

ACTIVITY REPORT

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The final months of 2019 were busy with highlights including:

- The release of a widely praised report, “Violence-Impact on Children Learning”
- New partnerships with teachers and civic groups to promote education and combat violence
- A successful donation drive for three children under age five who lost their mother to gun violence and the grandmother who is now their sole caregiver.
- Release of homicide crime numbers for the decade, with a focus on the impacts of those left behind



Community leaders gathered around Chris for the release on Nov 11 of the report, “Violence-Impact on Children Learning.” The report features testimonials of six families impacted by gun violence, crime and research data, and other commentary. Russell Coleman, U.S.

Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, plans to hold a Jan. 23 summit meeting about the report. Read and download the report at www.2Xgamechangers.org.



With escalating acts of violence in public schools, Chris was invited to speak to classes at Male High School, and to engage with students at Iroquois High School. In an ongoing partnership with the Louisville Downtown Rotary Club, which has a mentorship program at Iroquois, Chris is helping students understand the devastating impacts of violence and the importance of education for their future.



Family members of murder victims, standing behind Chris, shared pictures of their lost loved ones at a news conference on Dec. 29. Louisville Metro Police homicide numbers provided by Josh Crawford of The Pegasus Institute revealed a violent decade with 742 homicides including 93 in 2019. It was a far deadlier decade than the 2000s, with 545 homicides, and the 1990s, with 542 homicides.

One recent victim, Kayla Percell, 21, was shot on Dec. 6, leaving behind three children under age five in the sole care of their grandmother. Chris was called on to help and he let media know the family was in need. Donations poured in. As a result, Lucrecia Bell can afford to send her grandchildren to the Chestnut Street YMCA Child Development Center and to keep her job outside the home to help support her grandchildren.

