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Premier Issue

Help for the Homeless · Hope for the Helpless

# On My Way

To Understanding the Roseland Community

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## About Us

T.R.E.A.D. has been serving the homeless and (predominantly) re-entering citizens of the Roseland and West Pullman communities for more than six years. We distribute food, clothing, access to mental health groups, substance abuse counseling, anger management, job readiness workshops and employment referrals.

## Annual Fund-Raiser RUMMAGE SALE

**July 17-31, 2018**  
10AM – 3PM  
Clothing Sale

**T.R.E.A.D. Parking Lot**



## The Burning Question

### From a Generational Perspective

The issue of violence in our communities has reached epidemic proportions. There are a number of opinions on the cause(s) ... and the cure(s) ... and yet every day someone dies.

This is the primary question we explore in this Newsletter.

*“How would you end gun violence  
in our community?”*

With each edition, we'll ask this question to a different generation of community residents. This month is devoted to the responses of our elders, the seniors in our neighborhoods.

“Have a community meeting about gun violence. Have people to come out to the community to stop all of this violence.”

**Tijuana, 54**

“Pass a law that anyone who commits a crime with a gun should automatically serve a mandatory 10 year sentence. Also, have a background check every 6 months instead of every year.”

**Lawrence, 63**

“I'm a strong believer that there is no reason for these weapons – people on the street don't need them – different countries don't need them either. If other countries need something from one another they should trade or purchase what they need without demanding or using any armed forces.”

**Cynthia, 64**

# more thoughts on gun violence...

“Give education on the true danger of having guns; especially having them around young children in a negative environment. Children grow up so fast and they follow in the steps of trusted adults.”  
Carolyn, 63

“More parenting and police presence.”  
Ed, 60

“Stop making so many guns for the civilian population. Make them only for the military, and for government release. If we have an invasion or something then the government can pass them out to whoever is fit to fight. Right now, keep finding and collecting them.”  
Eddie, 67

## Senior Wisdom

“Don’t allow access to guns, I would strip the NRA of their powers, and I would ban all gun “how-to” websites.”  
Gail, 56

“I pray that there will be less people carrying guns, and I would make laws so guns will be prohibited on the streets.”  
Jesse, 52

“Educating the young men.”  
Kenny, 57

“You can’t! In this day and age people are very sick and mean. You just have to be careful, pray and know the Lord. I don’t know why they kill and they don’t know either.”  
Irene, 86

“Have activities at local churches throughout the week to give the people something to do with their spare time. Have the churches run more relief groups such as: AA, GROW, and Emotions Anonymous. We should teach the children respect and order and train them for jobs in the community. More Boys and Girls Clubs need to be put up for the kids to have a safe haven.”  
Tanya, 64

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*T.R.E.A.D. Current Events*

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