

# PIECE OUT/Peace In

Gun Violence Prevention Mural completed 2009. Measures 100 feet.  
960 Prospect Place, Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York City

## The Mural

**Section 1:** Depicted is a portion of the American culture of gun violence, the culture which mythologizes the historic use of guns and promotes the freedom to own and use guns. Images include individuals claiming a fear derived necessity, the Constitution's 2nd Amendment at the heart of the gun debates, and the "straw purchaser" who buys guns legally for those who cannot. Guns flow along I-95, referred to as the "iron pipeline," from states with lax gun laws to New York City.



**PIECE OUT, PEACE IN** is a collaborative gun violence prevention mural of the American Friends Service Committee, Groundswell Community Mural Project, and the Office of Assembly Member Karim Camara. The collaboration extended to community-based organizations, gun violence prevention activists, clergy, police officers, and community members.

**Section 2:** Consequences of gun violence are depicted through images of death, loss of innocence, and mourning. The symbols of turning a blind eye and deaf ear are depicted near the sign encouraging action to save a life. The iron pipeline continues to flow with the hardware of violence.

**Section 3:** Despite the pervasiveness of gun violence, the pipeline begins to be dismantled as parents and siblings and mentors plant seeds of change through loving attention and education.

**Section 4:** Individuals make choices between death and destruction and peaceful and supportive communities. Youth are entrusted with the power to dismantle the pipeline and develop a nonviolent and productive reality.



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Assembly Member Karim Camara  
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/?ad=43>  
Crown Heights Community Mediation Center [www.crownheightsmediationcenter.blogspot.com/](http://www.crownheightsmediationcenter.blogspot.com/)  
Groundswell Community Mural Project [www.groundswellmural.org](http://www.groundswellmural.org)  
New Yorkers Against Gun Violence [www.nygv.org](http://www.nygv.org)  
The Alternate Learning Center

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