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Embrave: Agency to End Violence virtually premieres “Brave Is...” on Human Rights Day

Friday, December 10th, PEEL REGION- Embrave Agency to End Violence is thrilled to announce the release of the video duo “Brave Is...” which includes two short films entitled Defining Brave and the Evolution of Embrave. The films were created to highlight the transformation that Embrave: Agency to End Violence, formerly Interim Place, has gone through to expand our services to meet the needs of survivors in our communities.

Defining Brave amplifies the voices of survivors as they share their experiences and reveal what it means to be Brave. We celebrate and honour their courageous journey to embracing their undeniable bravery.

The Evolution of Embrave centers the voices of survivors in Embrave’s organizational goals, frameworks, and policies. Their voices are the foundation that inspires the work that we do. This film is a testament to standing in solidarity with survivors and advocating for a world free of violence.

“When survivors see their identity reflected in an organization it removes a significant barrier to accessing service.” said Sharon Floyd, CEO. “We must pay attention to the harmful impact that systems and institutions can have on survivors of violence when policies and processes are created without their experiences in mind. We are excited to share these short films with our community”.

Gender-based violence continues to be the greatest human rights violation for women, 2Spirit, Genderqueer, trans and non-binary folks. To mark the final day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence and to mark Human Rights Day on Friday, December 10th, 2021, Embrave is hosting the virtual premiere of the latest edition of the Unstoried Series. This film series was produced by Embrave in collaboration with Fela. We invite those in attendance to engage with us on social media during the virtual event using the hashtag #OwningMyBrave.

“We hope that these films inspire our community to expand their definition of violence to ensure no one is left behind. It is essential to recognize that people’s experiences of violence are different depending on their experiences of racism, colonialism, islamophobia, sexism, ableism, classism, homophobia, and transphobia” said Rebecca Rogers, Director of Programs and Services. “If a survivor of violence accesses any organization in our community, they should be reassured that we are all fighting for their rights”.

Those who participated in this incredible project had these messages to share:

“I was forged from the hearth of Ancestral Warriorism, generations before me who survived countless genocidal atrocities, and fought bravely so I would be here today. Bravery teaches me when to draw my weapons and when to lay them down; to fight from a place of radical love, and transmute my anger into abolition.” - Mahlikah Awe:ri

"I was thrilled to be a part of such a powerful and moving project run by FELA and Embrave. This production has made me reflect on how to embrace and take pride on being "brave" and I'm glad I was able to share that with you and the courageous people I was able to stand alongside in the making of this film." – Thi Raw

"My soul's work is to understand better our connection to our inner world and how to care for ourselves on an energetic level, and in doing this work, I see bravery in every person who comes to me as facing our truth takes courage. The bravest thing I do is continue to express my soul in everything I do despite the trauma, conditioning, failures and pain that have kept me trapped in a prison of shame. I am brave not only for myself but for my ancestors, my loved ones and the people who feel seen and inspired when they see me triumph and move forward. When one of us heals, the whole world's vibration raises, and the collective wound heals bit by bit. I hope that everyone who views the film feels more connected to their truth and its bravery to embody it every day." – Rowan Asad

"Nobody can steal your joy!" – Courage Bacchus

"Our beliefs might be different, but our humanity is one!! And I'll forever be brave for you!" – Walaa Hassanien

"Defining Brave & Evolution of Embrave is such a powerful project. It runs much deeper than a film project, it embodies everything brave while creating an inclusive space for all women, two spirited, gender queer, non-binary, including women who use drugs and sex workers. It is an honour to be one small part of the dream team that included some of our communities' vital leaders and change makers. This film is so important to us and our communities." – Arlene Jane Pitts

The Unstoried Series: Brave Is...

Premiere of *Defining Brave & Evolution of Brave*

Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Embrave: Agency to End Violence• Fela• Director Kimberley Veitch
What	<p>The virtual premiere of "Brave Is..." the latest addition of the Unstoried Series, a film series produced by Embrave: Agency to End Violence (formerly Interim Place), and Fela.</p> <p>This premiere will debut two short films entitled Defining Brave and the Evolution of Embrave.</p>
When	December 10th from 12-1 p.m.
Where	Register for this live-streamed event on Eventbrite at https://cutt.ly/eY10CN8
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