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"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 Digiavanni

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 2013.

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.
Gun Violence is Bad by Nick Digiovanni
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.
"9 out of 10 Kid's Prefer Crayons to Guns"

by Mya Graham
**Say Their Name**

*By Shafee Warren*

- Alagar 30
- Darrell Bailey 26
- Anthony Baker 19
- Donnell Bell 46
- Sadieq Barksdale 38
- Quadri Bello 17
- Zahnieri Best 18
- Shawn Best 28
- Zaire Boy 25
- Jabel Blackman 21
- Andre Blackshear 56
- Joel Boman 3
- Richard Bond 36
- Amir Boston 33
- Leano Brice 29
- Tommy Bromme 40
- Lamon Brown 17
- Leslie Brown 48
- Jibril Noure 19
- Zachsime 20
- Derek Bullock 40
- Jermaine Buricke 44
- Hyacinh Brown 39
- Tyreek Hutil 13
- Delvon Cain 29
- Jose Calleenda 35
- Armin Callender 83
- Azeli Calleenda 97
- Nafis Campbell 22
- James Carrington 111
- Malik Carroll 38
- Marcus Carroll 30
- Ross Carter 19
- Dayshawn Carter 25
- Isaiah Carter 22
- Somas Carter 21
- Dante Carter 29
- Delane Carter 40
- Shareef Cato 23
- Angel Gacip 28
- Tyrone Chamberlain 27
- Ishmael Chame 19
- Joseph Chans 22
- Albert Chestnut 67
- Muhammad Ciss 18
- Devion Clark 27
- Tyrone Alexander 29
- Sadeek Clark 12
- Tyrone Coach 19
- David Coll 51
- Shamir Collier 19
- Dressan Collins 22
- Elliott Colton 40
- Eric Cook 40
- Jason Coop 24
- Ies Curandall 26
- Onix Curbelo 45
- Alcen Da Sil 38
- Thomas Daley 18
- Jason Dancy 44
- Keith Dandridge 20
- Kened Keng Dang Le 19
- David Daniels 46
- Shaileigh Davis 25
- Abdul Davis 43
- Keon Davis 34
- Antoine Davis 27
- Jamel Davis 21
- Scott Davis 34
- Elijah Dobbs 25
- Anthony Dixon 29
- Mariano Dixon 30
- Alisha Dixon 32
- Elijah Dobbs Harvey 19
- John Don 25
- Kevin Donnelly 32
- Janet Doo 30
- Khalil Doo 28
- Lorenzo Duncan 54
- Melvin Dunn 47
- George Dutch 27
- Rashid Edgewater 18
- Mark Edmunds 33
- Shakedown Edwards 26
- Kristian Eldridge 27
- William Ellett 36
- James Ellen 29
- Sunni Emile 34
- Edwin Feliciano 46
- Darrell Felton 50
- Perry Fields 40
- Salim Fitchett 25
- Quindir Fleppen 31
- Seron Floopen 25
- Stanley Ford 45
- Quindir Ford 23
- Yaniyah Foster 19
