



Peace Day in the Park

In Honor of the International Day of Peace



In 2001, the UN General Assembly proclaimed September 21st as the International Day of Peace. The intent of this day is as simple as one might expect: a single day of Peace, a day of global ceasefire and of non-violence. All individuals are invited to commemorate this extraordinary day. Since its commencement, millions of organizations all over the world have joined together to honor this truth: Peace Simply Is.

2008 kicked off our annual Peace Day in the Park celebration as a grass-roots project with a simple goal, to spread the awareness that a single day of Peace does in fact exist. On that day over 300 friends, family, and community members came to help celebrate Peace and help it grow. Since then, Mayor John Sullivan publicly acknowledged Peace Day in the Park and the community's response to the event with an official Proclamation. Cape Coral is the first US city in history to issue such a groundbreaking Proclamation, which recognizes this important calendar fixed date. This means we are no longer appealing for its mere existence, but rather that it is here, a work in progress, the conscious choice for Peace.

We see this so clearly each year as the Peace Day in the Park spiral continues to expand in size, numbers and voice showing evermore clearly that peace is the way. In addition, our contributions to local charities and organizations have doubled each year. So far we've collected thousands and thousands of pounds of "Peace food" and goods, as well as hundreds of liters of "Peace blood." Peace Day in the Park is all about making a difference and educating the community on ways to be the change because we are the change we wish to see in the world. We want to create an even bigger impact and difference, we want to do more!

As the 8th annual celebration comes upon us, the Peace Day in the Park and Peace One Day teams look forward to further expanding the power of Peace in our hearts, homes, and community. We need the support and help of local individuals and businesses like yours to bring about a bigger change. I believe in the power of peace and of community action. I have seen the difference we can make. Peace embraces the deepest hopes of us all and remains as one of humanity's guiding inspirations. Historically and presently, we are paving the way of Peace--one day and one voice at a time.

I am dedicated to cultivating, empowering, and spreading Peace right here in our community. This is a FREE event to be enjoyed by all, and there will be something for everyone. If you have not already experienced Peace Day in the Park then I would like to personally invite you to be part of this wonderful celebration and also thank you in advance for your considered sponsorship of Peace Day in the Park. I look forward to talking with you and exchanging ideas on the many ways we can help each other grow while embracing the joy and beauty that surrounds us all here in South West Florida.

Sincerely and with gratitude,

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