



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* has been hard at work planning the upcoming **Peace Celebration**. The event will be held in Mattie's Park on Saturday, September 3, from 10:30am to 1:00pm. The Welcome Station and Peace Shop will open at 10:15. Hosted in partnership with the Lollipop Kids Foundation. Together, we hope to spread a message of hope and peace, through print materials, hands-on activities, crafts, and games. The event is **FREE**, because of sponsors like **Gaithersburg Party Rental, King Farm Citizens Association, and 48HourPrint**, and the funds raised by Mattie's Foundation. Donations are always welcome, and we could still use a few more volunteers. Please check the website (www.mattieonline.com) for the latest information – from the agenda to volunteering to specifics on our sponsors!

Timely news:

- ♥ During August, **Mattie's mom, Jeni Stepanek**, will visit **Milton Hershey School** in Pennsylvania and talk with thousands of students about Mattie's life and message of Heartsongs, hope, and peace. If you are a teacher who shares Mattie's life and message with your students, please consider sharing tips with other teachers about how to introduce material and creative activities. Send your ideas to heartsongbooks@aol.com. This fall, a new 'teacher tips' component will be added to the website. If you would like your students to have a skype chat session or personal visit from Jeni, please email about that as well, and learn about how this might be arranged.
- ♥ Our "**Pathways to Peace**" program is now being developed! Some of our newest print materials will be offered for free during the Peace Celebration, as participants travel through five information/activity stations: Heartsongs, Hope, Peace, Life, and Rebuilding the Mosaic! During the 2011-2012 academic year, we will continue creating more materials, including peace posters for schools and a pamphlet for teens and adults.
- ♥ 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! The 40+ translations we have so far will be a part of our 'peace flag' display during on 9/3!

Personalized Gift Brick Update

Nearly four dozen new personalized bricks were recently installed in Mattie's Peace Garden, and another 30 bricks were ordered during July, to be displayed during the 9/3 Peace Celebration. It is never too late to celebrate a loved one, to share a message, or to support Mattie's Foundation through this timeless gift that is placed in such a special space! Order form for the bricks is available on www.mattieonline.com.

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July message of inspiration:



Thank you to all who posted messages by email, snail mail, Facebook, or Twitter, and to all who visited Mattie's Park or Gate of Heaven cemetery and left little messages or treats – Mattie's 7th anniversary and his 21st birthday were clearly remembered and celebrated by many! Hope and peace to all.