**America, it has come to this . . .**

With guns, especially assault weapons, owned by people in most states of our Country, we know that schools at all levels, hospitals, athletic fields, shopping centers, sporting arenas, government buildings, police departments et al, are all targets for demented gun owners, who want to take the law into their hands. Most shooters have mental problems, but that does protect the public from their insane acts. It is impossible to identity and control all the mentally disabled capable of shooting innocent people in their gun range.

Now it has become necessary to train potential victims (school kids) how to render first aid if another anyone in their class/school gets shot in their presence. No wonder, so many young children are having mental problems. This is a national security problem because of the tremendous impact on our minds of many people. Who knows how our nation will be transformed when the trauma of training how to provide emergency first aid to severely bleeding victims.

We have never had such severe problems where we need to train our students to render first aid to shooting victims in our schools. Even if we can miraculously train students to practice first aid, asking anyone to render the correct medical procedures for a seriously injured victim bleeding profusely is an insane plan. Most adults would have difficulties caring for people who have been shot with dressings and the using pressure to stop bleeding.

Believe this, in Canton, Ohio kids from 3-12 years of age are being trained to use gauze and apply pressure to the wound until help arrives. They should also be taught that if the victim is shot in the arms or legs, to apply a tourniquet to stop bleeding immediately

What should we be doing, in addition to teaching kids to be first responders.

The first step that is logical to take is to band all assault weapons. That won't put us out of danger, but that is a necessary first step, if we are to ever get gun ownership under control in America.

Today, even though we are the number 1 promoter of democracy around the world, it is much harder convince other countries to be democratic when the number 1 democracy in the world is in chaos and our citizens no longer feel safe in America.

**Latest news**: On November 13, 2022, there was a mass school shooting at the University of Virginia and then the next day, November 14, 2022 there was a mass school shooting at the University of Nebraska, then on the same day, there was a school shooting at the University of Pennsylvania. We have had more than 600 mass shootings in 2022. And it is not always an outsider, on November 22nd, a Walmart Manager, killed colleagues and customers at a Walmart in Virginia.

Anyone still doubt that we have REALLY serious problem with school shootings. Who else needs to be shot before we are energized to take action.

**When are you, and I, going to do something about it?**

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**"Kids Learn First Aid for Shootings" Dan Frosch, *WSJ*, 12 Nov 22, pA5.**

**CANTON, Ohio**—Don Ackerman was checking on some vacant homes that his church is refurbishing when a 6-year-old boy in the neighborhood began talking about how gunfire doesn’t frighten him.

“My mom tells me to stay back, because gunshots can go through the wall,” the boy said, standing in his yard strewn with bikes and toys on a recent October afternoon. “I don’t get scared at all. They’re not very loud.”

Mr. Ackerman, a United Methodist pastor, said it is common to hear such stories from children in this city of 70,000.

Feeling overwhelmed by the problem, he began organizing first-aid trainings this past summer for kids as young as 3, aiming to teach them how to care for people who have been shot with dressings and pressure to stanch bleeding.

Similar efforts are popping up in communities grappling with gun violence, all intended to give young residents the means to help their neighbors, friends and loved ones survive a shooting.

“It gives kids and parents here the agency to do something about these challenges as opposed to sitting around and feeling hopeless,” said Mr. Ackerman, who served 10 years in the Army before joining the ministry.

**The gun homicide rate in the U.S. rose to the highest levels in 26 years in 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The rise continued in 2021, preliminary data show.**

In Canton, there were 49 shootings last year, nearly double the number in 2018, and 21 homicides, the highest tally in at least a decade, according to police data.

A booming manufacturing hub decades ago, some 30% of Canton residents and about half the city’s children now live in poverty, according to census data.

The first-aid program took shape last spring when Mr. Ackerman was speaking to a group of children in the Shorb Avenue neighborhood, where boarded-up buildings sit not far from the sprawling Pro Football Hall of Fame complex.

A girl about 12 casually described listening to gunshots ring out by her home, the 36year-old pastor recalled. When she wandered outside, she said she saw a dead body in the street.

“I wondered, ‘Am I really having a conversation with a child right now?’” he said.

Haunted by the girl’s story, Mr. Ackerman and the nonprofit he runs, Canton for All People, organized three first-aid sessions at parks in neighborhoods where the group is restoring run-down houses.

**Groups of kids between ages 3 and 12 learned how to use gauze to apply pressure to a gunshot wound until an adult arrives**, said Latoya Dickens-Jones, a nurse who ran the trainings. After Ms. Dickens-Jones demonstrated on a child’s arm, the kids practiced on each other while she chimed in with pointers.

Many of the kids were too young to learn how to fashion a tourniquet, she said, but all had heard gunshots before.

Ms. Dickens-Jones then gave the children a scenario where they are playing with a friend at home when a bullet whizzes through the window and hits the friend in the arm. The group eagerly repeated what they had learned, she said: “Go get my mom. Get our kit. Hold pressure.”

The approximately 60 kids total who attended the training went home with first aid kits filled with bandages, gauze and an eye-patch.

“These are kids who should be able to run outside and play and not have to worry about if they hear a gunshot or if one of their friends is going to get shot,” Ms. Dickens-Jones said. “But they have to be wiser.”

Mr. Ackerman said when he started the trainings in Canton, he wasn’t aware some other cities were offering their own versions.

In Durham, N.C., the fire department has helped run “Stop the Bleed” courses developed by the American College of Surgeons, teaching dozens of young teens how to treat gunshot wounds and other injuries, said Fire Capt. Elaine Towner.

In Chicago, the violence prevention group GoodKids MadCity trains young people how to stanch bleeding from gunshot wounds with whatever they have on them—a credit card, driver’s license, socks—until help arrives.

Carlil Pittman, the organization’s co-founder, said the sessions double as therapy for traumatized young people who take on different roles as part of the training: shooter, victim, witness.

“It’s mind-blowing that they even have the capacity to sit and laugh and talk about stuff like this,” Mr. Pittman said. “But it just shows how it is become the norm.”

José Salinas sent his three children—ages 5, 7 and 9—to a session with Mr. Ackerman. Mr. Salinas, 28, said he wanted his kids prepared for anything in their neighborhood, where they sometimes heard gunshots. He said they now show him proper techniques when he patches up their paper cuts.

Groups in other cities said several children who took their trainings had used what they learned to save gunshot victims. That hasn’t happened yet in Canton, said Mr. Ackerman.

“I can’t take guns away from people,” he said. “I’d rather train the next generation to be healers.”

**Children as young as 3 are taught how to care for people who have been shot.**