



## Gun Violence Disproportionately Affects Children, But What About Grandchildren?

WASHINGTON, DC - During the month of June 2022, **National Gun Violence Awareness Month**, people from across the country who believe we can do more to save lives from gun violence can do one simple thing: [listen to the Not Old Better Show](#), [sponsored by Elysium Health](#). interview with [Grandparents Against Gun Violence](#) President and Founder, Judy Sherry.

Gun violence disproportionately impacts children, and grandchildren, who are two times more likely to die by gun violence than other Americans and ten times more likely to die by gun homicide.

With more than 25% of children witnessing an act of violence in their homes, schools, or community over the past year, and more than 5% witnessing a shooting, it becomes not just an issue of gun regulation, but also of addressing the impact on those who have been traumatized by such violence

- Gun violence increased when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, and those impacts continue to devastate our communities. 2021 was one of the deadliest years on record for the United States, with an estimated 20,700 people killed in gun homicides or non-suicide-related shootings—a 6 percent increase over 2020.
- Gun violence is the leading cause of death for American children.
- Gun suicide claims the lives of nearly 24,000 people in America every year.

Our guest today, [Judy Sherry, Founder and President of Grandparent Against Gun Violence](#), believes that Sherry believes that young people have to be willing to band together with older generations. Older people have lived through things and retain certain wisdom that we don't necessarily have yet.

“Young people’s problem is that they think they know everything,” Sherry says. And young people can tend to get angry at older people because they think they left a mess for them to fix.

While there is truth in that, both sides need to come from a place of respect. “Activism is a team sport,” according to Sherry.

According to host Paul Vogelzang, “Judy Sherry is what this debate needs: passion and a willingness to address all sides of the issue, but bringing us together.” “I was impressed with Judy Sherry during our interview to show her love of children and grandchildren, love of grandparents, but challenge us all to make changes and reverse this awful trend of gun violence in our country.”

Judy Sherry and Paul ask you to email your representative today: [Email Now](#)



## About GAGV

*We began in 2013 as the first chapter of Grandmothers Against Gun Violence following the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., which claimed the lives of 20 children and six staff members. In 2015 we changed our name to Grandparents Against Gun Violence. In 2014, we developed The Heartland Coalition Against Gun Violence, a gathering of Kansas City like-minded groups to gain a critical mass of people concerned about gun violence. Now nationwide, The Heartland Coalition sponsors community forums to educate the community about the many facets of gun violence across the US. Since its inception, GAGV has grown dramatically, and now has more than 100,000 supporters in our database. GAGV hosts national monthly meetings attended by an average of 50-70 passionate and committed constituents, and not all of them are grandparents! Program topics range from reviews of*

*current gun-related legislation to advocacy, conflict resolution, 2nd amendment, mental health, school safety, and gun safety. Representatives from GAGV participate in numerous community activities including the Mayor's Task Force on Gun Violence, the Women's Rally at Washington DC, demonstrations to commemorate the anniversary of Sandy Hook and National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and the annual Community Forum presented by our Heartland Coalition Against Gun Violence.*

## About The Not Old Better Show - Media Profile

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