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Peace Ed Inherits *PeaceCasters* From CIR



PeaceCasters is a teen leadership group that Peace Education Program inherited from the Center for Interfaith Relations (CIR). Former staff members Mark Steiner and Barbara West founded the youth group in 2007 to use digital media to explore the issues of peacemaking and justice, interfaith dialogue and cooperation. Peace Ed began rebuilding *PeaceCasters* with the launching of a



summer camp. A fabulous multi-cultural, city wide group of 11 - 17 year olds spent 5 days becoming a community of learners and teachers who practiced conflict resolution, respect for diversity and team



Many thanks to UPS for helping us update the Media Lab

building. They worked on video, lighting, editing and production skills, creating three word videos to convey their messages of peace, respect, cooperation and self-esteem. Four teen alums of the program led small groups that created videos based on these themes. Adult volunteers supported the youth and were a resource for them as they brainstormed, listened, problem solved and created their final messages.

Visit our website to view the videos:
www.PeaceEducationProgram.org

“In a gentle way you can shake the world.” Gandhi

On a sad note, Peace Ed has lost two dear friends and supporters who embodied this Gandhi quote, Dr. Joan Thomas and Mr. Walter Mahan. Joan, a member of Quaker meeting and longtime supporter of Peace Ed, was committed to creating places of safety and health for women and children.

Walter, a social worker for thirty years, used his big presence and gentle spirit to counsel youth, parents and grandparents to resolve conflicts non-violently. We will miss them both.

Ad Fed Gives Us New Look

Our thanks to the 2010 Dream Team of the Ad Fed of Louisville for our new look. They also created the “Don’t Rage. Engage” campaign with hundreds of posters distributed to schools and community sites. Posters are still available for pickup or can be mailed for a \$10 postage and handling fee. Call 502.589-6583 or email office@peaceeducationprogram.org



With Metro Council Funds, We See 38% Increase in Youth Conflict Resolution Skills

Peace Ed conducted conflict resolution workshops with twenty two youth from Neighborhood House in Portland this Summer. After 20 sessions, the youth reported a 38% increase in their conflict resolution skills! Peace Ed has a rich collection of stories from youth and adults about our influence on their victories over violence. Now that we have developed pre and post testing, we will have statistical data to pair with our stories of success. Thank you to Council Members Blackwell, Bryant Hamilton, Engel, Owen, Ward-Pugh and Welch for being our partners on this first step!

Thank you for your ongoing support and for making this life-changing work possible. Since our newsletter format has changed, we want to recognize our donors all together in our Annual Report, which we will send out in January to our entire mailing list.

Local Businesses Support Peace Education Program



Edenside Gallery
1422 Bardstown Road
Louisville

Throughout November and December, fifty percent of sales of peace items (necklaces, earrings and decorations) will be donated to Peace Ed. Nancy Peterson, owner, is a former Peace Ed Board member and educator. Edenside Gallery is an award-winning gallery in the historic Highlands offering a vast artisan jewelry collection including estate and bridal, as well as paintings, clay and fiber.



Just Creations
2722 Frankfort Ave.
Louisville

Peace Ed is hosting a Holiday Shopping Night on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 from 6-8pm. Just Creations donates a percentage of sales during that two hour period to Peace Ed. Visit with our board and staff. Eat homemade desserts and drink apple cider. Celebrate our victories over violence and purchase gifts that benefit low income craftspeople, Just Creations and Peace Ed.

Thank you to our 2011 Golf Scramble signature sponsor, hole & tee sponsors as well as prize donors:

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PNC Foundation Sponsors Preschool Work



Thanks to a generous grant from PNC Foundation, Peace Education Program and Squallis Puppeteers are providing classroom based, early childhood workshops on conflict resolution. A trainer from Peace Education Program and a puppeteer from Squallis Puppeteers work together to present a preschool program that teaches communication skills, feelings identification and problem solving.



The combination of the activity and song based approach of Peace Ed and the storytelling and puppeteering skills of Squallis offers an engaging and effective way to teach early childhood social skills. Teaching preschoolers how to get along is an exciting challenge. The students discover what causes anger, and what our bodies do to warn us; they brainstorm and practice strategies for calming down and they practice hands on conflict resolution.



PNC Foundation supports educational programs for children and youth, particularly early education initiatives that serve low-and moderate-income children (birth through five), their teachers and families.