

Art revealing the gunfire epidemic.



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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.

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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.

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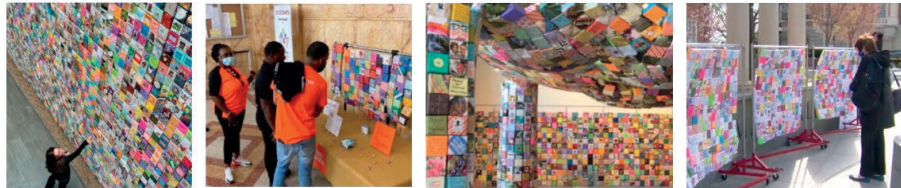
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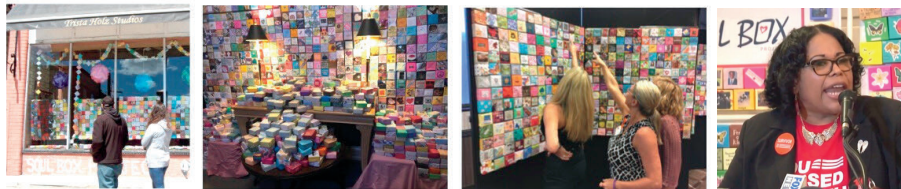


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- A powerful visualization of a critical contemporary issue
- Art that delivers awareness, empathy, healing, action
- An anchor for programming a forum or panel discussion
- A stunning visual that combines a broad spectrum of voices
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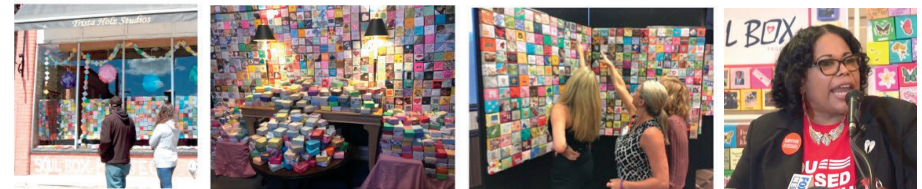


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