

GLOBAL CLASSROOMS FOR PEACE

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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION PRAISES TEACHERS, ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO *GIVE PEACE NOW*.

Calabasas, CA – May 6- Global Classrooms for Peace has launched a national campaign, *Give Peace Now*, in a celebration of teachers and their fundamental role within society. In addition to praising our teachers in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Day, *Give Peace Now* will raise both funds and awareness for Global Classrooms for Peace programs, which foster compassion and understanding through its teacher exchange and cultural education curriculum.

Our teachers are mentors, educators, friends and leaders. But, they are rarely attributed with such lofty ideologies as world peace. We are confident that teachers near and far can work together to achieve global peace through education. The Give Peace Now initiative will work as a catalyst to bring students, teachers and parents together to accomplish this goal. The initiative's mission is to recognize teachers in a new light – as world ambassadors of peace. With National Teacher Appreciation Day approaching, there is no better time to Give Peace Now.

Give Peace Now is an international grassroots campaign launching on May 6th, National Teacher Appreciation Day. The campaign encourages students and parents to forgo traditional teacher gifts in lieu of a donation in their teachers honor. Supporters of this initiative include the United Nations World Trade Organization, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Rotary International and the California Teachers Association. By visiting www.givepeacenow.org, donors can select one of four areas they would like their donation to support: teachers, schools, technology and supplies.

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“The program was designed to help our children learn to honor the uniqueness of other people, cultures, traditions and beliefs while creating sustainable development programs through tourism which help alleviate poverty. What better Ambassadors could we have to extend a hand of friendship across the globe?” stated, Executive Director, Lori Hall.

Gina Bryan, a LVUSD teacher from Calabasas will be part of the team this summer going to the remote outer islands of Fiji. “I’m excited to celebrate our likenesses as well as our differences with my own students, and those in the villages. I’ve been researching curriculum and will focus on environmental awareness, conflict resolution and basic computer skills.”

To honor a teacher in your life and make a contribution of your own, please visit

www.givepeacenow.org

About Global Classrooms for Peace: An educational exchange program that builds understanding between cultures and invests in neighborhood economic development through tourism. American K-12 teachers are sponsored for a two-week program to travel to emerging countries to co-teach a cultural understanding curriculum, learn about the country, while investing in the local economies.

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