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*To improve people's  
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*To focus all available  
resources to impact  
health and human  
service priorities*

Mr. John Johannessen  
President/Executive Director  
Stop Our Shootings  
P.O. Box 16206

Dear John:

I just wanted to take the time to tell you how impressed I am with your efforts over the past several years in educating children about what really happens when you play with guns, and helping parents to lock up their guns. You took a tragic firsthand experience and turned it into a positive, protecting children and making America a safe place to live.

All of the research on gun violence keeps giving us the same basic message, guns are unsecured and in the homes where children live and play. You not only offer awareness on the dangers of unsecured guns but, more importantly, a solution to the quiet and deadly menace lurking in every neighborhood.

We salute your efforts in helping parents to properly secure their guns as the best solution to gun violence that exists in this country. This is a most ambitious undertaking, but as we all know it is the only solution that will work.

Because you not only offer education, awareness, and most importantly, a solution to end gun violence in the most positive manner possible, the United Way proudly supports Stop Our Shootings' efforts to reduce the number of gunshot victims in America.

Best wishes as you continue to pursue this important problem.

Sincerely,

Stephanie K. McElheney  
Sr. Vice President  
Community Services Division