

Art revealing the gunfire epidemic.



Counting. Caring. Connecting.

**In 2021 more than 85,000 men, women and children in the U.S. were SHOT.\***

**Half were killed.**

54% of the deaths were suicide.

Gun violence, defense and accidents killed the rest.

**Half were injured.**

Many are disabled for life.

Countless others struggle with psychological trauma.

**This is the LOSS WE CARRY.**

How do we put meaning to those numbers – to the individual lives, families and communities torn apart by gunfire? Statistics tell the facts but they do not reveal the pain. How do we respond?

**Counting:** Every Soul Box holds a space for a single life. Each hand-folded origami box represents a victim of gunfire in the U.S. Hundreds of thousands of Soul Boxes are being displayed in public spaces around the country and in our Online Exhibit. The Soul Box Project is *showing* people the numbers so they *feel* the magnitude of this gunfire epidemic and want to reverse its escalation.

**Caring:** Make a Soul Box. The very act of folding can provide solace to a person experiencing trauma – directly or indirectly – from gunfire incidents. Folding a Soul Box is a non-confrontational, nonpartisan way to express outrage or frustration, hope and love. Soul Boxes honor victims and help heal grieving hearts.

**What more can you do?**

Secure your guns. Support a friend who's struggling.

Join community efforts to reduce violence.

Be aware. Be compassionate. Care.

**Connecting:** “ARTivism” can reach hearts, change minds and shift culture. The AIDS Memorial Quilt proved the power of community art decades ago. Now, people are responding to the wide publicity of the 200,000 Soul Boxes exhibited at [This Loss We Carry on the National Mall](#) in Washington, D.C., and to numerous other exhibits around the country. Imagine the Soul Box Project in your city.

\*GunViolenceArchive.org

**Won't you join in?** It begins with two pieces of paper, when you fold a Soul Box to acknowledge one life. It comes together in art statements large and small – from museums and city halls to churches, schools and store windows. The movement continues with a cultural shift, as people comprehend the devastating loss of lives to gunfire and work to reverse this escalating health crisis.



### Make a Soul Box and Send It In

At this time The Project has nearly reached storage capacity and is only able to accept Soul Boxes made for the death or injury of a friend or family member. Find Box-folding instructions and a form to include with your personalized Soul Box under the **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** tab at [SoulBoxProject.org](http://SoulBoxProject.org).

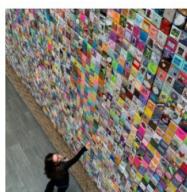
We will endeavor to include your Soul Box in future display panels and/or on our name search [Online Exhibit](#). Scan this code to view > Please send any questions to [info@SoulBoxProject.org](mailto:info@SoulBoxProject.org).



**Bring the dramatic visual of The Soul Box Project to your community. We will help you.**

**The Soul Box Project is ...**

- An opportunity to build partnerships in your community.
- A powerful visualization of a critical contemporary issue.
- Art that delivers awareness, empathy, healing, action.
- An anchor for programming a forum or panel discussion.
- A stunning visual that combines a broad spectrum of voices.
- Proven to attract the media.
- Flexible and easy to schedule and install.
- Affordable.



**MICHIGAN**  
Restaurant Atrium



**NEW JERSEY**  
City Hall



**OREGON**  
Community Center Art Gallery



**MARYLAND**  
State House Entrance



**WISCONSIN**  
Shop Window



**COLORADO**  
Church Lobby



**NEVADA**  
NAMI Conference



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