

HM King Abdullah II, HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad of Jordan, WIHW Judges and WIHW team,

Thank you for creating a platform for organizations like International Little Artists Foundation (ILA) to promote, celebrate and create Harmony around the World!

We are honored to participate in WIHW 2019!

The World Interfaith Harmony Week, like all the previous endeavors of HM King Abdullah, is not a call to water down one's faith, but rather it's a call to respect our differences and personal beliefs and to unite around the basic principles that people of all beliefs agree upon and to understand that harmony can only come if we build upon a solid foundation of dialogue that has "Love of God and love of the neighbor or, love of Good and love of the neighbor" as its core principle for engagement.

Action speaks louder than words!

Our non-profit organization, ILA has worked at the grassroots level, organizing and promoting multiple events/ projects specifically celebrating the World Interfaith Harmony Week 2019, in the USA and around the World in order to move towards harmony, tolerance and acceptance. Our organization created space, events, tools for children and adults from different countries. We also focused on diverse communities, different religions and traditions to participate in creative and hands – on projects. During WIHW 2019 our organization has been promoting creative and critical thinking, compassion, cross-cultural community outreach, diversity engagement, ethnicities and cultures. We have effectively brought the world to both the U.S. and World classrooms!

How did we come up with idea of multiple events?

After receiving photos and videos from around the world we quickly realized that looking into the eyes of children suddenly created emotional connection and the need to take action. We can talk and celebrate harmony with other leaders and host an interfaith event in ONE location, but we realized that **CONNECTING PEOPLE** from around the world will create space for more voices to be heard. Giving a chance to participate in planning, suggesting and submitting new ideas and solutions of Harmony will draw more people and organizations to be a part of this much needed movement!

Our goal is to continue throughout the year with the message of HARMONY & Love of God and love of the neighbor or, love of God and love of the neighbor for many years to come!

ILA's projects/events IMPACT

Our World Interfaith Harmony Week 2019 efforts, January 20th – February 28th, has impacted, inspired and included:



ILA 100 PENCIL POUCHES FOR CHILDREN IN KENYA PROJECT

DIRECT IMPACT: 220 PEOPLE – 3 Schools (USA, Kenya) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 500+ Date: – 1/24/2019

- 1. Turtle Creek School & Mt. Zion schools -80 children personally decorated 100 pencil pouches with pictures and messages of Love, Hope and Harmony) January 2019
- ILA partner Good News in Kenya personally delivered 100 pouches, 100 pencils and 1000 colored pipe cleaners for creative play and design)
- 3. 100 students in Kenya received 100 pouches and celebrated the LOVE of GOD!
- 4. <u>https://www.facebook.com/holly.camalieri/videos/1015616832952938</u> <u>9/</u> - video of celebration!



References: www.turtlecreek.ddschools.org www.mtzionschool.com www.goodnewskenya.org

ILA CHILDREN'S HARMONY MURAL PROJECT

DIRECT IMPACT: 104 PEOPLE – 6 Schools (USA) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: at least 1000+ Dates: 2/5, 2/13, 2/14, 2/19, 2/26 2019

- 1.)
- 2/5/2019 Turtle Creek School (4th grade) 20 students 2/13/2019 Reek Elementary School (2nd grade) 18 students 2.)
- 3.) 2/14/2019 Agape House for abused girls Teenagers 12 girls
- 4.) 2/19/2019 Wisconsin School for the Deaf (1st-5th grade) 25 students
- 2/19/2019 St. Andrew School (8th grade) 9 students 5.)
- 2/26/ 2019- Woods school (8th grade) 20 students 6.)

3.1.2019 LG Reporter interviewed students, ILA founder, teachers and will be writing an article to the Lake Geneva Reporter Newspaper - this will reach over 5000 people!





What are we going to do with the Children's Harmony Mural?

The Harmony Mural will be exhibited in Public Libraries, Schools, Educational Conferences, Children's Festivals, Children's Hospitals... in order to promote Harmony Week and share with others the power of COLLECTIVE ACTION through FUN and CREATIVITY!

The photos of the mural will be sent around the world to inspire and bring smiles to children who live in dark places and where HARMONY is JUST A DREAM!

