

The Scooter Foundation



The Scooter Foundation came about following the loss of Scott “Scooter” Schmidt to gun violence on May 26, 2005. Scooter was a kind and generous soul, a man who lived his life helping others and bringing joy to the lives of everyone that he met. The memorial celebration of his life inspired a huge outreach from Scooter’s friends and many others. This outpouring of love, combined with the desire to keep Scooter’s spirit alive, was inspiration to create something good from such a terrible loss.

In thinking of Scooter and what he stood for, The Scooter Foundation exists to raise community awareness of the human price that violence inflicts on the community.

Each month The Scooter Foundation sponsors 30-40 children from Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary School for a day of fun. Activities include sailing, fishing, ice skating, biking, and more. Beyond these outings we focus on instilling a positive influence in our community. Volunteers mentor the students from OWH to carry the message that the gun violence in the City of Milwaukee and elsewhere is unacceptable. We provide them with new skills, confidence, and the opportunity to enjoy new experiences. By targeting children, we hope to empower future generations and inspire them to better their lives and positively impact our community.

2008 *Freedom from Gun Violence* Peace Walk

The Scooter Foundation’s 3rd Annual Freedom from Gun Violence Peace Walk is scheduled for Sunday, June 8th at 1p.m. The purpose of this year’s event is to further raise public awareness of the impact gun violence continues to have on our community every day. To build on that goal, we are proud to introduce our partnership with Stand Together Milwaukee (STM). STM is a network of groups, organizations, and individuals standing together to confront gun violence as a public health issue. Some of their initiatives are to coordinate, highlight, and promote existing efforts towards a healthier community; to initiate an interactive Community Engagement Campaign; and to create, promote, and implement effective solutions to reduce violence and restore a sense of healthy community in the four-county area.

This year’s walk is being held at Washington Park with organizations and participants meeting at 12:30 p.m. for the walk beginning at 1 p.m. The walk will be about 1 mile and the route will take participants through scenic Washington Park. Following the walk there will be opportunity to socialize and get involved with information booths available at the band shell area. We encourage families to join us and bring a picnic to enjoy in the park as there will be kids activities and a short program with inspirational speakers. The Scooter Foundation will also be holding a raffle, proceeds of which will go to supporting programs and activities of The Scooter Foundation. The Scooter Foundation is dedicated to bringing an anti-violence message to youth in the Harambee neighborhood.

Direct donations can be made to *The Scooter Foundation* at any Associated Bank or mailed to -

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346 East Wilson Street
Milwaukee, WI 53207 *[Make checks payable to The Scooter Foundation](#)

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal” -Anonymous