Welcome to the 2021 JusticeAid Fall Concert.

Each year JusticeAid’s Board of Directors identifies a civil rights challenge that is timely and pressing, and a nonprofit deeply committed to correcting that injustice. Too many civil rights organizations are under-sung and under-resourced. JusticeAid seeks to change that.

Through our concerts and public forums, and harnessing the community building power of art and music, we spotlight civil rights challenges and raise funds to advance the work of our grantee partners.

For 2021 it was clear that our focus would be on ending racist policing and that the Police Accountability/Community Empowerment (PACE) program of Neighborhood Defender Service (NDS) was the right choice for our 2021 grantee partner. Racist policing kills Black and brown people, devastates families, and destroys communities. NDS works tirelessly to combat this evil.

Thank you for being with us this evening—in spite of the pandemic—to celebrate the music of Mavis Staples with special guest Amy Helm, and to support the work of NDS.

Enjoy the show!

Kim Duckett Coaxum, President of JusticeAid
JusticeAid’s 2021 grantee partner is the Police Accountability/Community Empowerment (PACE) program of Neighborhood Defender Service, a pioneering national public defender office with three decades of experience in holistic defense representation in Harlem and Detroit.

The vision of PACE is to reckon with police impunity, reduce over-policing, and working alongside them to reshape policy in ways that reverberate across generations.

There are few living musicians who can lay claim to being the voice of America’s conscience, and even fewer who continue to make vital music.

For six decades multi-GRAMMY® winner and civil rights icon Mavis Staples’ soulful growl has entranced listeners and affected social change—from her time in the Staples Singers to her recent collaborations with a younger generation of musicians, including Hozier, Norah Jones, Jeff Tweedy, Ben Harper, and many more.

A scholar of American roots music, singer and songwriter, Amy Helm has contributed her signature gravity alto to record after record over the last 30 years. Born into music as the daughter of The Band’s drummer/singer Levon Helm and singer songwriter Libby Titus, Helm was raised between Woodstock, NY, NYC, and LA. She is a co-founding member of alt-country collective, Ollabelle, and longtime member of The Midnight Ramble Band.

Paine The Poet is a spoken word artist, activist, educator, and public speaker. He uses his gift of poetry and lyricism to bridge the gap between the “disenfran- chised” and the society from which they have been detached. His experience as a formerly incarcerated individual of eight years makes him a powerful voice for marginalized people and communities.

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