

Accomplishments 2018

Education and Awareness

Toolkit and In-Home Conversations

Development and creation of a digital tool kit to inform and guide individuals to create in-home conversation events to educate and raise awareness of gun violence issues and solutions

EVENTS

- **Pop-Up Event** -- 2/16/18 response to Parkland, FL school shooting with pop-up public education event in Mt. Pleasant, SC, with *85 people in attendance*
- **American Bar Association** -- Attendance and presentation to address policies and grass roots efforts to reduce gun violence with a focus on minority communities
- **Town Hall** event on school safety, with *45 in attendance*

STATEWIDE EXPANSION EFFORTS

Charleston -- Arm-in-Arm continues its strong home base growth in Charleston

Columbia -- Collaboration with the Faith Coalition against gun violence in Columbia

Greenville -- Hub includes Greenville residents, arts community, Greenville Health System (hospital) and the UU Church of Greenville

SCHOOL SAFETY PROJECT

- *SCHOOL SAFETY PROJECT launched, with teacher, student, parent members*
- Working collaboration with March for Our Lives Student leaders in Charleston
- Speech at College of Charleston National Walk-Out event
- Participation in Berkeley and Charleston county town hall events
- Presentation and continued outreach to school district PTA's
- Meet up with USC students on addressing gun violence issues
- Strong group attendance at March For Our lives

ARTS OUTREACH PROJECT

- Consulted, contributed and participated in 3 Glowlyric productions in Greenville of "Armed" including Q & A with information tables
- Led Q&A "Code Red-Lockdown" as part of Pure Theater/student workshop-Charleston
- Collaborated in the nationwide campaign of theater activism against gun violence
- Led Q&A as part of "Natural Shocks," a reading about DV by Threshold Theater
- Led Q&A after the Piccolo Spoleto performance of "Together we are making a poem in honor of life," a production that dealt with a child's death in a school shooting

FAITH OUTREACH PROJECT:

- Third annual "Stand Up Sunday" 2018 events in January/ February where faith congregations commit to positive action to reduce gun violence in SC
- Ongoing collaboration with the Faith Coalition against gun violence in Columbia
- Arm-in-Arm collaboration with individual congregations, including congregations in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville

PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECT

- Testified before Joint Committee on Children hearings in February, March and April
- Arm-in-Arm Public Health Committee created new PP presentation that Dr. Robert Ball and Dr. Ashley Hink presented at Grand Rounds (entitled: “Arm-in-Arm Responds to Gun Violence”), which is now featured on our website
- Arm-in-Arm Public Health committee presented at Grand Rounds, both at MUSC in Charleston and at Greenville Health System-Children’s Hospital in Greenville
- Arm-in-Arm and GHS committed to follow up to explore initiatives to address reducing the impact of gun violence in SC on children and families
- MUSC Faculty Senate invited Arm-in-Arm to explore ways they can address gun violence reduction strategies, and issued a new declarative statement on gun violence
- Arm-in-Arm has been collaborating with the SC-American Academy of Pediatrics on data and policy to address reducing gun violence impact on children and families
- Building collaboration with SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, to address domestic Violence prevention and the impact DV has on survivors including children

LEGISLATION AND LAWMAKER OUTREACH

- Arm-in-Arm sustained social media campaign starts, at the opening of the SC legislative session (1/9/18), to educate the public to the benefits S.516 and the dangers of permissless open and concealed carry with national reciprocity
- In Feb & April, we hand delivered letters and petitions from various members of our coalition to state house legislators in Columbia regarding the above effort
- Weekly social media posts to educate public on current legislation and contacting elected officials
- Arm-in-Arm bi-weekly attendance at legislative hearings in Columbia
- Arm-in-Arm direct communication with SC legislators (both Republicans and Democrats) to clarify policy positions on specific legislation
- Arm-in-Arm weekly monitor/promotion of legislative hearings via statehouse live-feed
- Arm-in-Arm research and data collection on SC firearm incidents
- *****Launched Election Accountability Project (EAP), an effort which recruits members to ask candidates specific questions about gun reform policy positions of each candidate for elected office in SC during the 2018 primary and election cycle, and then promote the answers, to help empower voters to make informed election choices***

Promote Responsible Gun Ownership

- Collaborated with law enforcement on communicating best practices regarding firearms safety
- Engaged gun owners on communicating best practices regarding firearms safety
- Developing a public firearm safety campaign in cooperation with public officials, law enforcement, gun owners etc
