



**GUN VIOLENCE IS A PUBLIC HEALTH  
EPIDEMIC IN THE UNITED STATES**

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WITH KINDNESS**

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Crayons  
to  
Guns

*Rest in Peace to Everyone*

Don't  
Shoot  
US

# **BAND AIDS DON'T FIX BULLET HOLES**

a compilation of works about gun violence  
by members of the Youth Advisory Council



# Gun Violence is Bad by Nick Digiovanni

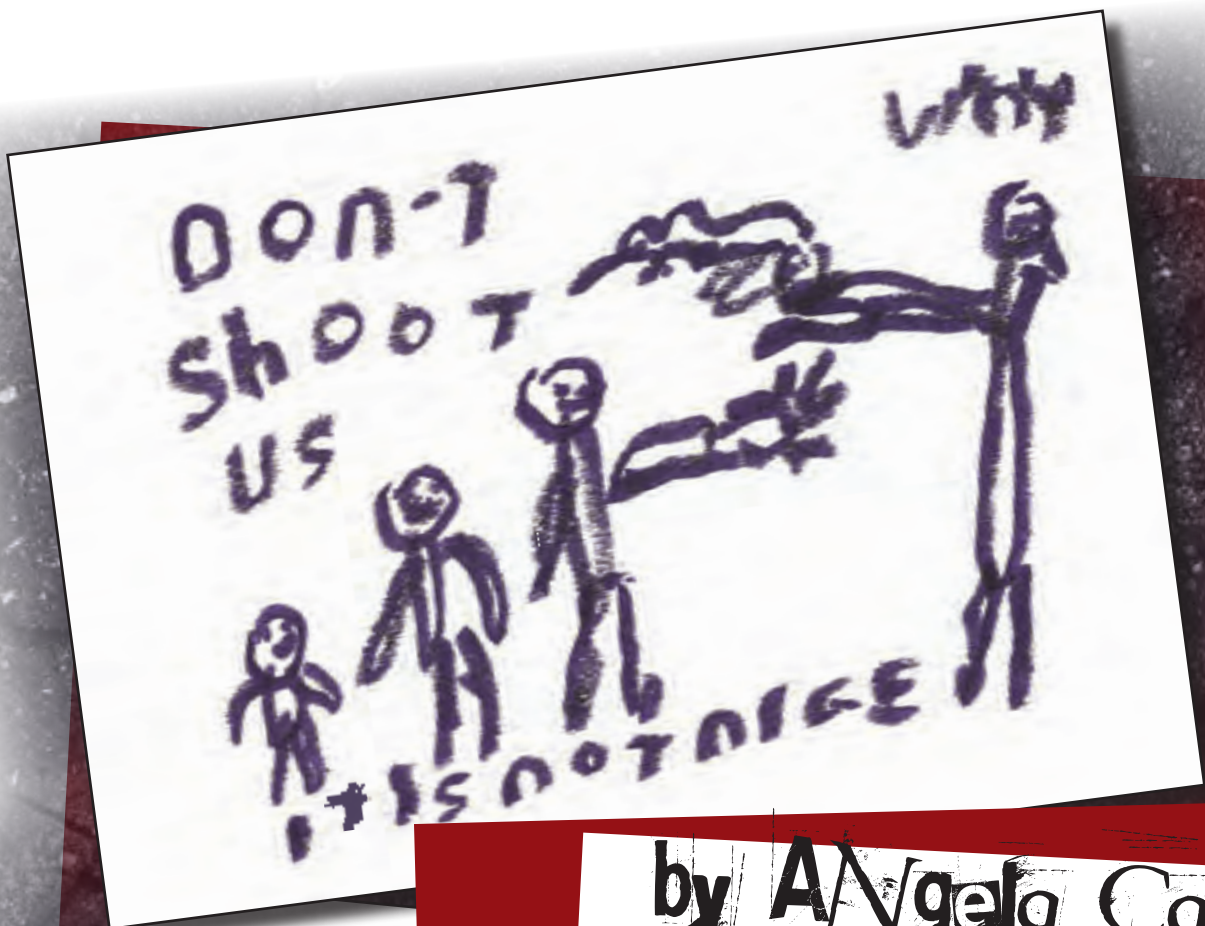
The U.S. has the 32nd-highest rate of deaths from gun violence in the world. The rate of firearm deaths per 100,000 people rose from 10.3 per 100,000 in 1999 to 12 per 100,000 in 2017, with 109 people dying per day, being 11.9 per 100,000 in 2018.

