



Mattie's Peace Tree 2014
Global Participants
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**People of diverse abilities & ages,
 faiths & nationalities...
 all collaborating on one project
 for Peace!**

**Thank you to each participant for being a part of our largest collection so far
 of peace expressions that became ornaments for this annual activity!**

Peace Participant(s) (by date received)	Location (state / country)	Peace Expression Message
Abubakar Abdeen	Sudan	Thank you for the opportunity to participate. My peace expression is an image. My phrase: "Peace forever."
Collin Sherman	New Jersey, USA	My ornament expression is artwork I call: "Peace prevails."
Kathleen Downes Annual Participant	New York & Illinois, USA	My peace expression is a photo: "Play during the storm!"
Alessandro Lauria 3DD 2014 Global Teen Leader	Colorado – representing <i>Malaria Defense Project - Senegal, Togo & Ghana</i>	Repurposing materials, celebrating memories. <i>Nets in Action: We've Got You Covered – Prevent malaria, save lives – choose peace.</i>
Justin LeBlanc Annual Participant	Louisiana, USA	"A peaceful man, wearing sunset shoes and a shirt of rainbow!"
Matthew Cech Peace Club Kid	New York, USA	"Mighty Matthew Cech" (almost 10) who has a mitochondrial disease, similar to Mattie: "Never let go of hope!"
Ashley Berry 3DD 2014 Global Teen Leader	Colorado, USA	"The colors of the flag represent all the serene beauty offered by the mile high state -- <i>peace is possible!</i> "
Max Jones 3DD 2014 Global Teen Leader Felice News	Canada Max also serves on the Board of Directors for Mattie's Foundation	Our dog, Rocky, with our neighbor, Leni. She has her " <i>seriously?!</i> " look on here face, giving the message: " <i>Seriously... just look at us and you'll see peace is possible!</i> "
David Saddington 3DD 2008 Global Teen Leader	England <i>David is an annual peace tree participant.</i>	I decided to draw the peace decision – When facing a " conflict or peace " fork in the road – choose peace!
Adriana Kosican & Yvonne Wang-Silonga	New York, USA <i>Collaborative entry!</i>	Planting love, to inspire peace. We had such fun creating this together.
Shelly Heesacker	Oregon, USA <i>Shelly is an annual peace tree participant.</i>	Truth rocks. Peace is possible. Even my cats choose peace.
Addo Vaness Kwame	Ghana	Choose DIALOGUE, not bullets. Peace is possible... Ghana chooses peace!

Dena Mueller & Ashe Skyler	Arkansas, USA Alabama, USA <i>Collaborative entry!</i>	Knowing that loved ones are in Heaven gives me peace – peace is possible. In celebration of Audrey Nicole Jones .
Paul T. Boschi	New York, USA <i>3DD Just Peace Summit</i>	Love the gentleness of these otherwise gruff creatures–baboon family grooming their baby. It’s the simple, quiet moments where we find peace.
Mary Kelly Finegan	Pennsylvania, USA	I thank you God for this most amazing day, for the leaping greenly spirits of trees, and for the blue dream of sky and for everything which is nature, which is infinite, which is yes. – e.e. cummings Say YES to PEACE!
Mikey, Mattie, & John Esaia <i>Mattie’s Peace Club Teen, Tween & Kid!</i>	New Jersey, USA <i>The Esaias are an annual participants</i>	Celebrating with “peace pumpkins.” As Mattie Stepanek said, “Peace can begin simply, with a game of chess.” We think sharing a bowl of roasted pumpkin seeds is a good peace starter, too!
Collin Proctor <i>Peace Club Kid</i>	Maryland, USA	Peace is possible... choose peace... I am peace... BE PEACE!
Chase Baker <i>Peace Club Kid</i>	Maryland, USA	Peace is possible... choose peace... I am peace... BE PEACE!
Karen Carey	British Columbia, Canada	My daughter, Evelyn Grace, had congenital diaphragmatic hernia repair at 9 days old. We are so thankful for her, and her smile makes me think of peace.
Linda Pappas	USA	Teddy Bear and Bunny Rabbit love... Easter Blessings at Christmastime!
Laura Forbes <i>Sent three expressions celebrating the color of hope and a message of peace.</i>	Texas, USA <i>Laura is an annual peace tree participant.</i>	This is me with my tiger, Jude, and Mattie with his tiger, Tad. We are dressed in purple -Mattie’s color for hope. Purple means hope and peace to me, too - It is the ribbon color of hope for Cure Epilepsy, and the peace Mattie saw in the sunset.
Chris & Evelyn Balodemas	Maryland, USA <i>Former neighbors with Mattie & Jeni Stepanek</i>	Before Christmas 2003, our neighbor, Mattie, knocked on our door & gave us this treasured gift. This is our peace expression -- thank you for the opportunity to share it with others.
Alhassan Omar <i>3DD 2013 Global Teen Leader</i>	Egypt	Peace is #Unconditional Love
Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation	Global Peace Network	Peace is possible... choose peace! “Remember to play after every storm!” -- Mattie J.T. Stepanek
Caitlin Hazelton	Illinois, USA	<i>Peace is not something you wish for; it’s something you make, something you do, something you are, something you give away.</i> -- John Lennon
Big Al -- IAFF <i>Retired Yonkers FD</i>	Arizona, USA	These are my twins – Charlie and Jack – and they are my peace expression.
Sandra Newcomb <i>(Mattie’s VFABF)</i>	Maryland, USA	Peace is possible... choose peace!

