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*Peace through Education and the Arts*

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Dear Friends,

Thanks to the trust and dedication of supporters like you, we at the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence (CTCN) have been making exceptional strides in implementing the profound teaching of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's nonviolence philosophy and methodology across the state. Let us celebrate some of our achievements this year:

## CTCN and University of Hartford Collaborations

- In April, we hosted Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. at a luncheon inviting Hartford's leaders to discuss the ongoing rise in youth violence.
- *Nonviolence Fast Track Summer Institute*, co-sponsored by numerous organizations. Educators, clergy and activists became Level I Kingian Nonviolence trainers. Many of these trainers are now working diligently to create more training throughout the Greater Hartford region.
- *Be the Change Youth Nonviolence Leadership Conference*, Seventy five youth and adults working with youth attended the day long training.

## CTCN in New Haven

*Your Place Youth Center* has hosted ongoing training for youth to address their clarion call for "Peace In Our Streets." Many of these children have been eye-witnesses to horrific violence. One 15 year-old girl shared her experience, saying " I am too young to be going to funerals, I have attended three funerals over the summer, when will it end?" We are in the process of certifying and mentoring these youth who will then conduct nonviolence training for their peers and middle school students.

## CTCN and The World Peace Prayer Society

The Peace is Possible Chorus performed for the International Day of Peace at the World Peace Sanctuary.



*Nonviolence Fast Track Summer Institute*



*Maxine and Charlie of Your Place Youth Center*



*World Peace Sanctuary, Amenia, NY.*

## CTCN Looking Ahead

This year contributions to our annual appeal will sustain our life-affirming programs including:

- Introduction and core education in Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation for people of all ages and populations
- Collaboration with ASAP Arts in Washington CT, creating a Choral Group from three schools to perform at the MLK Commemoration
- Ongoing Peaceful Community curriculum at Litchfield Montessori School
- The 19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration
- The Peace is Possible Chorus—performances throughout the region
- Peace/Arts Education for young children
- Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly programs
- Be the Change—Nonviolence Youth Leadership Academy



Be The Change, nonviolence youth leadership

## Don't Miss 19th Annual MLK Commemoration

We are overjoyed to host ASAP students from the region performing original vocal works. Join special musical guest *Thomasina*, and other extraordinary musicians from the tri-state region. Hear Peacebuilder *Warren Hardy* share his experiences promoting nonviolence on the streets of Hartford. The special guest speakers are *Dr. Lynn Pasquerella*, Provost of the University of Hartford, recently appointed to be President of Mount Holyoke College and *Reverend James Lane* from Northend Church of Christ, Hartford, CT.



17th annual MLK Commemoration 2008

The *Peace is Possible Chorus* will perform with master drummer, *Fre Atlast*.

## How can you help?

We're seeking contributions immediately to allow us to continue our programs. **This is an extra special appeal as we now have an anonymous donor offering a matching grant of \$2,000.00 between January 1 and March 1, 2010.** Your donation counts considerably in helping us continue this work. We thank you for your generosity in these most challenging times.

Will you join me as an investor in peace?

Sincerely yours,

Debbie Helck  
President, Board of Directors  
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