

# About Guns Down, Inc.

**Guns Down, Inc.** is a community development and violence-prevention organization founded by **Sean T. Pryor** to reduce gun-related violence, restore community responsibility, and create positive pathways for at-risk youth and young adults. The organization began as a grassroots movement connected to **Medgar Evers College in Crown Heights, Brooklyn**, and was created to bring awareness to gun violence, poverty, crime prevention, education, mentorship, and economic empowerment.

Guns Down, Inc. is not a movement against lawful gun ownership or the constitutional right to bear arms. Its mission is focused on ending senseless shootings, killings, and the destructive mindset that causes young people to believe violence is the only way to gain respect, protection, or power. As stated in the organization's founding materials, the issue is not simply the weapon itself, but the mindset of the person behind it.

The mission of Guns Down, Inc. is to **reduce the cycle of gun-related crimes through education and economic empowerment by restoring a sense of commitment to community and personal development**. Its vision is to change the mindset of individuals away from violent crime through communication, anti-violence techniques, mentorship, leadership training, education, trade training, and positive personal development.

Founded from Sean T. Pryor's lived experience as both a survivor of gun violence and a man who understands the consequences of violence, Guns Down, Inc. was built to reach youth before they become victims, offenders, statistics, or forgotten members of society. Sean's life story, including surviving being shot in the back of the head at age 19 and later transforming his past into purpose after his release in 2003, became the foundation for his mission to educate, warn, mentor, and inspire the next generation.

Over the years, Sean's personal battle for the rights, safety, emotional well-being, and future of his children deeply affected the level of time, energy, and impact he could offer to youth and young adults through Guns Down, Inc. Since 2019, his fight for father's rights, family integrity, legal literacy, and family court reform became a personal and public mission. But even through that struggle, Sean did not abandon his purpose. Instead, he carried the lessons from that battle into a larger vision of healing, accountability, fatherhood, youth protection, and community restoration.

Today, Sean is relaunching **Guns Down, Inc.** to the community and the world with renewed focus, stronger purpose, and deeper understanding. The relaunch is not only about stopping gun violence; it is about creating **common ground** where youth, fathers, families, mentors,

organizations, educators, community leaders, and returning citizens can work together to rebuild trust, reduce conflict, promote discipline, and open doors to opportunity.

Through programs such as **Common Ground**, **Change Clothes**, **Killing Guns with Construction Guns**, **Community Outreach**, continued education, mentorship, workforce development, and national gun violence awareness, Guns Down, Inc. seeks to provide positive alternatives to crime and violence. The organization's program model includes conflict resolution, career opportunities, trade training, higher education, workforce development, sporting activities, community events, and media campaigns designed to reach a broad range of people affected by violence and poverty.

The **Common Ground Program** was developed as a four-phase process for youth and young adults ages 12–26. It is designed to expose participants to the consequences of gun violence, provide positive reinforcement, build appreciation for life, create pathways to success, and develop future **Ambassadors of Peace** for personal and community development.

The **Community Outreach** component remains one of the most important parts of the organization. Guns Down, Inc. believes that community begins with **communication and unity**. Through block associations, community events, school-based mentoring, conflict mediation, resource outreach, job training, cultural programming, life coaching, and partnerships, the organization works to bring people together around solutions instead of division.

**Guns Down, Inc. stands on one message: Enough is Enough.**

The mission is to turn pain into prevention, conflict into communication, violence into vision, and disconnected youth into positive, productive, professional people.

We are for the US Constitution. We support the 2nd Amendment in gun or rifle ownership for all. We are against the senseless murders and lives lost because of gun violence. Be responsible. Safety accountability is the key to lives being saved.

