

# A Future Without Violence



# Philly Truce Foundation

Our mission is to equip African-American males and the communities where they live with tools that increase their chances to achieve sustainable manhood. Our initiatives include community-led visible deterrence, social emotional learning and whole-person mentorship where education, career and relationships are concerned.

# Education and Mindset Make the Difference

- For the past 50 years, Philadelphia has averaged 350 homicides annually. This cycle of violence has a direct correlation to present educational outcomes and male youth of color self image.
- According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, 2/3 of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare.
- 85% of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally low literate. About 41% of all inmates have no high school credential at all.

# SAFE CITY SOLUTIONS

SAFE CITY SOLUTIONS offers year round incentive based Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL) programming, community service employment opportunities and prevocational skills building.

*"We who live where the violence occurs most are most responsible for mitigating it."*

Mazzie Casher





# Operation Hug the Block: Aug. 21, 2023- Nov.6, 2023

- 28 shootings during the duration of the program
- 5 (18%) fatal shootings
- 0 shooting victims were under the age of 18
- 15 (55%) victims were aged 18-30
- 21 (78%) victims were White
- 6 (21%) were Black
- 6 (22%) shooting victims were shot between the hours of 10p-4a

# One Month After: 24th Police District (compared to final month of OHTB)

- 9 shootings (0% change)
- 3 (33%) fatal shootings (+200% change)
- 1 (11%) victims were under 18 years of age (+100% change)
- 4 (44%) shooting victims were White (-33% change)
- 5 (56%) shooting victims were Black (+ 67% change)
- 3 (33%) shootings occurred between the hours of 10p-4a (+ 67% change)

# Main Takeaways from OHTB in the 24th Police District

Comparing data from  
2022:

64% decrease in  
shootings from 2022  
to 2023 during OHTB  
campaign

62% decrease in fatal  
shootings

100% reduction of  
shooting victims who  
were under the age  
of 18

65% decrease in the  
number of victims  
who were aged 18-30

83% decrease in the  
number of shooting  
victims who were  
shot between the  
hours of 10p-4a

# The Problem

- No community visibility facilitates violence. (CLVD)
- Research designed and conducted by youth is not readily available (SCS)
- Higher rates of violence occur during the summer. (CLVD)
- Communities experiencing low socio-economic status are more vulnerable to crime. (SCS)



# How We Plan to Address the Problem

Through the SAFE CITY SUMMER Program, we plan to:

- Work with the SAFE CITY BOYS as they create a survey that will help us better:
  - understand what Philadelphians need in terms of resources
  - understand how they feel about the state of their city and
  - how it impacts their day-to-day lives.
- The SAFE CITY BOYS will disseminate the survey they created by interacting directly with people as they complete their Peace Patrols.
- We will then use the data they collected to harness their findings to develop recommendations for our city leaders.
- We will also work on specifying Peace Patrol expansion/augmentation.

# How You Can Help: Data Dashboard

- Looking at the impact of society on social justice
- Collecting statistical information through surveys to support our purpose in reducing violence
- Looking at the factors that are most indicative of violence occurring
- Mapping Philadelphia and layered those reports to set the stage for targeted Community-Led Visible Deterrence.

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## **Community-Centric Approach:**

- Prioritize community engagement and involvement in decision-making processes.
- Conduct comprehensive needs assessments and community surveys to understand the specific challenges and requirements of high-need neighborhoods identified by PHILLY TRUCE

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## **Holistic Resource Allocation**

- Utilize PHILLY TRUCE APP as a central platform for connecting people to the range of services provided.
- Implement a multi-faceted approach to resource allocation, addressing not only immediate needs but also underlying systemic issues contributing to social injustice.

# In Closing

By adopting this three-point profile, PHILLY TRUCE can create a comprehensive and sustainable framework for addressing social justice problems and challenges in high-need neighborhoods, ultimately promoting equity, inclusion, and community well-being.



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