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New Children's Book *Protecting a Dream* Tells the Untold Story of One of Dr. King's Bodyguards - and the Legacy of Community, Courage, and Care

Evanston, IL - *Protecting a Dream*, a new children's book by educator and author Dr. Gilo Kwesi Logan, offers young readers and families a powerful, often-overlooked perspective on the Civil Rights Movement through the life and legacy of Chief Bill Logan Jr. - Evanston's first Black Police Chief, a barrier-breaker, lifelong community builder, and the man who helped safeguard Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a pivotal moment in Evanston's history.

Told with warmth and clarity by his son, *Protecting a Dream* is an intergenerational story about leadership, decency, and the responsibility to care for one another's dreams. Written for children ages 8-12 and designed to be shared across generations, the book blends vivid storytelling, rich illustrations, and guided reflection that help young readers connect history to their own lives.

"Dreams don't survive on hope alone - they survive when people protect them," said Dr. Logan. "This book honors my father not only for standing beside Dr. King, but for the quieter, lifelong work of building community, mentoring young people, and living with integrity."

Chief Bill Logan Jr. is remembered not only for his proximity to history, but for his enduring local impact - helping to found organizations that continue to serve families, youth, and neighborhoods today. The book introduces children to key moments of the Civil Rights Movement, including Dr. King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, in ways that are honest, accessible, and grounded in love.

Designed with classrooms, families, and youth programming in mind, *Protecting a Dream* supports social-emotional learning and character development through kid-friendly reflection questions, discussion prompts for educators and caregivers, informational boxes highlighting historical context, and callouts connecting Chief Logan's values to children's everyday lives. Chapter includes more than 40 discussion questions for independent reflection and intergenerational dialogue.

Protecting a Dream is available now and is accompanied by community events and educational programming that extend the book's message beyond the page.

For more information, visit www.ProtectingADream.com.

About the Author

Dr. Gilo Kwesi Logan is an author, educator, and consultant whose work centers on identity, leadership, storytelling, and community healing. He is the son of Chief Bill Logan Jr. and the founder of the *Protecting a Dream* initiative, which expands the book's message through workshops, family engagement, and intergenerational learning experiences.