



Creativity for Peace News



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Dear friends of Creativity for Peace,

Because of your generosity, in 2013 we made significant progress towards our goal of training young women to be leaders and peacemakers, introducing our reconciliation techniques to those outside our inner circle, and spreading the word about our work in Palestine, Israel, the U.S. and Europe.

Some of the highlights of our year include:

- * Compassionate dialogue training, facilitated by two of our Young Leaders, with Arab and Jewish girls from high schools in Acre, Israel.
- * "Alternatives to Violence" workshop for high school girls in Santa Fe, facilitated by three of our Young Leaders.
- * Young Leader talks to 4,000 people -- including over a dozen high schools, the Bush Presidential Center, and Rothko Chapel -- in New Mexico, Texas, Oregon, and Israel.
- * Young Leader actions for peace at the United Nations and in Palestine, Israel, and the U.S.

Add to this a successful 2013 camp session, 200 new donors, and a growing team of staff, board, and volunteers, and you have the building blocks for a strong and vital organization that is achieving its mission.

We need your continued support so please let us know how we can better utilize your ideas, time, and talent.

Today, shukran, thank you.



Dottie Indyke
Executive Director

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Summer Camp 2014

Camp Dates

Summer camp will take place
July 16 - August 6.



New Camp Working Groups

This year, several of our volunteers and board members have offered to head up camp working groups. Each working group will manage a particular event or area of responsibility, such as our public events, in-kind donations, mailing parties, etc. Thank you to Sue Breslauer, Kathie Cole, John Connell, Joel Bennet, Wendy Wasserman, Benita Vassalo, Sue Barnum, Julia Jordan, Jacki Walker, Stephanie and Larry Feldman, for heading up key working groups. If you'd also like to step into a more strategic role in our summer camp, please contact Kirsten Szykitka at 360-643-3951.

Ways to Volunteer

Camp set-up and take-down

Set-up will take place on July 9, and take-down on August 12.

Provide a Meal for 30

Bring a lunch or dinner to camp for the campers, Young Leaders and camp staff

Provide a Partial Meal for 30

Provide a meal for campers and staff in conjunction with another volunteer

Laundry

Wash a load of towels or bedding

Airport Drivers

Make a run to or from the airport with campers and staff

Outing Drivers

Be available to drive the van on outings

Public Events

Set-up, serve food, greet people, direct parking, or clean up at one of our public events

Staff Support

Bodywork for on-site camp staff

ACT! New Young Leader Training Program

This year, Creativity for Peace will introduce a new, two-year training curriculum that teaches the tools of social entrepreneurship. Titled ACT! - Action for Conflict Transformation - this training will include six weekend seminars in year one that teach fundamentals, such as visioning, critical thinking, planning, and evaluation, necessary to take a leadership role in promoting social justice. Year two will focus on the execution of projects by small groups of Young Leaders. The first of six weekend-long seminars takes place later this month. Beginning with the 2014 summer session, all campers will be expected to participate in Young Leader training in Israel/Palestine.

Young Leaders' Dialogue Project in Acre, Israel

Two of our Senior Young Leaders are paying it forward with the project they've launched in Acre, Israel, *I Am Your Neighbor -- Who Are You?*



May Freed and Siwar Hamati

May Freed (Jewish Israeli, 23) and Siwar Hamati (Palestinian living in Israel, 22) have joined forces to create a program that provides 12 girls, six Jewish and six Arab, the opportunity to meet their enemy, talk about the situation in Israel and Palestine, and create friendships that cross the boundaries of conflict.

Using the Creativity for Peace methodology the girls will learn compassionate listening, authentic speaking, Heart Mastery, and undertake collaborative art projects. The dialogue sessions will culminate in an environmental project in their town, which will transform dialogue into action, benefiting both communities.

This project is supported by Leslie Nathanson Juris and Hervey Juris with a \$1,500 matching grant. Additional funding has been raised online in Israel and by American youth. In addition Leslie Nathanson Juris is mentoring Young Leader, Siwar Hamati.

Inspiring Words from a Young Leader Aia Khalaily in Ramallah

How do I create peace?

I am part of an organization called the ambassadors of Rothchild. We are a group of about 20 Arab and Jewish students who work together for three

years (this is our first year together). We debate about many things, including peace and how we are going to change the reality. We each choose a way and work together on a project.

I also volunteer with Salametcom, which is an Arab organization that helps Palestinians from the West Bank who suffer from disease and get treatment in Israeli hospitals. There are a lot of things that volunteers can do. If a parent must go home, we stay with the child. We collect money and do other things.



If I was not a part of Creativity for Peace I would not be active and motivated to do these things.

Creativity for Peace widens our horizons, encourages us to think out of the box, and helps us deal with the situation here.

When I see friends my age who are just busy in their own lives, I recognize how much Creativity for Peace has helped me to be more mature and given me the tools to make change in my society.

Creativity for Peace Welcomes New Board Members: Kathie Cole and Connie Kaiserman Robinson



Kathie Cole is a retired family therapist and the mother of four daughters and grandmother of nine. She has a long-held commitment to community service, including therapist training and support for adults, youth, and families in crisis. Her family and work to make the world a better place are most important to her.

Connie Kaiserman Robinson is a founder of Twitten, a Santa Fe-based company collaborating with women's knitting cooperatives in Peru, and, with her husband Steve, the Bodhi Fund, which supports New Mexico families of children with cancer. In New York she produced seven feature films with Merchant Ivory Productions and Black Swan Productions.



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