



**Our History**

Over the past 25 years, Ceasefire's efforts have included passing and then preventing the repeal of New Jersey's Assault Weapons Ban and spearheading a broad coalition of over 50 groups in passing the Childproof Handgun Bill, the first such law in the United States.

**Our Mission**

Keeping our communities and children safe from illegal guns.

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**A Note From the Director of Ceasefire NJ:**

Hello:

In the wake of the tragic shooting of Trayvon Martin, it is important that we stand our ground and stop the senseless gun violence that these laws protect. The "Kill-At-Will" laws, presently in 24 states, generally permit the use of deadly force in self-defense without imposing a duty to retreat. Additionally, at this time there is legislation pending in the U.S. Senate that would force concealed carry reciprocity between states.

Together we can strengthen our laws and support our communities by spreading awareness about the epidemic of gun violence. I urge you to contact me and let me know not only what you can do to help Ceasefire, but also how Ceasefire might be of service to you and your community.

Best,  
Nicola Bocour  
Project Director



**DID YOU KNOW? LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS**

*Where there are more guns, there are more gun deaths.*

•An estimated 41% of gun-related homicides and 94% of gun-related suicides would not occur under the same circumstances had no guns been present (Wiebe, p. 780).

•Higher household gun ownership correlates with higher rates of homicides, suicides, and unintentional shootings (Harvard Injury Control Center).

•Keeping a firearm in the home increases the risk of suicide by a factor of 3 to 5 and increases the risk of suicide with a firearm by a factor of 17 (Kellermann, 1992, p. 467; Wiebe, p. 771).

•Keeping a firearm in the home increases the risk of homicide by a factor of 3 (Kellermann, 1993, p. 1084).

*\*A special thanks to the Brady Campaign for providing these important facts.*

New Jersey has long been a leader in gun violence prevention laws. NJ is second in the Brady Campaign's 2011 State Scorecards rankings on gun laws. Additionally, the Violence Policy Center has found that NJ has the third lowest per capita gun death rates in the nation. These rankings clearly show that strong gun legislation saves lives.

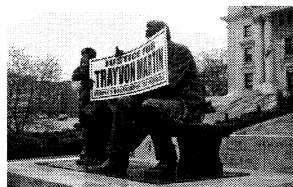
Sadly, there are still many shootings and gun deaths in New Jersey. NJ continues to face gun-related crime on a frequent basis and we must continue to work to prevent further violence in our communities.

Ceasefire was thrilled to support the Mercer County event, *Food For Guns!* On Saturday, May 12, 2012, 10am-2pm, anyone was invited to go to the Trenton Fire Department and turn in unwanted guns in exchange for a \$100 ShopRite giftcard — no questions asked, no ID required!

Mayors Against Illegal Guns is heading a movement to fix gun checks so that anyone who should be prohibited from buying a gun is no longer able to do so through online sales and gun show loopholes. This can be accomplished by increasing communication between state and national agencies and demanding a background check be completed in the sale of every gun.

**Recent Events:**

**Rally for Justice**



March 31, 2012

Reverend Bob Moore of the Coalition for Peace Action spoke about the importance of gun violence prevention at a rally for justice for Trayvon Martin in Newark, NJ.

**Shoot Hoops, Not Guns**



On Sunday, April 15, 2012, Ceasefire attended Assemblyman Charles Mainor's basketball tournament in Jersey City, NJ. There were 10 teams and over 30 participants who came to shoot hoops, not guns!

**CeasefireNJ Joins Twitter!!**

Ceasefire NJ is very excited to announce our new Twitter feed!

We will be sharing news, updates, articles, and statements on the issue of gun violence in our communities.

Please join us in our mission to prevent gun violence by following @CeasefireNJ on Twitter!