



MATTIE J.T. STEPANEK FOUNDATION
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**Hello Peace Champions, members of Mattie's Peace Network,
and friends of Mattie's Foundation!**

General update:

The *Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation* website continues to grow and improve as we add new sections. During June, we are adding more photos and videos, and we are working on the new "What People Are Saying" page, on which we will reprint comments from members of Mattie's Peace Network. We will also post other comments we receive through our e-mail address, or that are posted on Mattie's or Jeni's Facebook pages.

Timely news:

- ♥ **Messenger: The Legacy of Mattie J.T. Stepanek and Heartsongs** became a **NY Times Bestselling book!!!** Thank you to all the members of **Mattie's Peace Network** who ordered the book. Those of you who ordered the paperback version (which has 32 bonus color photographs) or the e-book/kindle versions helped Mattie's life story and legacy earn a mark of literary respect. Thank you! Sharing Mattie's story is a wonderful way to spread peace!
- ♥ **Mattie's mom, Jeni Stepanek**, talked with hundreds of students nationwide about Mattie's life and vision for a peaceful world during April, May, and June. Whether visiting a local school, chatting by Skype video chats across the country, or meeting with children who traveled to the **Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park** and **Peace Garden** for a field trip, students learned more about Mattie – both his wit and his wisdom! They also discussed specific attitudes, habits, and actions they can choose that make peace a reality that grows from each of us.
- ♥ We continue to receive translations for the **For Our World Campaign** but we are a long way from the 100+ languages we hope to post this year. If you speak a language other than English, please consider sharing a translation of the poem (posted on the website). We also hope that people are downloading or linking to the dozens of free translations already available, and posting the poem on bulletin boards, websites, and fridges!

June message of inspiration:



Nearly four dozen new personalized bricks were recently installed in Mattie's Peace Garden. Order form for the bricks is available on www.mattieonline.com

Peace Celebration Being Planned for Labor Day Weekend

Mattie's Foundation and **Lollipop Kids Foundation** are working together to plan a **Peace Celebration** in Mattie's Park (Rockville, MD) for Labor Day Weekend. Details are still being developed for the event. We hope to see many members of Mattie's Peace Network and LKF friends on Saturday, September 3, as we gather together and "get to know our neighbors around the block and around the world!" and celebrate Mattie's message of hope and peace. The afternoon should be filled with information and inspiration, conversation and games, for people of all ages and abilities. Mattie's mom, Jeni, will share remarks with those who attend, and the latest group of personalized gift bricks for Mattie's Peace Garden will be on hand for viewing. More details will be posted on the website (www.mattieonline.com) in the coming weeks, but hold the date put 'nice weather vibes' out in the universe! If you would like to order a brick that will be on hand by the Peace Celebration, please order by July 12. Bricks can be ordered after that date, but this will be the cut-off for bricks before the Peace Celebration (there is a 6-8 week turnaround time). **Hope to see you September 3 in Mattie's Park!**

NOTE: You are receiving this communication because you signed up as a *Peace Champion* or as member of *Mattie's Peace Network* on Mattie's website (www.mattieonline.com), or because you have sent a communication to Mattie's mom about how Mattie's message of Heartsongs, hope, and peace have made a positive impact on your life. Please feel free to pass this communication along to others. If you do not wish to receive additional monthly e-Peace updates, send a request for your name and address to be removed from our mailing list to heartsongbooks@aol.com.

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