



DON'T KILL A DREAM SAVE A LIFE

THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S 2009 GUN TURN-IN PROGRAM

July 15, 2009

This letter is, of course, a solicitation for a charitable contribution for a worthy cause here in Chicago. Unfortunately, it isn't for a cause of a familiar variety. Rather, it's an appeal that, upon success, will see the lives of young people in our community literally saved because we will have seen to it that **thousands of illegal guns are removed from the streets of Chicago**, and more violence has been prevented.

In 2008, 552 people 17-years old and younger were shot, and 53 died. To combat this, on August 15, 2009, the City of Chicago will again sponsor its fifth "Gun Turn-In" where a \$100 or \$50 gift card is given in exchange for each actual gun brought to participating houses of worship throughout the City. To date, the City's *Gun Turn-In* program has removed almost 18,000 illegal weapons from the streets, including more than 7000 collected last year alone. Moreover, this is for a cause which **hundreds of Chicago area businesses and individuals have underwritten** with contributions now totaling in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

During the past several years, while the incidence of crime has, indeed, been reduced, we're still seeing far too many young people who've been shot because a gun has been used in a crime. **This has to stop!**

We now need help from you – a member of Chicago's corporate community – to make an even bigger difference this year.

The goal this year is to raise another \$500 thousand from among Chicago businesses and individuals, which will be used, in turn, to pay for the gift cards that will serve to remove thousands of illegal guns from the streets on August 15th.

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Please, then, send your tax-deductible contribution check made out to: **The City of Chicago - Gun Turn-In Program**, to:

The City of Chicago Gun Turn-In Program
C/o Chase Bank N.A.
23984 Network Place
Chicago, IL 60673-1239

We hope that you will increase the contribution that you made last year, and of course, any size contributions are welcomed and will be gratefully acknowledged.

On Thursday, July 30th, we will also host a significant donors' breakfast with Mayor Daley, Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department Jody Weis, and Chicago Public Schools CEO Ron Huberman to provide donors with more information about this very important violence prevention initiative. Details about the breakfast will be provided soon. We look forward to seeing you at this event so please mail in your donation as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Glen Brooks, Area Two Coordinator for CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) in the Office of the Chicago Police Department Superintendent at (312) 745-3425.

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,



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Co-Chair



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