St. Andrew School Kindergarten Class <i>c/o Kelly Bertin</i>	Oakville, Ontario Canada	Peace is expressed through the hands of people who show God's love. These are the hands of the kindergarteners, along with their teacher, parents, school office & custodial staff, and principal.
@MattieDog <i>A shih tzu making a difference – inspiring a foundation dedicated to rescue dogs and hope.</i>	Washington, USA	I'm here to help everyone understand that when they let go and just be present in the moment they'll experience peace & harmony. Trees B beautiful blessings dat share da earth wif us!
Rhonda Paglia	Pennsylvania, USA	I am adding the picture of the Earth from my children's book, " <i>The Little Lambs and the Very Special Mission</i> " from Grammy Pags Stories. #Love #Kindness #Compassion #Hope
Linzi Levinson <i>@IlluminatingNow</i>	New York, USA	<i>"Being peaceful is a choice. Not being peaceful is a choice, too. Let's make peace our choice."</i> – Mattie J.T. Stepanek Seek wisdom... share... change.
Bella Jones <i>Mattie's Peace Club Kid</i>	Pennsylvania, USA	Peace begins with me.
Sammy Jones <i>Mattie's Peace Club Kid</i>	Pennsylvania, USA	Peace begins here, in my heart.
Jacob Jones <i>Peace Club Tween</i>	Pennsylvania, USA	The only way peace can grow is with your voice and actions!
Friend of the Foundation	Global Neighbor	Do not sit under a rock. Wait for Jesus.
Candace Fuller <i>@SparrowEye66</i>	North Caroline, USA	<i>"Sunset is still my favorite color, and rainbow is second."</i> – Mattie J.T. Stepanek "He set a rainbow in the sky to show us that destruction is never the answer, not even 4 God.
Kyle <i>@HighMaharajah</i>	New Hampshire & Maine, USA	<i>"Sunset is still my favorite color..."</i> – Mattie Celebrate the colors of peace!
Chris Reifsteck	Missouri, USA & Russia & Spain	Three of these children are my own from the USA. Two are my niece and nephew, adopted from an orphanage in Russia. One is an exchange student from Spain. They spent the summer sharing their heritages with each other. Despite the age range and language barriers, they found a way to enjoy each other and form a bond that will never be broken. This is my peace expression – this makes the world seem a little smaller, and peace seem possible.
Carolann, Robert & Angel Nikko Elmore	California, USA	Celebrating children and families who inspire hope and peace! Nikko, Mattie, Katie, Stevie, Jamie, and so many more...
Rochellee Scott	Maryland, USA	<i>"Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world."</i> Stop teaching racism. Start teaching love and peace.

