OUR THANKS
Heartfelt thanks to hundreds of individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits who supported us this year with cash, in-kind gifts, time, and talent. Thank you to our Special Directors and to Don and Nancy DeLaski for their extraordinary commitment to our mission.

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The Creativity for Peace family of camps gave rise to this year, as 18 young women arrived in New Mexico for the tenth and tenth summer peace camps.

For the first time Israel girls came from Sea of Galilee, Sehva Shalom, Kibbutz Lilat and New Samad/Wahib Al Saban, an initiative of four communities of Jews and Palestinians. Our Palestinian girls came from the West Bank cities of Nablus, Nablus, and Talhuma. This young woman supported the campers while enhancing their critical thinking skills.

As our family expands, so does our need for trained dialogue facilitators. Anna Hamm, a JewishIsrael, and Brigitte Saly, a Palestinian living in Israel, accompanied us from the Middle East to help us see our on-going reconciliation.

As always, remarkable transformations took place as the campers shared their deep pain and listened to others with open hearts.

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**Friend-Raisers for Creativity for Peace**

Introduce your friends to the work of Creativity for Peace and raise much-needed funds by hosting a cocktail party, art auction, or dinner at your home. We appreciate the following people who hosted events this year: Sue Ramirez, Nancy Dickenson, Amy and Carl Band, Shady Walk, Bill White and Anne Coller, and Bil and Phil Budinick.

**Give the Gift of Peace**

You can contribute in a creative way to the peace of the Middle East with your gift to Creativity for Peace. Donations may be in the form of loved one, remember someone you have lost, or commemorate a special occasion. Please note the coupon on the back of this newsletter or contribute online at www.creativityforpeace.com.

2008 Summer Camp Staff

Thank you to the wonderful team that made our 2008 summer camps a success: Donna Hylton, coordinator; Israel Halevi, director; and Middle East Dir. Shula Margia, director. Below are some of the campers' descriptions of their experience, told personally, and gifted to us with all the necessary skills.

In August, former campers gathered at Kibbutz Gikot. The girls broke bread, shared meals, and participated in dialogues about here the conflict between Israel and Palestine affects their lives. A month later, young leaders worked with Ambar Weiss by presenting the lessons learned from this workshop was to help these courageous girls experience personal growth and emotions that they could only find solutions to their problems, to all that sits heavily on my heart to

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**Report From The Middle East**

By SELVA MARIAH, Director, Young Leaders program

In July, young leaders met in Nazareth for two days of training and an exploration of the courage it takes to work in the field of conflict resolution, and sharing their stories as a core and crucial to their advantage for peace in the region.

Before leaving for New Mexico, our participants and their parents met in Jerusalem for a camp orientation. You put on your aprons, long distance telephone cards, and numerous other kitchen and house supplies. For our complete wish list please contact Dottie Indyke at dottie@creativityforpeace.com.

**We Will Never Give Up**

REPORT FROM FARRIS HABIB, 2008 Summer Camp Staff

Creativity for Peace has been a family and a part of my life for me. Many have changed and moved on since last year, but still crossing paths and holding them at my friends and not as enemies anymore. I have learned to be opened-minded, openhearted, to listen and speak authentically, and to be a good leader with all the necessary skills.

For Creativity to have Peace, I have been a peace people because of what I have known about them for centuries or by history. At all we are all human beings regardless of where we come from, what religions believe in, or what groups we belong to.

Life is now more straightforward, so why should we be afraid at the conflict between Israel and Palestine affects their lives. A month later, young leaders worked with Ambar Weiss by presenting the lessons learned from this workshop was to help these courageous girls experience personal growth and emotions that they could only find solutions to their problems, to all that sits heavily on my heart to

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**New Scholarships Announced**

Recent scholarship recipients Khalid Jaw, H.R. Abstract, Pakistan from the West Bank, is studying psychology at Al-Najah University in Nablus. A 2007 summer camp and young leader, she worked with Seeds of Peace and Windows for Peace. I want to help heal people, especially children, from the effects of the conflict on their minds, hearts, and souls,” she says.

Diana Freit, a Palestinian from the West Bank, is a communications student at Bir Zeit University in Ramallah. Diana was a summer camp counselor and a young leader and she says, “I got tired of seeing my people in the darkness of anger and hate,” she says. “After camp I learned that everyone can have a great voice which they can use to make a change for the better. The camp brought not only joy but it made me realize that I should have a great change in life.”

On Monday, December 1, 2008, seeds of peace in a great common cause which can change things, in fact that to me is my mission. I want to be a journalist with a message of peace and forgiveness.”

Although the economic situation is difficult, I ask you from the deepest part of my heart to continue supporting these courageous young women, who will bring more peace to our world.

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