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Twenty Years after the Genocide in Rwanda: A Survivor Reflects on the Journey Back from the Abyss

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Ehinger Center • Crawford Hall • Room 152

**Eugenie Mukeshimana,
Genocide Survivor & Founder/Executive Director of
Genocide Survivors Support Network**

Eugenie was a young adult and 8 months pregnant when the genocide broke in Rwanda in 1994. Bearing her first child during the genocide, Eugenie understands the impact of the genocide on mothers and widows who did the unimaginable to save their children. Consequently, she can also relate to the challenges they faced and continue to struggle with after the genocide, and the impact of their personal experiences on family members they care for.

Two years after the genocide, Eugenie joined the International Aid Agencies workforce and found solace in working with communities that have been divided and disintegrated as a result of the genocide.

In 2001, Eugenie emigrated to the U.S.A. to pursue a degree in Social Work at the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY. She soon noticed that her classmates and teachers had no knowledge about the tragedy she had personally suffered seven years earlier. This shocking discovery inspired her to embark on a new mission to educate students, teachers, and other community groups about the crime of genocide.

Upon graduation, Eugenie continued her career in the field of Social Work. She worked with homeless families in New York and in New Jersey until recently when she learned of increasing number of genocide survivors who had emigrated to the U.S.A. and had no support system to help them address personal and community needs. Eugenie responded to this need by founding **Genocide Survivors Support Network (GSSN)**, a charitable organization with a mission to help genocide survivors rebuild their lives and educate communities about the crime of genocide.

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