



“He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree. No one shall make them afraid.” **Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3-4**

The Name: “RAW” is “WAR” spelled backwards.

The Mission: Disarming Hearts. Forging Peace.

The Vision: To repurpose weapons into hand tools to be used in the creation of something new, preventing the weapon’s use for violence and creating a cycle of peace.

RAWtools, Inc. partners with communities in an effort to repurpose weapons for productive lifelong purpose. The materials from the weapon are forged into media suitable for fabrication into new tools. Each weapon is connected to its new purpose, creating a narrative that will travel with the new tool. This narrative takes on a tangible form in the packaging of the tool, traveling to its new destination and purpose. An online interactive story enables a “show and tell” about how the tool is being used, thus preventing a cycle of violence and creating a cycle of peace.

RAWtools wants to be comprehensive in its efforts to move communities away from gun violence and violence as a whole.

- It’s not enough to just make a lot of tools from guns. **RAWtools wants to help teach new ways to solve problems** through relationship, victim-offender dialogue, and alternative means of justice which is restorative.
- Horrific events surrounding gun violence have largely produced a conversation of more guns vs. more laws. **RAWtools wants to open a new option**, a third way: To make a commitment to **solve problems without guns and violence**.
- By using weapons to make garden tools and other hand tools, **RAWtools is creating a symbol for change**.
- **If we are no longer training for war, what else would we be doing?** It doesn’t mean all becoming gardeners, but it does mean investing in providing life sustaining resources for our communities.

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