



SONGS FOR PEACE TO  
**Stop Gun Violence**

**SONG AND MUSIC CONTEST**

July 18-August 15, 2011

Show Us Your Creativity ... And Win Prizes!

You can make a difference by writing an original song about stopping gun violence and entering it in the "Songs for Peace to Stop Gun Violence Contest."

The song can be rap, rock n roll, R&B, pop or whatever style works for you. But no plagiarizing.

Youth from South Mountain, Cactus Park and Maryvale Areas all Welcome!

**FIRST PRIZE**

Opportunity to record your song in a professional music studio, use of your song on a citywide marketing campaign and a \$100 Best Buy certificate (per entry).

**TWO HONORABLE MENTION PRIZES**

A \$50 Best Buy certificate (per entry).

**WHY?**

Kids are exposed to violence in many ways - through video games, movies, TV shows, and more. But a major concern is the number of kids who actually experience gun violence - kids who know someone who has been shot, or have been threatened by someone with a gun, or know someone who has carried a gun to school or in the community. Just last year, 32 kids under age 18 were killed by gunshot injuries in our state. Many more kids were injured by gunshots, but survived after a long stay in the hospital and recovery. Gunshot injuries are now the leading cause of death for teens 15-17 in Arizona. Gun deaths and injuries affect not only children but also their families and their communities. But we can do something about it - even kids. If we work together to prevent kids under 18 from carrying guns, resolve conflicts in peaceful ways, and create safe communities and schools, we can stop gun violence.

**HOW DO I ENTER?**

Write and perform a song with lyrics and messaging teaching others about the importance of STOPPING gun violence and keeping families safe. Draw from your personal experiences and include the key message of PEACE in your lyrics.