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**STORYCORPS RELEASES INTERVIEW THAT YUSOR ABU-SALHA, VICTIM OF TRAGIC SHOOTING IN CHAPEL HILL, RECORDED LAST YEAR**

**StoryCorps Interview Between Abu-Salha and Her Third Grade Teacher, Mussarut Jabeen, Provides Insight into Abu-Salha’s Life**

**StoryCorp**s, the oral history project that provides people of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, preserve, and share their stories, recorded an interview in May, 2014 between **Yusor Abu-Salha**--who was tragically killed on Tuesday in Chapel Hill, NC--and her third grade teacher, **Mussarut Jabeen**.

An excerpted version of Abu-Salha’s story will air during tomorrow’s broadcast of NPR’s “Morning Edition,” and will also be available on StoryCorps’ website.

StoryCorps recorded Abu-Salha and Jabeen when the StoryCorps MobileBooth came to Durham, NC in May 2014. In their conversation, Abu-Salha said, “Growing up in America has been such a blessing. And although in some ways I do stand out, such as the hijab I wear on my head, the head covering, there are still so many ways that I feel so embedded in the fabric that is, you know, our culture.”

Jabeen is the principal of Al-Iman, the school attended by all three victims of last night’s shooting: Yusor Abu-Salha (21); her husband, Deah Barakat (23); and her sister, Razan Abu-Salha (19). In the interview, Jabeen, who described Yusor as “one of my best students,” said “The world would become such a beautiful place when we respect each other and make this world a place where everybody has the right to live, and we don't fight over our differences but learn to accept our differences.”

**About StoryCorps**

Founded in 2003 by MacArthur Fellow Dave Isay, StoryCorps celebrates the dignity, power, and grace that can be heard in the stories we find all around us. StoryCorps has recorded over 100,000 Americans, creating the largest single collection of human voices ever recorded.

At the heart of StoryCorps is a simple, timeless idea: provide two friends or loved ones with a quiet space and 40 minutes of uninterrupted time for a meaningful face-to-face conversation; record that conversation; give the participants a copy; and archive another copy at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. StoryCorps seeks out the stories of people most often excluded from the historical record and preserves them so that the experience and wisdom contained within them may be passed from one generation to the next. StoryCorps shares edited excerpts of some of these recordings in its popular weekly broadcasts on NPR, animated shorts, and bestselling books.

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