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About the Issue Sponsor

Children Creating Bridges, Inc.

Children Creating Bridges (CCB), based in West Chester, Pennsylvania, is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that engages children in cross-cultural and trans-generational experiences. Its vision for the future is a world in which children are the catalysts for change. CCB envisions children of different socio-economic classes, races, religions, cultures, and nations creating bridges that will enable them to connect to one another. The objective is to inspire all involved to collectively create a world of tolerance, celebration of diversity, compassion, trans-national and inter-cultural dialogue, and mutual respect. In turn, this will facilitate the expansion of consciousness, self-identity, and harmony by helping participants identify and transcend hidden culture-based assumptions.

Programs

Warm Caps for Babies Program

The CCB Warm Caps Program provides an opportunity for children to learn how to knit and crochet baby caps. The caps are then donated to developing countries and to poverty-stricken communities here in the United States. The CCB, Inc. also works with knitting clubs and welcomes caps donated by individuals.

Global Journey Through Music Program

CCB uses the Putumayo World Music program to provide an exciting way for children to travel the globe without leaving their hometowns. Participants embark on a journey of music and discovery that spans six continents. During each session there are opportunities to experience world music and to participate in hands-on activities. Each child is given a Passport Journal that serves as a souvenir of his/her adventure.

Free Yoga Program

CCB offers free yoga classes to youth in several communities in southeastern Pennsylvania. The goal of this program is to build self-awareness and to harmonize the mind with the body. An additional aim is to bring a diverse population of youth together with the purpose of creating a sense of oneness.

Book Donation Program

This program provides free books to children of low-income families and the pre-K and after school programs that serve them. Through First Book Marketplace, the CCB is able to purchase high-quality books at a greatly discounted price. In its efforts to remain environmentally-conscious, the CCB also redistributes gently-used books that it receives through donations

Other Programs

Additional CCB programs include the Globally Minded Arts & Crafts Program, language classes, and a book club.

Projects

CCB has participated in four medical & humanitarian delegations to Syria to help with the Iraq refugee crisis. In addition, it has provided humanitarian aid to an orphanage in Ethiopia and is currently fundraising to support the work of Zorat.org, an organization working to provide electricity, computers, and other educational tools to the children of the Zorat elementary school in Ethiopia.

The CCB Institute for Peace, Justice, and Interfaith Dialogue (IPJID)

Promoting peace and harmony in the world is a key mission of Children Creating Bridges. It is the belief of the CCB that true peace cannot be achieved without mutual understanding, justice and interfaith dialogue. Its leaders are confident that sharing their beliefs, traditions and experiences with both adults and children will foster a deeper understanding of one another, contributing to long lasting peace. The CCB Institute of Peace, Justice and Interfaith Dialogue has been established to achieve these important goals.

This unique institute brings peoples of various faiths and backgrounds together by organizing seminars, symposiums, lectures and workshops on important issues that America faces today. The CCB Institute for Peace, Justice and Interfaith Dialogue helps churches, synagogues, mosques, schools, and other groups organize presentations on current world affairs or interfaith

dialogue, and it offers this service to any organization that wants to promote peace and harmony in its local community. Additional information is available from Dr. Mazhar Rishi, mrishi@childrencreatingbridges.org.