and its capacity for healing, inspiration, education, and entertainment. An award-winning Storyteller, Chautauqua Scholar and a National Credentialed Teaching Artist she has been connecting people, languages, cultures, and curriculums in both English and Spanish, for over forty years. She believes, like her Grandpa Nat taught her, that “It is hard to hate someone whose story you know.”

<http://www.carriesueayvar.com/>



**Sheila Arnold** has a talent for storytelling, a passion for history, and compassion for people. She provides Storytelling, Historic Character Presentations, Christian Monologues, and Professional Development for schools, festivals, churches, and organizations nationally and internationally. She is co-founder and Artistic Director of Artists Standing Strong Together (ASST) a source of inspiration, strength and action in the storytelling and artists world. Sheila has been honored as a 2021 MacDowell Artist Fellow, a 2020 Mt. Vernon Research Fellow and a 2019 Hewnocks Artist Colony summer residence Noted Artist. Sheila lives in Hampton, VA near her son, grandsons, and parents. <https://www.mssheila.org/>

## Emcee



**Alton Takiyama-Chung**, a Japanese-Korean storyteller, grew up with the superstitions and the magic of the Hawaiian Islands. He tells stories from Hawaii, Asian folktales, ghost stories, and stories from the Japanese-Americans experience of WWII, the Plantation Days in Hawaii, and the immigration of the Chinese into the US. He has performed at the Timpanogas and the National Storytelling Festivals, and at several international storytelling festivals. He also is a former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Storytelling Network, the national organization for storytellers in the US. ([altonchung.com](http://altonchung.com))

## Special Guests: Community Tellers

*Also featured will be Community Tellers who will share anecdotes of kindness from their life and work.*

**Bonnie Eisenberg** is Coordinator of Judaic Programs for The Jewish Association for Community Living which assists people with developmental disabilities to participate in community life through personal empowerment, community engagement, family relationships, and quality services enhanced by Jewish tradition.

**Gladys Moreno Fuentes** is a social worker and a counselor at Central CT State University. She provides clinical mental health counseling to assist her clients at the Counseling and Student Development Department as well as coordinating campus events with international, domestic and local speakers who addressed diverse subjects related sociocultural Latinx experience, increased opportunity for multicultural education, enhancement of campus cultural competency, as well as supporting Latinx students' sense of belonging at the institution.

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