An Evening with Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter
Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States
Since his early days in political office, former President Jimmy Carter has championed human rights around the world. Most recently, Carter has pursued this passion through his work with The Carter Center. Together with his wife, Rosalynn, he founded the center in 1982 to address national and international issues of public policy. The Center works to resolve conflict, promote democracy, protect human rights, prevent disease and other afflictions. In 2002, Carter received the Nobel Peace Prize for his social justice work.

Rosalynn Carter, Former First Lady of the United States
Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter has worked for more than three decades to improve the quality of life for people throughout the world. Today, she is an advocate for mental health, caregiving, early childhood immunization, human rights, and conflict resolution through her work at The Carter Center. She is a member of the Center’s board of trustees. She created and chairs The Carter Center’s Mental Health Task Force, and each year, she hosts the Rosalynn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy.

Elaine Richardson, Ph.D.
Author, Professor, Recording Artist
PHD (Po H# on Dope) to Ph.D.: How Education Saved My Life
Dr. Richardson’s one-woman show, PHD to Ph.D.: How Education Saved My Life, features expressive performance, storytelling and music. Addicted to drugs, abusive controlling pimps, the streets, with short stints in jail, the cycle of death appeared to be her life with prison the inevitable end. Instead, she returned to school and never stopped. She became empowered with knowledge of her culture and history and changed her life. A Professor at The Ohio State University, her motto is: “Ignorance, low self-esteem and shame are killers. When you know who you are, nobody can control you.”

Mary Pipher, Ph.D.
Author, Clinical Psychologist
The Green Boat: Sustaining Our Planet and Each Other
Dr. Pipher is concerned with how American culture influences the mental health of its people. In The Green Boat: Reviving Ourselves in Our Capsized Culture, she considers how easily we are disconnected from our emotions, our bodies, each other and the truth, as we are engulfed in devastating information about the fate of Mother Earth. Author of nine books, Dr. Pipher suggests we must reconnect our inner and outer lives to respond to this trauma with an awareness that leads to resilient coping and for many a transcendent response.

Matt Taibbi
Author, Journalist
The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap
Matt Taibbi asked why does poverty rise, as crime goes down and the prison population doubles. He discovered the Divide, the seam in American life where troubling trends - wealth inequality and mass incarceration - meet. He contends that our basic rights are now determined by our wealth or by our poverty. Are the wealthy untouchable? The poor criminalized? A New York Times bestseller, Divide paints an alarming portrait of contemporary American life and provides a way forward against this crisis. He writes for Rolling Stone and recently launched a new digital magazine by First Look Media.

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