Lớp Luật	Vietnam	“Đoàn kết là sức mạnh. Khi có tinh thần đồng đội, sự hợp tác thì có thể đạt được những điều tuyệt vời.”- Mattie Stepanek "Unity is strength. When there is teamwork, and cooperation, great things can be achieved. - Mattie Chọn hòa bình. Choose peace.
Cath Alberts	Michigan, USA	Peace begins with a smile.
Belmont (Bar T) Before & After School Program <i>c/o Mary Kempf with Tim France, Sylvia Vallario, Kiyanda Bailey</i>	Maryland, USA <i>Mary has facilitated a peace tree activity in her school each year!</i>	Bar T students and staff -- Celebrating peace choices every day! Alyena, Brady, Brooke M, Brooke Mc, Cara, Danny, Eliot, Emily Emma, Frankie, Joshua, Julianne, Kazmer, Mikela, Nickolas, Shanna, Shannon, Sophia, Sophie, Thomas, Vincent, Vaughn, Wendy
Cate Viscusi	Michigan, USA	My peace reflection, response, and expression: <i>Is there something causing dissension without and disturbance within?</i> <i>Can you concede and let it go?</i> <i>The path of no resistance is the path of peace. . . and so, of freedom.</i>
Joe's Thought of the Day FB Page	Minnesota, USA	“Sad things happen. They do. But wil don't need to live sad forever.” – Mattie J.T. Stepanek Smile - The Power of Positive Energy - PEACE!
Michael Volpicelli <i>Masterwork Artistry</i>	Oklahoma, USA	(Mattie art that is part of the Voices of Compassion Project) Celebrate Heartsongs!
Kylie McDonnell	New York, USA	Kylie donated 15 inches of her hair to Locks of Love --- a gift of hope and peace.
Maragitado <i>@Maragitado</i>	Portugal	Celebrating Mattie's peace message every day, every week, every year.
Bishop Macdonell Kindergarten <i>c/o Kirsten Sommerville</i>	Ontario, Canada	We have PEACE inside of US!
Holy Cross Juniors <i>c/o Fr. Jeff Vonlehman</i>	Kentucky, USA *Mattie portrait by a student from Korea	Each finger is a finger of peace from one of the students participating in this activity. The students point to Mattie, who points to Heaven, the source of all peace.
Marilyn Potter	Hawaii, USA	Hearts and love in the sky... Peace is possible!
Carter Ries <i>3DD GTL 2014</i>	Georgia, USA <i>“One More Generation”</i>	“We should share peace with everyone, even if it is a furry little animal.”
Nick Lowinger 2013 3DD Global Teen Leader	Rhode Island, USA <i>Gotta Have Sole Foundation</i>	This photo is from a recent shelter delivery, where the kids broke out into a spontaneous dance with me after putting on their new sneakers! Peace --- JOY!
Chris LeBelle	Wisconsin, USA	Behind this peace sign is the magnolia tree I planted in Mattie's honor after he died. This sign makes me think of Mattie... and world peace.
Mama Peace	Global Neighbor	“Remember to play after every storm!”

