

Print this signage at 11 x 17 to use for your event or exhibit.

### Signs #1

What is The Soul Box Project? This sign gives context to your Soul Box display—no matter how many you have.

### Sign #2

This sign may be used at events or exhibitions

- a) at Box-making events, in conjunction with fliers and how-to-fold hand-outs and/or video available [here](#).
- b) in addition to the other signs
- c) instead of the other signs by venues that are not aiming to show a specific number of Boxes

### Sign #3

Not sure how many Soul Boxes to make?

Set a goal of 223 Soul Boxes to display with this sign, representing the number of gunfire injuries *and* deaths (including suicides) every day in the U.S., according to GunViolenceArchive.org, from January – June, 2022.

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Venues may print on any material appropriate for the space.



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 and sent them in, 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 folding 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.



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**Over 85,000 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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# This Loss We Carry

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These **223 Soul Boxes**  
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.*