

Ruth Rollins

We Are Better Together (Warren Daniel Hairston Project)



Ruth Rollins is the President and Founder of We Are Better Together, an organization that connects women and girls affected by homicide and incarceration to interrupt the cycles of violence and victimization, foster healing, and promote unity while challenging systems.

Ruth loves to spend time with her granddaughter, travel, cook and spend time with her cat fefe

Ruth is a dedicated advocate and community leader driven by a profound commitment to ending gun violence and its devastating impact on families. Inspired by the tragic loss of her son, Warren Daniel Hairston, in 2007, Ruth co-founded Operation LIPSTICK, a nationally recognized organization addressing gun trafficking. In 2017, she established We Are Better Together to offer comprehensive support and education to families impacted by gun violence on both sides of the

tragedy. Recognizing the shared trauma experienced by families of loved ones that cause harm and experience it, Ruth created a safe space for healing, advocacy, and empowerment.

Ruth has been widely recognized for her exceptional community service and advocacy. She is a 2024 Boston Women's Fund Award recipient and a DA's Survivor Advocate. Her dedication to her community was further acknowledged with the 2023 ABCD Community Hero Award, and the Inform Influence Impact Award from Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Additionally, she was named one of the City of Boston's 2024 EXTRAordinary Women and a 2022 American Red Cross of MA Hero. Furthering the accolades, she was honored as Career Collaborative Alumni of the Year

A skilled facilitator and compassionate leader, Ruth possesses a unique ability to connect with individuals and build strong communities. Her unwavering dedication to transforming lives and breaking cycles of violence has made her a respected voice in the fight for peace and justice.