



When I joined the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in 1998, it was a quiet and little-known historic house museum. Since then, we’ve built attendance and visibility, inaugurated the popular and award-winning Salons at Stowe, and initiated the Stowe Prize for Writing to Advance Social Justice.

2017 may be the Stowe Center’s most momentous year yet. And the Center’s work is more important than ever.

Record crowds heard 2017 Stowe Prize winner, author and activist Bryan Stevenson share from his memoir *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* at the public program and receive the Prize at the Big Tent Jubilee. One attendee remarked: “Bryan Stevenson ... helped me clarify issues, structure action and have hope.”

Major interior restoration of the National Historic Landmark Stowe House was completed, ensuring the author’s life and work will inspire visitors for years to come.

Visitors and community members informed the new conversation-based Stowe House tour launched this year. The Center is a non-traditional museum where visitors connect the past to the present by discussing 19th century issues that resonate today.

As I step down in May 2018, I know the Stowe Center is well positioned for the future. I have confidence that a new leader, working with the dedicated staff and Board of Trustees, will guide the Center to even greater achievements.

As Stowe Center members, donors and funders, you can be proud of your part in the Center’s development and impact. I rely on you to join me in continuing to support the Stowe Center, ensuring it remains meaningful and relevant and inspires action for positive social change.

Katherine D. Kane
Executive Director

mission:

Inspiring commitment to social justice and positive change
Preserving and interpreting Stowe’s home and the Center’s historic collections
Promoting vibrant discussion of her life and work

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preservation



In June local, state and federal officials and Stowe Center supporters gathered to celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of the National Historic Landmark Stowe House. The event marked the launch of a new interactive tour and completion of a multi-year interior preservation project.



“The tour is set up as an open dialogue between guests and guide and prompts thought-provoking discussion which we are in dire need of in this country.”





“The best speaker in a long line of excellent award winners.”

2017 STOWE PRIZE DAY

STOWE PRIZE

Launched in 2011, the Stowe Prize recognizes a U.S. author whose written work has made a tangible impact on a social justice issue critical to contemporary society.

Bryan Stevenson, attorney, author and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, accepted the Stowe Prize for his memoir, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*.



726 gave Stevenson a standing ovation at *A Conversation with Bryan Stevenson*, moderated by public radio executive John Dankosky.



Students and activists connected with community organizations at the *Action Fair*.



“I attend a lot of non-profit (fundraisers) -- this is by far the most substantive.”

Nearly **300** enjoyed the 7th annual *Big Tent Jubilee*, supporting education programs for children and adults.



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Beginning 2018, the Stowe Prize and Student Stowe Prize will be awarded annually.

1,430 shared thoughts on contemporary social justice matters including Challenges Facing Undocumented Students, Unfiltered Conversation on Race, Mass Incarceration, and Islamophobia.



“(The Stowe Center) does great work realizing its mission through these Salons. Very relevant!”

SALONS AT STOWE

Tours & Outreach
25,226 from **50** states, **17** countries, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico participated in conversational Stowe House tours or outreach programs connecting 19th century issues to those of today.



“Just wow! This tour was fantastic.”

Education
7,100 students and adults learned how to make a difference and create positive change in K-12 and college programs, workshops and seminars.



Books & Authors
159 discussed contemporary social justice titles including events with authors Brent D. Glass, Teja Arboleda and Manisha Sinha.

Public Events
2,100 participated in community events including Martin Luther King Day and Stowe’s Birthday open houses.

Films
971 viewed and discussed films including *I Am Not Your Negro*, *Moonlight* and *13th: From Slave to Criminal with One Amendment*.

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