- Terrance Freeman 21
- Tyrone Freeman Jones 34
- Cornelius Fuller 42
- Deon Fulton 43
- Kenneth Gaffney 36
- Destiny Gaithar 23
- Manuel Galencio 50
- Hayward Garrison 16
- Bulil Gay 29
- Raman Gilbert 21
- Sharon Gravens 25
- James Gliison 26
- Anthony Glover 27
- Kevin M Good 27
- Jerry Good 32
- Michael Goodman 27
- Demortius Gore 58
- Paul Goss 35
- Zachary Graf 22
- Rasoul Grant 23
- Willie Earl Grant Jr 23
- David Grady 32
- Adolphs Gray 32
- Demortius Green 20
- Tracy Green 21
- John Green 25
- Timothy Greene 33
- Michael Greene 30
- Calvin Greene 32
- Joseph K Griffin 30
- Mark Guest 33
- Brishman Hall 21
- Vann Hall 20
- Zafar Hall 24
- Thomas Hall 50
- Marques Hall 32
- Tyree Hand 19
- Backell Handy 33
- Lewis Hampton 26
- Ammoni Hazgrove 29
- Ericsha Harris 48
- Tanya Harris 54
- Takynya Harris 24
- Christopher Hat 45
- Nymeric Hawking 19
- Khaled Henderson 21
- Sire Bayton Henderson 21
- Hustlin Hightower 54
- Tyger Hill 18
- Lamar Hobson 31
- Cory Holbrook 37
- Deljour Holland 23
- Zamira Holloway 18
- Rashad Holloway 35
- Aliek Hooks 23
- Corey Horst 29
- Zharif Huff 21
- Incheal Hughes-Cotton 21
- Ernest Hughston 28
- Joseph Humphrey 20
- Tommy Hunter 39
- Marquise Hunter 24
- Jason Hutton 21
- Alyssa Inostroza 17
- Hanaia Jackson 18
- Allan Jackson 30
- Jarrall Jackson 26
- Michael Japa 47
- Corey Jynes 30
- Omar Dante Jenkins 22
- Tijan Jenkins 19
- Louis Jimenez 28
- Felixo Eudoro Jimenez-Rodriguez 31
- Herbert Johnson 35
- Rafa Johnson 21
- Byron Johnson 51
- Amari Johnson 18
- Calvin Johnson 31
- David Adell Jones 27
- Amore Jones 25
- Zamar Jones 7
- Brandon Jones 26
- Skyhein Jones 23
- Daryl Jones 33
- Tyrone Joseph 30
- Steven Kea 30
- Nyecan Kitchen 18
- Ebony Kitchen 24
- Darian Kotmane 18
- Joseph Koweak 21
- Takain Lacey 42
- Jahkien Lamarr 17
- Khalil Lamont Williams-Hutchey 21
- Jennifer Laski 28
- Albert Lee 25
- Robert Lee 57
- Jean Lerich 27
- Jasmine Lewis 20
- Trammith Lewis 31
- Xing Ding Li 31
- Orane Ligon 38
- Kenneth Little 23
- Sergio Lopez 33
- Mario Love 30
- Jayden Lucas 18
- Wesley Lynch 31
- Sadir Mack 15
- Rashad Marion 43
- Amean Marshall 20
- Saad Martin 29
- Rymeek Martin 21
- Israel Martinez 34
- Jawuan Mason 27
- Waseem Mason 15
- Jose Maximiliano Per 55
- Vernon Mason 34

