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"Think gently, speak gently, live gently."

--- Mattie J.T. Stepanek

For more information

We welcome comments, suggestions, contributions, and offers of support. To learn more about the mission and activities of the **Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation**:

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"We have known kings and queens, and we've known presidents and prime ministers, but the most extraordinary person whom I have ever known in my life is Mattie Stepanek."

--- Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter

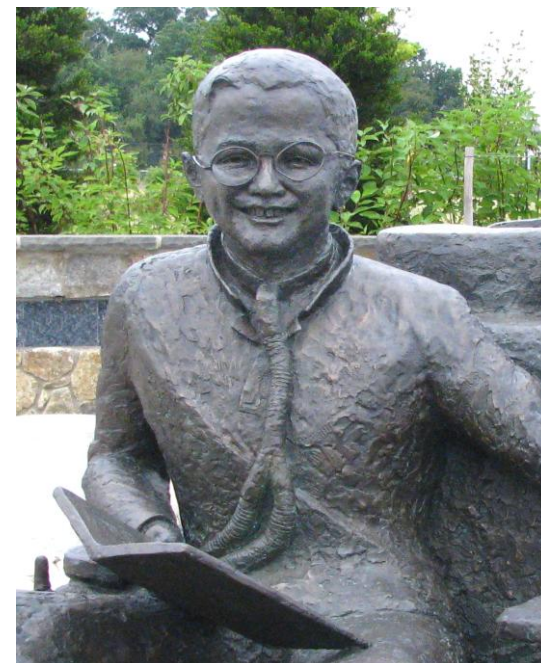
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About Mattie J.T. Stepanek

Mattie J.T. Stepanek envisioned a world at peace. Born with a life-threatening neuromuscular disease, Mattie nonetheless exemplified his personal philosophy that motivated him to cope with and celebrate life: *"Remember to play after every storm!"*

During his almost 14 years of life, Mattie shared a message of hope and peace through speeches, six volumes of Heartsongs poetry, and a collection of peace essays. You may remember seeing Mattie as a guest on Oprah, Larry King, or Good Morning America, or as a three-term national ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

**"We have, we are, a mosaic of gifts,
to nurture, to offer, to accept."**

--- Mattie J.T. Stepanek

How you can be involved

- ♥ Visit our website and sign-up to become a member of **Mattie's Peace Network** – members receive monthly e-Peace news briefs on Foundation activities and events, including photos, Mattie quotes, and other information;
- ♥ Volunteer to help with Foundation activities – such as the creation of educational posters for our **Pathways to Peace Program**, or volunteer to participate in or help during a Foundation event – such as **Mattie's Heartsong Swim**;
- ♥ Make a contribution to the Foundation – we have many support opportunities, including Champion Donor categories, our Partnership Program, and dedicating a personalized gift brick in the Peace Garden area of the **Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park**.



**"Peace is possible... it can begin simply,
over a game of chess and a cup of tea."**

--- Mattie J.T. Stepanek

About the Foundation

The Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation is a volunteer-run not-for-profit organization established in 2005 to continue spreading Mattie's message of hope and peace.



The Foundation develops educational and recreational programs and outreach activities for children and adults that encourage peacemaking as a deliberate action. The Peace Garden in the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, Rockville, Maryland is a living reminder and tribute to this young hero.

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