

## **Signage for Your Display of either 217 or 588 Soul Boxes**

Every display of Soul Boxes must be accompanied by signage explaining...

1. the nationwide context of this art movement.

**Print Pages 2 & 3, below, at 11 x 17**

- Make sure the spacing and margins look good on your computer.
- Pages 2 & 3 are appropriate for any display of Soul Boxes.

AND

2. how many individuals are being represented in your display

**Print Page 3 (217 Soul Boxes)**

**OR**

**Page 4 (588 Soul Boxes / 6 panels) at 11 x 17**

- a. **Print Page 3 if you are just starting to make Soul Boxes.**

Set a goal for your group to make 217 Soul Boxes to represent the approximate number of gunfire injuries and deaths (including suicides) in the U.S. every day, on average, in 2023.

**OR**

- b. **Print Page 4 if you have or will borrow 6 panels (588 Soul Boxes) from a Soul Box Branch near you.** Six panels will represent the approximate number of gunfire injuries and deaths (including suicides) in the U.S. in just over 2.5 days.

Do you need a larger print-out of the Soul Box Project logo?

- Larger size logos are very useful to announce the project, attract visitors, direct attendees to your location.
- For press conferences and TV reporting, a properly placed logo (in camera view when scanning panels or behind someone speaking) will quickly identify the project.
- Print square (up to 16") or rectangular (up to 10.5"x 24") logos which are available with several other useful “how-to” videos and printables on our [Resources for Exhibitors page](#).



ART REVEALING THE GUNFIRE EPIDEMIC

## **These Soul Boxes are part of a nationwide movement.**

More than 200,000 hand-made, origami Soul Boxes were made by people across the U.S. who care about this escalating health crisis. Each Box represents a person killed or injured by gunfire.

**The Soul Box Project** was created by Portland artist Leslie Lee in the wake of the 2017 Las Vegas shooting. She knew people needed to *experience* the numbers in a visceral way, to really grasp the scale of the gunfire epidemic. As community groups and individuals folded Soul Boxes, the Project gained momentum as a nationwide movement to raise awareness.

Since reaching the goal to exhibit 200,000 Soul Boxes on D.C.'s National Mall in 2021, the Project continues to provide dramatic visual support for all initiatives working to reduce gun violence. Additionally, the process of creating the Boxes offers a calming, restorative activity to people experiencing the effects of trauma.

Exhibits represent and honor people of every race, cultural background, gender identity, sexual orientation, religious or political affiliation—none of whom are immune from this national epidemic.



Share the message  
@SoulBoxProject  
#SoulBoxProject



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**Almost 80,000 people  
were killed or injured by gunfire  
in the U.S. *last year.***

Gun violence. Defense. Accidents. Suicide.  
Statistics can tell us facts, but they do not reveal the pain.

**How do we put meaning to those numbers?**

The Soul Box Project is *showing* people the numbers.  
Each Soul Box holds space for one life lost or injured by  
gunfire. These origami boxes were handmade by  
people who care about this public health crisis.

**When people see the numbers, they *feel* the magnitude**  
of this gunfire epidemic. And they realize they can make  
a difference: By locking up their guns. Supporting a  
friend who's struggling. Writing to a legislator.

**Every Soul Box holds space for a single life.**

Anyone can fold a Soul Box. The very act of folding can  
provide solace to a person experiencing trauma, directly  
or indirectly, from gunfire incidents.

**This is something you can do – right now.**

Make a Soul Box today. Add it to this exhibit to reveal  
the scale of the gunfire epidemic.



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Statistics from GunViolenceArchive.org



# This Loss We Carry

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represent the number of  
men, women and children  
**SHOT**  
in the U.S.  
every day.

**Half were killed.**  
Suicides were more than half of those deaths.  
Gun violence, defense and accidents killed the rest.

**Half were injured,**  
many disabled for life.  
Countless thousands struggle  
with psychological trauma.

**All of our lives are diminished.**  
Have you lost—or feared losing—someone to gunfire?

**It doesn't have to be like this.**  
There is no single solution, but  
individual actions can prompt change.

*Feel the Loss.  
Take Action.  
Lock away your guns. Check on a distressed friend.  
Host a Soul Box exhibit or event. Start a conversation.  
Save Lives.*



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in about 2 ½ days.

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