



What you can do:

Dream Center kids and families are facing life-and-death scenarios like you see in the story on the right. You really can help us several ways:

1. Educate yourself on the situation. Look for the news articles on our website.
2. Read the proposed solutions in the Georgetown study. It's on our website.
3. Help us expand our youth programs, sports leagues, summer camps and tutoring.

To Give:

Text TDC to 28950, then follow the prompts.

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Changing Lives.**

Silent Night

For some this season, all is not calm or bright. In fact, some are dealing with devastating and unspeakable loss.

During 2022, there has been an alarming escalation of deadly youth violence in Tulsa. The demographics are getting younger and younger.

The headlines say it all, such as this one from the Tulsa World: *Teen shootings a headache for investigators, heartache for families.*

In the early morning hours of Oct. 22, the news hit close to home for anyone and everyone affiliated with the Tulsa Dream Center.

Sixteen-year-old Demarion Brown, one of our Dream Center kids, became the latest victim – gunned down in a drive-by shooting while walking home with a friend.

Dream Center Executive Director Tim Newton knew him well. The two had texted hours before a hail of unexpected gunfire claimed the young man's life.

"I had known him since he was in the second grade," Tim said. "He was a bright kid with a bright future. It's hard to grasp the senselessness of it all.

"He wasn't into any of that scene. That's not him. He was good academically. A few years ago we also helped him get a lawnmower so he could start earning money."

According to reports, police are seizing a surprisingly large number of illegal firearms from kids ages 13-17. A search warrant was even served on an 11-year-old.



The Tulsa Dream Center recently participated in a study with Georgetown University to identify actionable recommendations for reaching at-risk children.

"We need more mentors. We need more people involved in their lives in very personal ways," Tim said. "We have to wrap a support system around them."