The horrific mass shooting events in Indianapolis, the Atlanta area and Boulder, Colo. this year have once again shone a spotlight on how frequent this type of violence is in the United States compared with other wealthy countries. There were 3.96 deaths per 100,000 people in 2019. That was more than eight times as high as the rate in Canada, which had 0.47 deaths per 100,000 people - and nearly 100 times higher than in the United Kingdom, which had 0.04 deaths per 100,000.

Gun violence is a public health epidemic in the United States. I don't understand why people do it, but gun violence requires solutions to problems like poverty and inequality in the city. I would like to tell my neighbors why gun violence is bad and its effect on innocent kids.







by Angela Carr





# Justice for Our Community

## by Shymir Permenter

I am a 19-year old African American young man seeking out for justice in our community to stop gun violence and police brutality, to make it a safe place for young kids to live in the community, and also get justice for all the young African American men and women that died. I feel as though we need to put the guns down and talk more about the problems. I think that we need to come together in the community and make it a safe place and I am willing to start a boxing group for young kids and teens and also a leadership program. I want to give to the people that need help with stopping violence.

I lost 10 family members to gun violence and I've also been shot at before, but I think if we all come together, we can make it a safe community to live in. I know that if a police officer comes to stop my car to put my hands on the dashboard until he or she tells me to show my license to them. I will try to get more people to not go back and forth with the cops. In 2021 there has been 113,800 African American people killed in the US - that needs to stop. I want more for our city and for our young kids because they only want to see us dead or in jail, doing time for killing each other. It's time to change and do it for the kids and your loved ones. I know that it's a lot to do, but let's make that change. Mr. Charles from Temple University Hospital said there's been a lot of gun victims and most of them don't make it. I believe we have to stick up for us Black people in our community to make it a safe and peaceful place for us to raise kids in the community and the world.



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by Mya Graham





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Rest in Peace to Everyone



# Gun Violence by Durand Delgado

Gun Violence is the hardest conversation that we have today in United States of America especially in our city of Philadelphia.

In 2020, we lost 499 people as a result of Gun Violence. Philadelphia has had an increase of 40% from 2019. Jennifer Arbittier Williams, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, said this in a statement "the city is on a pace to surpass 600 shooting deaths in 2021". Williams said "it is a horrible milestone."

I had the pleasure of interviewing my neighbors in the Kensington and Allegheny area to ask their opinion on this topic.

- My neighbor Kandy Moreno said this in a statement to elaborate to this question "Its bad now because it's hurting a lot of young people for no reason, losing a lot family and friends, trauma and affects the community and unsafe for our elderly"
- Stephany Mendez wants to see an end to gun violence. She believes that people don't think about the consequences of their actions when they engage in violence and shooting.
- Kathleen Harvey said gun violence is horrible and despicable. As a parent of 3 sons, 1 being a teenager, gun violence is shocking and fearful.
- Cindy Mendez has served as a block captain for some years. Cindy talked about inappropriate licensing of guns and the importance of mental health checks before a person is permitted to buy a gun.

In Temple University Hospital, a Trauma Outreach Coordinator Scott Charles, MAPP, has worked with 8000 people since 2006 who are victims of gun related violence, including critical condition patients. Mr. Charles has 2 organizations Cradle to Grave, and Turning Point. Cradle to Grave is a hospital-based violence prevention program that helps young adults & teenagers that looks behind the scenes of the effects physically, emotionally, and social realities. Mr. Charles said that many conflicts occur on social media which has led to a huge increase with the gun violence.

Again, our city name has been "Brotherly Love". With all people respecting and cooperating more, we can only hope for the best. Band Aids don't fix bullets holes - it really does not.