Immanuel Christian Senior Kindergarten <i>c/o Kerry Dickieson</i>	Chartottetown, PEI Canada	Art inspired by The Kindness Quilt Kindness is a part of peace!
Putnam County Library <i>c/o Sarah Crawford Tucker (Children's Librarian)</i>	Tennessee, USA	Let's walk together, for peace.
Aliyah – Age 6 <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	Playing with kittens outside is peaceful.
Aidan C – Age 10 <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	When I think of peace, I think of everyone loving everyone.
Amanda Yother <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	Peace is feeling safe when sharing ideas and thoughts.
Arianna – Age 8 <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	Reading by myself brings me peace.
Elyahna – Age 4 <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	Growing gardens is happy and peaceful.
Evelyn – Age 8 <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	Sleeping with my teddy bear brings me peace.
Gabriel – Age 9 <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	The beach is a peaceful place.
Riley T – Age 2 <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	Peace is cool!
Sheela B <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	<i>“Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.” Psalm 34:14</i>
Tamarie <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	Me and my baby sister playing together.
Uriyah – Age 20 mos. <i>Putnam County Library</i>	Tennessee, USA	A sunny day.
Gavin (Peace Club Kid) & the Rose Family	Pennsylvania, USA	Peace and love from the Rose Family.
Sophia A. <i>Mattie's Peace Club Kid</i>	Rhode Island, USA	Heartsongs... a message of hope and peace!
Nisha Batra <i>An annual participant!</i>	Ontario, Canada	Peace is possible... choose peace.
Kaylee Dobbins <i>Peace Club Tween</i>	Maryland, USA and Haiti & Ireland	I love Uncle Mattie. Uncle Mattie loves me. Choose peace.
Mrs. Alba Romero's 4th Grade Class <i>Morningside Elementary School</i>	California, USA Peace Certified Class	Peace is possible... choose peace!
Desiree and Dario R. <i>Peace Club Kids</i>	California, USA	Celebrate Heartsongs... Choose Peace!
Mrs. Joni Smith's Kindergarten Class <i>Pangborn Elementary</i>	Maryland, USA Peace Certified School	Peace is so many good words... Grateful. Friendship. Quiet. Harmony. Nice. Pride. Kindness. Respectful...
Efatlunie Eddy <i>@I am Efaith</i>	Malaysia	<i>“Sunset is still my favorite color...”</i> Mattie Celebrating peace colors...

Fer Torres Herrera <i>@fertorresh</i>	Mexico	<i>"Sunset is still my favorite color..."</i> Mattie Celebrating peace colors...
International School of Florence <i>@ISF_Florence</i>	Italy	"Remember to play after every storm!" -- Mattie J.T. Stepanek
The Oprah Magazine <i>@O_The Magazine</i>	Global Neighbor	"We are a mosaic of gifts, and each of us has our inner beauty..." Mattie J.T. Stepanek
MG Motores Valencia <i>@MGMOTORES</i>	Venezuela	"La unión es fuera... cuándo hay trabajo en equipo y colaboración, se pueden alcanzar grandes cosas." -- Mattie J.T. Stepanek "Unity is strength. When there is teamwork, and cooperation, great things can be achieved. - Mattie
Jeanne Volk <i>Owner of Mattie, a therapy dog named for Mattie Stepanek</i>	Florida, USA	"Let there be peace on earth."
Kristee Ocheltree <i>Mom to Alissa Aunt to Andres</i>	Washington, USA	"Peace... imagine the possibilities."
Wetshokhro Thopi and friends	India	Peace Messages, Haikus, Art, and Images... For A Better Tomorrow Peace is possible. We believe in peace. Choose peace.
Laura Bauer <i>Rosalynn Carter Institute & Mattie's Foundation</i>	Georgia, USA	Peace is not a season, it's a way of life.
Ayudia	Australia	<i>"Sunset is still my favorite color..."</i> Mattie J.T. Stepanek Celebrating the colors of peace!
Sharon Murphy	Ontario, Canada	Choose peace... be as nice as you can be!
Joseph Kevin Seiger-Cottoms	Washington, DC - USA	<i>Keep all special thoughts and memories for lifetimes to come. Share these keepsakes with others to inspire hope and build from the past, which can bridge to the future. - Mattie Stepanek</i> Make it a great day, and make memories!
Tilsim Newman <i>Pangborn Elementary Peace Certified School</i>	Turkey & Maryland, USA	Peace for all the children of the earth.
Cathy, Robert & Kris Lyons	Maryland, USA	Instead of trading fisticuffs with Sparty, his Michigan State rival, Testudo traded HUGS! Peace is possible... choose peace!
Joan Hudson	Quebec, Canada	Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Mrs. Barbara Wollard's Grade 4 <i>Pangborn Elementary</i>	Maryland, USA <i>Peace Certified School</i>	Peace is so many good words... Respectful, Friendly, Quiet, Kindness, Loyal, God, Good, Truthful, No War...
Leah D. <i>Peace Club Kid</i>	Maryland, USA	Being kind to others when they are sad is peace.

