

FOCUSSED INTERRUPTION

GUN VIOLENCE IN MADISON IS DESTROYING LIVES

With our City of Madison experiencing an **88% increase in shootings** over this past year, Focused Interruption's mission to end gun violence is more vital than ever. We have proven solutions for creating safer communities and are committed to making this a reality for Madison.

INTENSIVE OUTREACH
WITH PEOPLE BEFORE
THEY MAKE THE CHOICE
TO SHOOT CAN LEAD TO A
**60% REDUCTION IN
OVERALL COMMUNITY
GUN VIOLENCE.**

WE MUST
DO BETTER.
WE CAN
INTERRUPT
THE CYCLE OF
GUN VIOLENCE.



While thousands are affected by community gun violence, only a small group are at high risk for pulling the trigger. By focusing individualized programming on the small number of people most likely to shoot and supporting the communities most impacted, **we can save thousands of lives.**

James' story is a good example of our work and how individualized, focused outreach can break the cycle of gun violence and help people lead better lives.

Upon being released from prison, James was supported by Focused Interruption Outreach Worker, Jerome Dillard. James' brother was murdered shortly before he was released, putting James at high risk for seeking retaliation.

"Jerome has been a constant mentor and support system to me. We've met at least once a week, often more. His advice and support helped me through those tough days and kept me grounded. He pushed me to get my driver's license and helped me get employment with good benefits. I'm working 12 hour days and spending time with my family. I can't thank Mr. Dillard and Focused Interruption enough."

FORMING RELATIONSHIPS. BUILDING TRUST. CREATING PEACE.



For the last five years, with minimal paid staff, Focused Interruption **provided counseling and support to over 500 victims and perpetrators of gun violence.**

Our staff builds relationships and trust with people, families, and within neighborhoods most impacted by gun violence.

OUTREACH AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

INDIVIDUALIZED OUTREACH

Helping people at highest risk make safer life choices is the most important step in ending gun violence. We connect individuals with services such as job placement/training, mental health treatment, legal services, and childcare while also providing ongoing mentoring and emotional support.



COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKER

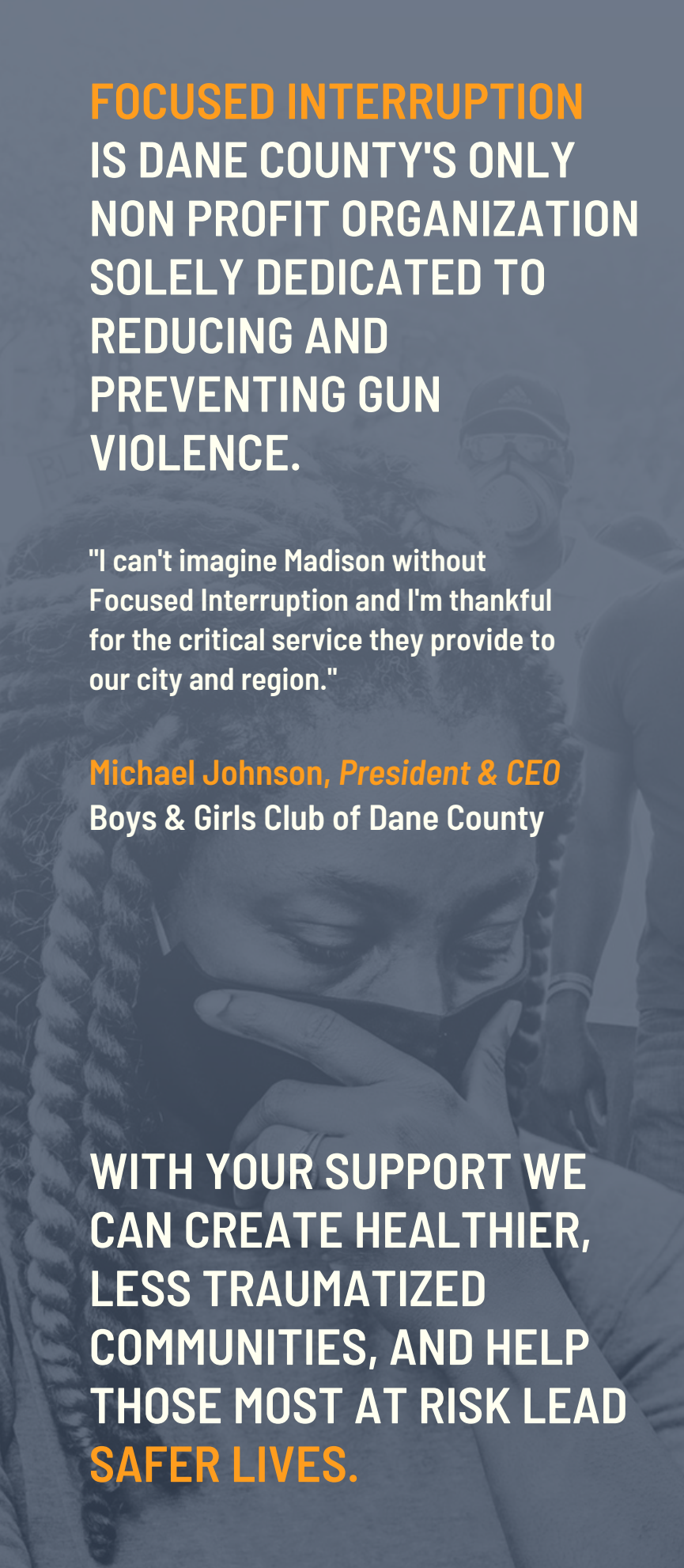
Our Safety Workers serve as conflict mediators and social services connectors. Safety Workers also serve as an alternative to police officers for non-criminal calls where mediation or connection to social services are more appropriate than tickets or arrests.

COMMUNITY ALLIES

Ending gun violence is a community-wide effort. Focused Interruption works closely with a variety of allies including the Madison Police Department, Dane County Public Health, UW Madison, UW Health, Urban League, DAiS, and many other agencies.



TOGETHER WE CAN INTERRUPT THE CYCLE OF GUN VIOLENCE.



FOCUSED INTERRUPTION
IS DANE COUNTY'S ONLY
NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION
SOLELY DEDICATED TO
REDUCING AND
PREVENTING GUN
VIOLENCE.

"I can't imagine Madison without Focused Interruption and I'm thankful for the critical service they provide to our city and region."

Michael Johnson, President & CEO
Boys & Girls Club of Dane County

**WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE
CAN CREATE HEALTHIER,
LESS TRAUMATIZED
COMMUNITIES, AND HELP
THOSE MOST AT RISK LEAD
SAFER LIVES.**

OUR PATH TO REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE

With more resources Focused Interruption and our allies will make strong progress in ending community gun violence.

Increase our Individualized Outreach

With minimal staff, we are only able to reach 10% of the estimated people at highest risk for participating in gun violence in the Madison area. With increased resources, we can reach up to 85% by the end of 2022.

Expand Community Safety Worker Pilot

Community Safety Workers are helping to reimagine public safety. Adding an additional team to respond to thousands of non-emergency 911 calls can solve low level disputes before they escalate to violence. Our partners include Community Restorative Court, Joining Forces for Families, Madison Police Department and Meadowood community members.

To maintain our current programming, increase our resources for greater impact, and lay a solid foundation for our 2022 work, Focused Interruption must raise an additional \$200,000 by the end of 2021.

We cannot wait to do this work.

We have a path forward, we simply need the resources and support to achieve our goals.