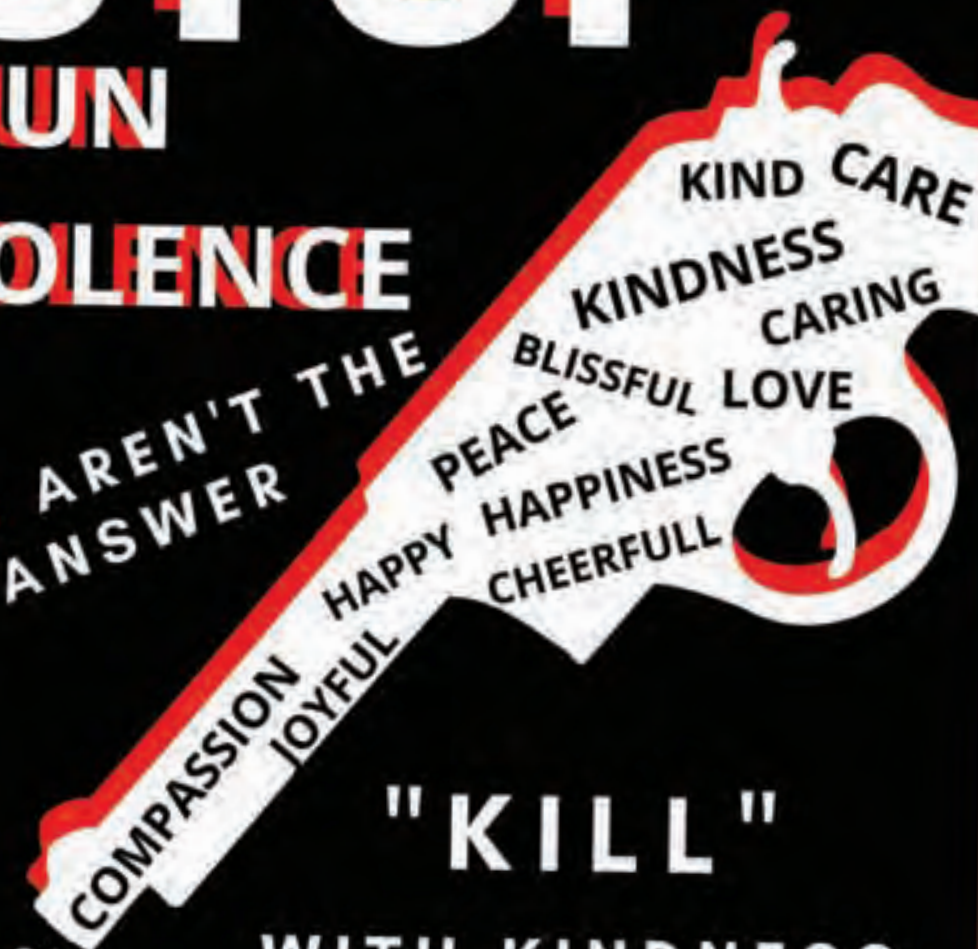
The reason why I say Band Aids doesn't fix bullet holes is because it really affects us emotionally, physically and mentally, also once you make the biggest mistake of your life you can't fix it or take it back. In conclusion my opinion on Gun Violence is very horrific and ignorant, and my wish is that all citizens of the United States of America can put the guns up for once!



# STOP GUN

## VIOLENCE

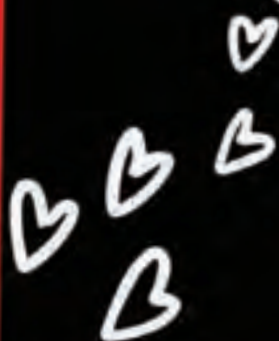
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# "KILL"

WITH KINDNESS

# NOT WITH BULLETS



by **Azeem Brewington**

with Aleemah Brewington



# The Youth Advisory Council

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The YAC is made possible by generous support awarded to Temple Contemporary at the Tyler School of Art and Architecture from the Philadelphia Foundation's Fund for Children Grants Program.

## Youth Advisory Council Vision Statement:

- We can make our communities better and safer by standing up for and believing in ourselves, and raising awareness of civil rights, Disability pride, and Black Lives Matter.

## Youth Advisory Council Members:

- Angela Carr
- Durand Delgado
- Azeem Brewington
- Mya Graham
- Nicholas Digiovanni
- Shafee Warren
- Shymir Permenter



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## Clip Art

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- PAGE 5: funeral created by Gan Khoonn Lay from Noun Project; tulip created by Random Panda from Noun Project
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