This Mural inspired us for our next amazing Harmony project 2020! - #WIHW2020



References: www.turtlecreek.ddschools.org www.linn6.k12.wi.us www.agapehouseheals.org www.wespdhh.org www.standrews-delavan.org www.woodsschool.com

ILA HARMONY PROJECT - TRAVEL

DIRECT IMPACT: 59 PEOPLE – (USA, MEXICO) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 185+ PEOPLE Date: - 1/25/2019

Treva Rademaker and her family collaborated with ILA and became ILA travel ambassadors. They traveled from Wisconsin to Playa San Agustinillo, Oaxaca, Mexico. In order to celebrate Harmony 2019, they

were able to help tortuguitas (baby turtles) make their way into the ocean and delivered ILA Mobile library - books, bags, t- shirts "ILA Ad-dressing the World project" and bookmarks to a local library. Children in Mexico loved the bilingual new hardcovered books.

- 1.) U.S. volunteers traveled to Mexico 4 people
- 2.) Library in Mexico 50 children
- 3.) Adults in Mexico 5



References:

https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1901632269958852&set=pcb.1901632606625485&type=3 <u>&theater</u> (fb post – January 25. 2019)

ILA WATERBOTTLES – CLEAN WATER PROJECT

DIRECT IMPACT: 55 PEOPLE – 2 Schools (USA, UGANDA) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 620+

Dates: 2/5/2019

from <u>#USA</u> to <u>#Africa</u> - Our ILA World Harmony event was a huge success!



References: <u>https://www.facebook.com/anissa.j.haywood</u> (travel volunteer)

AD-DRESSING THE WORLD PROJECT - TRAVEL

DIRECT IMPACT: 59 PEOPLE – (USA, KENYA) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 600+ Date: - 2/20/2019

ILA sent 270 new T-shirts and books to an underprivileged school in Kenya. (For most of these children this will be their 1st time to own a new t-shirt!) Thank you to our partner Linda Higdon and her team for personally delivering the T-shirts and books!



References: Linda Higdon (travel volunteer) www.globalheartsjourneys.net

CHILDREN BUILDING BRIDGES OF HARMONY AROUND THE WORLD Video message – 1st PROJECT

DIRECT IMPACT: 5 PEOPLE – (GEORGIA, World) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 500+ VIEWS VIA Facebook Comment [LH1]:

Date: - 1/28/2019

Young Georgian Artist Sesili Lagidze (2 years old) collaborate with ILA and celebrated Harmony 2019 by creating a beautiful butterfly! Sesili's personal message is: "Love is like a butterfly: It goes where it pleases and it pleases wherever it goes". (Sesili is niece of an award winning artist Ana Lagidze)





References:

https://www.facebook.com/alagidze/videos/2484899298218999/ (video) https://www.facebook.com/alagidze/videos/pcb.2484900774885518/24848 99298218999/?type=3&theater

CHILDREN BUILDING BRIDGES OF HARMONY AROUND THE WORLD Video message – 2nd PROJECT

DIRECT IMPACT: 36 PEOPLE – (ROMENIA, World)

ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 1,400+ VIEWS VIA Facebook (just in 5 days!) Date: - 2/25/2019

Young Romanian singer Giulia Tabara from ROMENIA created a videosong message to celebrate Harmony Around The World to children around the world from 12 year old Giulia, famous young singer. Her personal message is: "Follow your dreams and fight for it, be strong and have hope!"



References:

https://www.facebook.com/lucie.v.hake/videos/2323479760995630/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ntc2P263X1g (Next Star)

CHILDREN BUILDING BRIDGES OF HARMONY AROUND THE WORLD – 3rd PROJECT – Video message in English and French

DIRECT IMPACT: 16 PEOPLE – (USA, World) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 254+ VIEWS VIA Facebook (just in 12 days!) Date: - 2/16/2019

2 sisters from Chicago sent us a video and message to celebrate Harmony Week 2019! They made us smile! Their video message has been sent to many places worldwide and it is inspiring children who need it! These children shine the light!



Reference:

https://www.facebook.com/lucie.v.hake/videos/231045073563186 6/ - VIDEO of 2 young girls singing, dancing and sending message of Harmony around the world!

