

# Make a Box. Send it in. It counts.



## Art revealing the gunfire epidemic.

How can we imagine over 168,719 people shot\* since 2014? How can we comprehend 36,000 people killed or injured by gunfire every year? How can we put meaning to those numbers – the individual people – torn apart by gunfire? Statistics can tell us facts, but they can also hide the pain.

The Soul Box Project is a national community art project raising awareness of the U.S. gunfire epidemic by counting and honoring victims. In the tradition of other national art projects like the AIDS Memorial Quilt, the Project is collecting one hand-folded paper Soul Box to represent every person killed or injured by gunfire in the U.S. since 2014. Tens of thousands of these boxes will be displayed together as massive art installations in public spaces around the country. Imagine the impact of huge piles, long walls or a forest of columns made with individual Soul Boxes counting the staggering toll in a way that cannot be ignored.

Every Soul Box honors a single life. Since its launch in October 2017, after 59 people died in the shooting in Las Vegas, thousands of Boxes have been collected for upcoming displays – each made by a man, woman, or child saying: **No more. We will not forget. We will not look away. You are loved.**

Anybody can make a Soul Box and send it in. The act of folding offers healing to anyone seeking solace. Violence, defense, accident or suicide – grief is grief, no matter how a person is shot. The Soul Box Project begins with folding a Box to acknowledge one life. It comes together in a massive art statement. It continues with a cultural shift, as people comprehend the devastating numbers and take actions that align with their concerns.

\*GunViolenceArchive.org

Take action to add your visual voice.

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