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Azim Noordin Khamisa is an author, activist and inspirational speaker. He was born in Kenya, Africa. Earlier in life he focused his training in mathematics, economics and international finance, eventually becoming an international investment banker, pursuing his trade for over 35 years in Africa, Middle East, Europe and Asia. Currently, he is Chairman, CEO and Founder of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) and Founder and National Director of the Constant And Never Ending Improvement (CANEI) program.

Mr. Khamisa became a social activist after his 20-year-old son Tariq was murdered while delivering pizzas in January, 1995 by Tony Hicks, a 14-year-old gang member and son of grandson of Ples Felix. Mr. Khamisa believed there were “victims at both ends of the gun.” He forgave Tony Hicks and founded the Tariq Khamisa Foundation to help break the cycle of youth violence, save lives, teach peace and plant seeds of hope in their future. A month after establishing the foundation, Mr. Khamisa invited Ples Felix, Tony’s grandfather and guardian, to join him. Together, since November 1995, the two have shared their story and message through TKF’s Violence Impact Forums. The duo has reached a half a million elementary and middle school children live and over 20 million via video programs, guiding young people to choose a peacemaker’s life of non-violence and forgiveness.

Azim Khamisa authored several books following the death his son and his experiences and worldview thereafter. The first was *Azim’s Bardo - From Murder To Forgiveness - A Father’s Journey*. In 2007, he followed up this book with *From Forgiveness to Fulfillment*, sharing his continued evolution and the unfolding story that is his path, his passion and his life. In 2009, Random House published his *The Secrets of the Bulletproof Spirit: How to Bounce Back from Life’s Hardest Hits*, coauthored with Jillian Quinn.

Mr. Khamisa is the proud father of Tasreen and the proud grandfather of Khalil and Shahin.