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**INDY PEACE HIGHLIGHTS STRATEGIES TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE
AT HOOSIERS CONCERNED ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE ANNUAL MEETING**
Indy Peace Shares Impactful Vision for a Safer Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS—Thursday night, Indy Peace presented at the annual meeting of Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence (HCGV), held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Indianapolis. The event spotlighted Indy Peace’s innovative, community-based, and data-driven approach to reducing gun violence across the city.

Shardae Hoskins, Lead Program Manager for Indy Peace, alongside fellow Peacemakers, led an engaging presentation outlining the initiative’s targeted strategies, recent successes, and other Indy Public Safety Foundation programs that work to rescue gun violence. Key topics included:

- intervention efforts in high-risk areas
- relationship-building with individuals most at risk for gun violence; and
- developing long-term change through community engagement and partnerships

“This meeting was an incredible opportunity to connect directly with those who share our vision for a safer Indianapolis,” said Hoskins. “It was especially significant to host the discussion in one of the very neighborhoods where our team has been working tirelessly over the last two months—underscoring the importance of being present and proactive in the communities we serve.”

The presentation was met with support and thoughtful discussion as attendees explored ways to amplify Indy Peace’s impact and extend its reach in focus neighborhoods. The Indy Peace team looks forward to strengthening its partnerships with organizations like HCGV and other dedicated community groups to continue creating safer neighborhoods across Indianapolis.

Indy Peace’s efforts are yielding measurable results. Indianapolis experienced a more than 32% reduction in criminal homicides and a 19% reduction in non-fatal shootings over the first two years of the strategy’s implementation, which began in 2022. These outcomes showcase the power of data-driven strategies and the program’s community-first approach.

Indy Peace is a partnership between the Indy Public Safety Foundation and the City of Indianapolis’ Office of Public Health and Safety, developed as part of Mayor Joe Hogsett’s Violence Reduction Strategy. It emphasizes investments in law enforcement, behavioral health services, and solutions that address the root causes of violent crime through a comprehensive approach.

For more information about Indy Peace or to get involved, please visit indypeace.org.

INDY PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

The Indy Public Safety Foundation (IPSF) is a non-profit dedicated to enhancing public safety and quality of life in Indy. We achieve this through a combination of philanthropic support for our city’s public safety agencies, innovative community programs, and collaborative partnerships. To learn more, visit www.indypsf.org.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Office of Public Health and Safety (OPHS) works to address the root causes of crime and reduce violence in Indianapolis neighborhoods. The office convenes public safety and public health agencies along with community partners to execute focused policy efforts in the areas of food security, offender re-entry, and homelessness. The office acts as the coordinating agency for Mayor Joe Hogsett's violent crime reduction strategies and comprehensive criminal justice reform efforts. To learn more, visit www.indy.gov/OPHS.

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