“The shooting is more critical now,” said McSwain, a former journalist who frequently writes about violence. “This is breaking my heart. We can see the conditions and circumstances that led to my cousin being killed. And I can relate to that.

“What’s been happening in recent days is former gang members coming together, stopping the violence, and restive communities. It can lead to a lot of positives and growth.

“The outcome to which McSwain referred is Alton “Dunnie” Wooten, Jr., in whose memory the center was launched in 1994. This month, the MacKenzie Scott Facebook page posted a photo of Evelyn Myrtle Faye Ramb (now deceased), the center's founder, holding two children.

In January 1989, Wooten, 35, was shot and killed in the middle of a street by unknown assailants as he performed a music concert in the South Los Angeles area.

Wooten's family created the Alton Wooten Jr. Youth Center, located at 9605 St. Louis and 70th Street. The center was housed in a building that had been a small theater in the community.

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