CHILDREN (YOUTH) BUILDING BRIDGES OF HARMONY AROUND THE WORLD – 4th PROJECT – Video message from AUTISTIC Kite Flyer

DIRECT IMPACT: 36 PEOPLE – (USA, World) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 852+ VIEWS

Date: - 2/16/2019

<u>America's Got Talent</u> semifinalist - Connor Doran has a personal message for Children around the world via ILA - International Little Artists Foundation. Here is the video of Connor in the America's Got Talent: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIPJQBdhmuE</u>

His personal ILA Harmony video message:

https://www.facebook.com/lucie.v.hake/videos/2310505605626379/?I=3247830 002080329516





Connor Doran is an indoor kite flier, performing to music with four-line kites. He is best known for reaching the top 12 finalists of the fifth season of America's Got Talent. Connor is from Bend, Oregon, United States and began kite flying in 2007 to ease his epilepsy-induced anxiety. Wikipedia

Born: February 5, 1993 (age 26 years)





References:

https://www.facebook.com/lucie.v.hake/videos/2310505605626379/?l=3247830 002080329516 CHILDREN BUILDING BRIDGES OF HARMONY AROUND THE WORLD PROJECT

DIRECT IMPACT: 74 PEOPLE – (USA, JAPAN) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 440 People Date: - 2/16/2019

From USA school to Japanese school

Children messages, art and cards are on the way to Japan. Children from Delavan are connecting with the world in order to communicate, learn, share and connect. <u>Blanka Kobayashi</u> - we are looking forward to video message from Japan . Safe travels from the Czech Republic.





References:

https://www.facebook.com/bianca.kings?fref=pb&hc_location=frie nds_tab CHILDREN (YOUTH) BUILDING BRIDGES OF HARMONY AROUND THE WORLD PROJECT

DIRECT IMPACT: 16 PEOPLE – (USA, ITALY, WORLD) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 200+ VIEWS Date: - 2/13/2019

Photos & a message came from an Italian girl & her famous father/ photographer Giovanni Miceli who are currently visiting a tribe in Ethiopia. We (ILA) personally delivered the photos and the message;" the message is to go to visit Ethiopian tribes, they will welcome all children with pleasure!! "to our local school "Reek Elementary". The photos were shared with 18 students who are inspired and excited about the world, traveling and giving to other children in need.



References: <u>https://www.facebook.com/giovanni.miceli.148?</u> tn =%2CdK-

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International Children's

Harmony Challenge



January 23rd - February 28th, 2019



INTERNATIONAL

There are so many GOOD things happening in the world and we want to celebrate it with you!

WHO?

All children and their caregivers worldwide can participate! (Individuals or as a group)

HOW?



1. Host a Harmony project 2. Document it (photos, a short video) 3. Post it to your social media page and tag ILA foundation

Tag – International Little Artists – The Voice of Unheard Children Use Hashtag - #ILA, #HarmonyWeekChallenge

WHAT?

The experience is priceless! Children who have been participating in the ILA Projects and Harmony Challenges are moved by the positive emotional experience and gain a lifelong lasting lesson! In addition, we will be CONNECTED through the act of KINDNESS leading to HARMONY globally!

ILA MOBILE LIBRARIES PROJECT – NEPAL

DIRECT IMPACT: 16 PEOPLE – (USA, NEPAL) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 200+ VIEWS Date: - 1/21/2019

We (ILA) have received a message from our Nepal partner school and their teacher Yolkey Rai that the Nepali Times Newspaper/Media came to interview the school and asked about our ILA mobile library being displayed in the classroom.

Video: https://youtu.be/rUAy1qYHkyQ?t=101 Full article: https://www.nepalitimes.com/here-now/good-fellows/ https://youtu.be/rUAy1qYHkyQ



Personal message from the teacher - Bidi Yolkey Rai Dear Lucie Valisova Hake always grateful for your act of kindness thank you for being such a great soul. Mary Putera I feel

blessed to meet you in this life, always an inspiration, happy soul

5 ILA MOBILE LIBRARIES PROJECT

DIRECT IMPACT: 32 PEOPLE – (USA, MALAWI, UGANDA) ESTIMATED INDIRECT INFLUENCE: 1,500+ Date: - 2/8/2019

5 ILA mobile libraries are on the way to:

- 1. Thalo CC URI group in Kalonga, Malawi
 - 2. Despina Namwembe URI group in Kampala, Uganda
 - 3. Alliance For Development CC URI group in Kasase, Uganda
 - 4. Nkhudzi Bay Utale Club CC URI in Monkey Bay, Malawi
 - 5. Pamoja CC URI group in Kampala, Uganda

2. EACH LIBRARY WILL REACH BETWEEN 100 – 700 CHILDREN! !!!Thank you to <u>www.uri.org</u> for the Desmond Tutu-Dalai Lama award - the financial gift (\$400) was used to ship these 5 libraries!!!



References: www.uri.org https://uri.org/who-we-are/cooperation-circles