



# Pardeep Kaleka

Author of, “The Gifts of Our Wounds.” Pardeep S. Kaleka works as a hate and violence prevention senior advisor with Not In Our Town and the director of Behavioral Health Response at Carroll University. He has served as a de-radicalization interventionist, assisting families and individuals offramp from hate groups and ideologies. In 2012, following the death of his father in the hate killings at the Oak Creek Sikh Temple, he co-founded Serve2Unite, an organization nationally recognized for community healing and resilience.

As a first-generation immigrant from India, Mr. Kaleka has spent more than 25 years in the public arenas of law enforcement, education, mental health, assisting hate crime survivors and perpetrators across the United States with recovery. He is the former director of the Interfaith Conference and has also worked on numerous coalition-building efforts across ethnic, racial and religious differences. With a specialization in understanding the impacts of communal trauma, he has helped to develop policies and practices to help mental health professionals, social service practitioners, law enforcement agents, and educators address hate and the rise of targeted violence.