Jane Jones <i>Peace Club Family mom</i>	Pennsylvania, USA	I feel peace in beautiful places... like Mattie's Park in Maryland, and the boardwalk in Duck, North Carolina.
Tara and Lizzy	Ontario, Canada	<i>Peace within created peace between us which radiated peace to others.</i> Peace is the way. It's an inside job.
Lynn Cobourn	Maryland, USA	Imagine peace... <i>In memory of</i> Kaelynn Diana Stallings
Tilsim's sister & nephew	Turkey	Peace at home... Peace in the world.
Ingleside at King Farm	Maryland, USA <i>Peace Certified Community</i>	Peace is possible... choose peace.
Mattie G. Age 5 <i>Peace Club Kid</i>	Florida, USA	Praying for "St. Mattie" Peace is possible... choose peace.
Sadie G. Age 10 <i>Peace Club Tween</i>	Florida, USA	Peace is for all people and living things. Make peace today.
Elmo	Pakistan	Are you a giver, or a taker? Choose peace.
Alyssa Hammonds	Kentucky, USA	<i>"Sunset is still my favorite color, and rainbow is second." – Mattie J.T. Stepanek</i> Celebrating the colors of peace.
Kutipan Tokoh	Indonesia	<i>"Persatuan adalah kekuatan, Bila ada kerjasama tim dan kolaborasi, hal indah dapat dicapai."</i> <i>Mattie Stepanek</i> <i>"Unity is strength. When there is teamwork, and cooperation, great things can be achieved. - Mattie</i> Pilih perdamaian. Choose peace.
Olivia Dee Wright <i>3DD 2014</i> <i>Global Teen Leader</i>	Tennessee, USA <i>"HUGS" – Help Us Give Shoes</i>	In the middle of chaos, a child sits down and flashes the peace sign. Peace is possible... choose peace!
St. Joseph Catholic School <i>c/o Peace Club Kid Ari</i>	Michigan, USA	... believe in peace!
Linda Zilber	Florida, USA	Love and giving from the heart... peace.
Mary Lou Yeatts	Maryland, USA	Peace is possible... choose peace!
Kel Nicole	Ohio, USA	Choosing peace... deep in my heart.
Kidsco Jr. Early Learning Center <i>c/o Cynthia Dobbins</i>	Maryland, USA <i>-- annual participants</i>	KidsCo Jr. Early Learning Center ...makes peace possible one hand at a time.
Washington Grove Elementary – (MD) <i>Mrs. Baker's class</i>	Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, & the USA	Celebrating the spaces and faces of peace!
Declan K. <i>Peace Club Kid</i>	Maryland, USA	Peace... is a family value.
Deborah Sparks	Quebec, Canada	Without love, we cannot have peace.
Mary Gonzalez Richardson	Florida, USA	A heart at peace gives life to the body.

Kathleen Trybus	Florida, USA	My new rescue Fiona brings comfort to my soul.
Tricia Ruth Coe	Maryland, USA	Believe in hope and peace...
The Hemelgarn Family	Michigan, USA	“Remember to play after every storm!” --- Mattie J.T. Stepanek A 21 Cushion Salute ☺
Sy Laev	Global Neighbor	Peace can begin with a an Oprah Chai Tea & quote.
Olivia Roblin	Canada	I wanted to share this poem/prayer I wrote as I searched for peace within myself one night. Every time I think about Mattie I feel peace take over my body. His love is so big and has spread over the entire world.
St. Therese Parish Youth Ministry	Maine, USA	Peace be with you.
Michael Mangone <i>Retired Teacher who brought Mattie’s message to Carlstadt Public School</i>	New Jersey, USA	Mattie knew the importance of words. He chose the ones that made us long for peace and love. Mattie’s words continue to evoke a feeling of worthiness in everyone who listens to his message.
“Mattie’s Boys” <i>International Association of Fire Fighters</i>	Global Neighbors including Yonkers, Greenburgh & Mississauga	Mattie’s Boys always “Remember to play after every storm!”