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Rest in Peace to Everyone

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Derrick McFerland 24
Daniel McNeal 39
Darell McGwire 19
Jovannia Melendez 26
Malik Milburn 27
Eric Miller 41
Kevin Miller 25
Melissa Mogolinski 37
Skyler Mooney 19
Nasir Moore 37
Amir Moore 21
Thomas Moore 28
Masci Moore 20
Demetrane Moore Jr 15
Tavon Moore-Hall 21
Ahmad Morales 24
Edardo Morales 35
Joslyn Morgan 43
Ebony Morse 40
Ukrashan Mriley 19
Robert Muchleston Jr 38
Hasan Mohammed 40
Anthony Mullins 26
Nico Munin 21
Omar Murphy 35
Brenda Murray 40
Adrian Murrell 19
Rahem Morris 30
Will Myatt 29
Rahen Myers 30
Yosef Nash 20
Orlando Negron 31
Christian Newsome 29
Troy Nguyen 54
Collin Norris 28
Jacek Nowers 25
James O'Connor 46
Brooke O'Neal 28
Chris Odome 30
Ademola Olahayode 53
Samuel Omaleh 22
Marcos Ortiz
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Alberto Pagan 61
Keith Palmbe 36
Malchi Partlow 16
Qamar Patterson 20
Ryaneak Peaco 23
Francisco
Peralta-Meguet 24
Desiree Perez 38
Jeremy Perez 15
Ian Pernell 28
Tyrek Perrin 32
Quasim Perrin 24
Henry Peterson 26
Thomas Peterson 24
Pette 16
James Pointer 31
Hanif Poles 17
Donovan Porter 19
Raymond Powell 30
Thurston Powell 49
Kevin Pratt 17
Jahmil Presley-Harris 23
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Nasir Proctor 20
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Manuel Quiles 37
Steven Raditz 52
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Saleem Ransome 22
John Rawls 59
Melanie Raye 40
Tahmir Redding 25
Sainee Redding 18
Nico-Rander Read-Johnson 31
Patrick Rhati 31
Marvin Richardsson 37
Phillip Robinson 29
Shaner Robinson 22
Bobby Robinson 55
Tykceom Robinson 25
Kymer Robinson 17
Skyeem Robinson 21
Daniel Robinson 33
Raheem Rockwell 23
Cadele Rogers 23
David Rosser 33
David Rossello 33
André Ruff 28
Haddy Sacko 18
Jonathan Salas-Kane 16
Kevin Salley 43
Rosangelica Sanchez 28
Wesley Santiago 19
Derrick Saunders 22
Jayden Scott 21
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N. Scroggs 20
Aidan Seddon 31
Keva Salley 22
Harry Selle 29
Syden Saro 40
Quamar Shaff 21
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Amir Simpson 19
Darell Simon 33
Terry Singleterry 24
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Khaleef Sistrunk 21
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Jovon Skinner 26
Christian Slanier 38
Rochead Sloan 33
Nasir Smith 26
Jonathan Smith 33
Addygous Smith 33
Zeron Smith 24
Daifour Smith 21
Jahkil Smith 15
Yaseer Smith 20
Frank Smith 21
Dyawn Smith 16
Keen Smith 37
Dahiem Smith-Myers 19
Marvin Soler 28
Maurice Sorgano 19
Kaitlin Stafford 18
Akiem Stafford 29
Sharif Stephens 20
Khalil Stokes 32
Raheem Stoner 38
Steven Summerville 29
Brean Swearingen 39
Tyrek Taylor 40
Thayl Taylor 17
Allan Taylor 34
Shawn Taylor 26
Chris Thomas 45
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Joseph Toms 37
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Yakimere Torrence 23
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Nicholas Townsend 41
Quamar Townsell 20
Gregory Touchall 34
Frederick Tugno 42
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Derrick Vergas 21
Jose Vasquez 44
Yordani Vega 19
Moises Velez 45
Uriel Vitorio Estrada 29
Omar Wade 15
Angelo Water 15
Anthony Walker 28
Anthony Warren 25
Cecil Warren 33
Terrell Washington 30
Sean Washington 38
Amir Watson 30
Jones 22
Eric Wanny 36
Edward Wearsy 29
Calvin Weather 24
Santiea Weddington 20
Brandon White 31
Kylef White 24
Quincy White 25
Jefferson White 31
Kareem White 43
Charles White 47
Traklin Whitefield 28
Timothy Whittfield 56
Lion Wirshak 53
Wayne Wiggins 27
Ronald Wilford 27
Keith Williams 33
Amir Williams 26
Tajh Williams 17
Garry Williams 37
Zaire Williams 25
Joseph Williams 32
Skyelene Williams 26
David Williams 18
Kenneth Williams 27
Allen Williams 31
Kaecer Williams 19
Logan/All Williamson 32
Juniors Wilson 37
Maurice Wilson 44
Tyrone B. Wilson 25
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Carl Wilson 38
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Jadon Wilson 36
Stephan Wilson 30
Robert Wood 21
Toniaka Woods 32
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Jayriel Wyatt 23
Amare Wynnekam 20
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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 Sates of America can put the guns up for once!
STOP GUN VIOLENCE
GUNS AREN'T THE ANSWER
"KILL" WITH KINDNESS
NOT WITH BULLETS

by Azeem Brewington

with Aleemah Brewington
The Youth Advisory Council is a self-governing advisory council comprised of high-school students with intellectual and developmental disabilities from the Philadelphia region. YAC members learn leadership and collaborative skills while producing an issue-oriented project of their own design.

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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.

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- Nicholas Digiovanni
- Shafee Warren
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