

D.A.G.S. is a group of Dumont citizens who are determined to address the need for gun safety in a respectful, non-polarizing manner. Our group formed after the March 2018 high school shooting in Parkland, Florida, and participation in the *March for Our Lives Movement* by Dumont High School students.

We are not a "religious group" although we meet at Calvary United Methodist Church in Dumont. The leadership of Calvary UMC supports **D.A.G.S.** as part of their ongoing commitment to reducing gun violence.

We bring many skills and professional experience to our unified effort. We are parents, retired teachers, community leaders, public relations professionals, former congressional aides, and advocates with experience at all levels of government. One of our members completed leadership training with Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a non-profit organization which formed in response to the 2012 shooting which killed 20 children and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut.

OUR GOALS

- 1. Work with responsible gun owners to educate the public about gun safety.
- **2.** Support youth in their effort to make their school and community safe and to resource them in their advocacy activities beyond Dumont
- **3.** Work with public and private schools, law enforcement, elected leaders, community organizations and houses of worship to reduce gun violence.
- **4.** Support agencies and organizations that assist victims of gun violence, families with mental health, and domestic violence concerns.
- 5. Collaborate with organizations across the spectrum

WE INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION

Just as "it takes a village to raise a child," we believe it takes everyone to keep our children and community safe. We encourage you to contact any of us with your ideas, questions, and desire to join with us in achieving our goals.

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GUN VIOLENCE STATISTICS (Ages 0–19) Source: www.bradycampaign.org

Every day, **46 children and teens** are shot in murders, assaults, suicides & suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, and police intervention.

Every day, **7 children and teens** die from gun violence:

◆ 4 are murdered

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◆ 3 die from suicide

Every day, **40 children and teens** are shot and survive:

- ◆ 31 injured in an attack
- 1 survives a suicide attempt
- ◆ 8 shot unintentionally
- In America, 1 out of 3 homes with kids have guns and nearly 1.7 million children live in a home with an unlocked, loaded guns.
- Every year in America, an average of 17,102 American children and teens are shot in murders, assaults, suicides & suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, or by police intervention.
 Perspective: In 2016, the population of Dumont, NJ, was 17,871 individuals.

We invite your participation to make our community safer!