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Peace Journey**

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Begin the Journey – Peace Club Teen

June 2012 -- Beginning Peace Thought: This *Peace Journey* is a great project because it forces me to reflect. Sometimes I get so busy with my projects, I don't stop to think about what I have learned along the way. Thank you for the opportunity.

NOTE: Lulu is a 2012 Global Teen Leader through the WAFF Three Dot Dash Program. She is one of the 117 teens Jeni has worked with through the annual Just Peace Summit which is rooted in Mattie's vision for a peaceful world, and on his Just Peace book in which he writes that peace is possible if the basic needs of all humans are tended to and met in an equitable way.

Choice 1: Peace Seeker – Reflect on Mattie's Message

May/June 2012 -- Peace Post on *Just Peace: A Message of Hope* by Mattie J.T. Stepanek

Before reading Mattie's book "*Just Peace*," I believed world peace could only happen through the efforts of politicians and world leaders. I didn't think young people had the influence or ability to help attain this goal. Mattie's life and poetry proved me wrong. He said, "*Peace is possible if basic human needs are met*," and his life philosophy was "*Remember to play after every storm!*" These ideas fuel my *LemonAID Warriors* work. Even though we are tackling depressing, and seemingly impossible issues – like the global water crisis, we will lead with our joy. We will trust that our actions, no matter how small, will lead to peace.

Choice 2: Peace Maker – Respond to Mattie's Message

May/June 2012 -- Project Plan: LemonAID Warriors

May 4th, 2012 --- I started [LemonAID Warriors.com](http://LemonAIDWarriors.com) to raise awareness and funds for local and global issues by harnessing my generation's creativity and resources in a joyful way that unleashes hope. Hope fuels change! On May 4th, 2012, I held my 2nd annual Water:Walk PhilanthroParty. I asked friends with spring birthdays, to give up their presents and accept donations instead, to raise awareness of the water crisis in Africa, and build a well with Blood:Water Mission. For the party, we walked along our main street, carrying heavy jugs of water like the kids in Africa must do each day. The water is often contaminated and they cannot go to school because the journey takes many hours. We walked, in their shoes, so that someday they won't have to. We asked local businesses to sell Lemonade for us in their shops and restaurants. We ended up funding a well, and CBS news covered our event to help us raise awareness and reach more people than we could have dreamed possible. [Here is our news clip.](#)

June 2012 -- I made a chart that shows how I took a quote from Mattie, put it into action, and witnessed a miracle. The words from his quote became real! Mattie said, “**Peace is possible when basic human needs are met.**” Through my work with **LemonAID Warriors**, I can now say, “**Peace is achieved when basic human needs are met.**”

[View Lulu’s LemonAID Warrior Chart here](#)

http://www.mattieonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Peace-teen-lulu-chart-FINAL_edited-1.jpg

Choice 3:

Peace Bringer – Reach Out with Mattie’s Message and Yours!

June 19th, 2012 -- My band mates, Lauren, Will and Ariel asked LemonAIDWarriors to plan their Birthday PhilanthroParty. LemonAID Warriors encourages members to do what they love to make changes in the world, so music had to be part of the theme. We set up a stage and our band performed, along with our favorite new band, [The Good Mad](#), from the TV show The Lying Game. They donated their time and were a huge hit! Since my charity is about water, we had water-theme activities like swimming and a dunk tank. We also did a dirty-water dare where you got a raffle ticket if you drank water we gathered from a local disgusting swampy lake. We purified it so it was safe to drink, even though it was still murky and stinky. This is the water our friends in Africa must drink. Everyone took the dare and one lucky girl won a Flip camera from the raffle. We ended up funding our 2nd well and I signed up more LemonAID Warriors who pledged to turn their next birthday into a LemonAID Warrior's PhilanthroParty!

June 2012 -- Project Presentation:

[View Lulu’s LemonAID Warrior video here](#)

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Celebrate the Journey – Teen Peace Ambassador

DATE -- July 17, 2012

Celebration Peace Thought: Message from Lulu:

Celebrating the day you brought my hero into this world!

Lulu’s Teen Peace Ambassador Certificate is dated 7/17 – Mattie’s birthday☺



Ongoing Peace Choices as an Ambassador

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