

State Farm Presents:
Stop the Violence Traveling
Quilts Exhibit
September 2010 - May 2011

In Partnership with
Woodlawn Community
School &
Mrs. Ramona Lindsey's
Fourth Graders



Our Plea Through Art

We have a message for you! We are a fourth grade class from Woodlawn Community School. We have a quilt to show you. In our class, our teacher, Mrs. Lindsey, inspired us with a story about the Gee's Bend, Alabama women who made inspirational traditional quilts to raise money. Their quilts sent a message. Our class made two art quilts dealing with the problems in Chicago. Our quilts are a tribute to all the people who were killed in Chicago from January 2009 to June 2010. Just like the Gee's Bends quilts, our quilts send a message. Our quilts tell people we want violence to stop.

We used the Chicago City Flag to represent our city.

The north white part of our flag represents what is happening in Chicago that is negative.

The south white part of our flag represents the positive things that we want to happen in Chicago.

The random red stitching going through the middle and the sides represents the blood of some of the people who were killed for no reason and in random ways in Chicago.

Also in the middle white section of both quilts are the names of at least 300 people who have been killed from January 2009 to June 4, 2010. We have put poems in the blue sections to show our feelings and thoughts about what is happening in Chicago.

We share our poetry in this book while paying tribute to some of the youngest members of our city killed by random acts of violence. We hope these quilts will help you start thinking of ways you can push for peace in Chicago's homes, schools, and communities. Thanks for visiting our exhibit.

Written by Mrs. Lindsey's Fourth Grade Students

More About the Quilts

Quilt dimensions: 54" wide x
38" length

Date created: Spring 2010

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Media and construction
techniques: Crayola fabric
crayons, polyester and cotton
fabrics, fabric paper, inkjet
printed iron-on transfers,
machine pieced, and free
motion quilted

Pieced and quilted by Ramona
Dallum Lindsey

Student Artists & Poets:

Rashad A.

Tyree E.

Kiarra L.

Laderia L.

Journee L.

Kennedy D. M.

Kennedy A. M.

Raikwon N.

Serron P.

Terry P.

Kaitlin R.

Caliph R.

Malakah S.

Khristopher S.

Knowledge T.

Amaya W.

Joshua Y.





According to **Victory Over Violence**, a public service of Soka Gakkai International-USA, there is passive violence and physical violence. Passive violence is the things we do to disrespect other people's lives (and our own lives), such as name calling, teasing, judging, and criticizing. Mohandas Gandhi said, "passive violence fuels the fire of physical violence; and if we want to put out the fire of physical violence, logically we have to cut off the fuel supply."

Remember name calling and teasing are small acts of violence.

All I want is someone to be happy, love everyone
Someone to talk to me, then laugh

All I want is someone to be happy, love everyone
Someone to lighten up the room when they walk in
Someone to take people's gifts even if they don't want to

All I want is someone to be happy, love everyone
Someone to come together and be a community
Someone to be amazed at every good thing
Someone to talk to me when they are sad

All I want is someone to be happy, love everyone
Someone to feel safe around good people
Someone to listen to others when they talk
Someone to be respectful
Someone to do the right thing

All I want is to be happy and follow the rules.

By Journee

Cottage Grove
Bad, ghetto
Killing, drinking, stealing
Drugstore, carshop, dogs, parks
Stealing, driving, stealing
Peace, quiet
Indiana Ave.
By Joshua

Mask murder
Mean, disguised
killing, sleeping, dying
Scary, creepy, heart, full
Helping, protecting, shooting
Good, caring
Police officer
By Terry

Jail
Copious, upset
Sobbing, boring, resting
Mad when the police put them in jail
Respecting, sitting, watching
Scary, bored
Prison
By Kennedy D.

All I want is someone to be nice and respectful
Someone to be happy.

All I want is someone to be nice and respectful.
Someone to jump up and down.
Someone to feel proud.

All I want is someone to be nice and respectful.
Someone to be happy.
Someone to laugh.
Someone to have fun.

All I want is someone to be nice and respectful
Someone to feel proud of their self and others.
Someone to be in order
Someone to like people.
Someone to dream

All I want is someone to care.

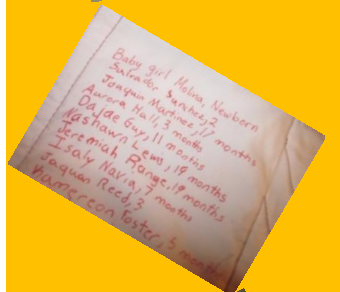
By Laderia

Gangs
Bad, Terrible
Killing, Shooting, Dying
Cocaine in gangs, Preaching in church
Singing, Preaching, Praying
Hopeful, Joyful
Christian

By Kennedy A.

Criminal
Bad, Fearful
Dying, Shooting, Praying
Dark When Criminals Strikes, Light When Criminals
Rest
Playing, Laughing, Sharing
Love, Peace
Police

By Serron





Bullying is passive violence. The U. S. Department of Health and Human Resources' **Stop Bullying Now** campaign offers tips for preventing bullying. Here are some that may help if you are being bullied.

- Tell your parents or a trusted adult.
- Don't fight back.
- Try not to show anger or fear.
- Avoid situations where bullying takes place.
- Avoid areas where there aren't many students or teachers around.
- Don't be alone in the bathroom or locker area.
- Sit near the front of the bus.
- Sit with a group of friends at lunch.

All I want is someone to be a cheerful person
Someone to be glad

All I want is someone to be a cheerful person
Someone to stop the violence
Someone to be safe

All I want is someone to be a cheerful person
Someone to be alive
Someone to dream good things
Someone to care

All I want is someone to be a cheerful person
Someone to love
Someone to be joyful
Someone to be resourceful
Someone to laugh

All I want is to be a good person and to help others
be blessed children

By Rashad

All I want is someone to be happy and comfortable
Someone to sleep well

All I want is someone to be happy and comfortable
Someone to be respected
Someone to be careful

All I want is someone to be happy and comfortable
Someone to show love to one another
Someone to care
Someone to have a home

All I want is someone to be happy and comfortable
Someone to be creative
Someone to get an education at school
Someone to be healthy
Someone to get a scholarship and get in to college

All I want is happiness for everyone so they can
feel good.

By Kaitlin

All I want is someone to listen
Someone to play safely

All I want is someone to listen
Someone to have fun
Someone to laugh about things

All I want is someone to listen
Someone to stop killing
Someone to be nice and friendly
Someone to joke around some times

All I want is someone to listen
Someone to make peace
Someone to think positive thoughts
Someone to stop throwing up gang signs
Someone to stop the gun shots

All I want is quiet, harmless, graceful peace every
day

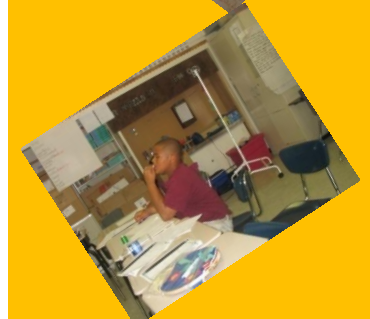
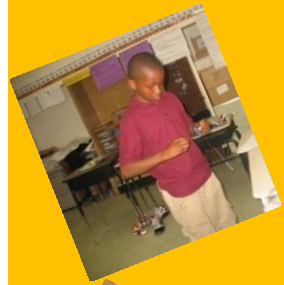
By Caliph

Killer
People, terrified
Crying, acting, watching
People crying, people helping
Looking, spying, caring
Nice, loving
Helper

By Kiarra

Afraid
Scared, shocked
Sobbing, dying, worrying
Always mad, always glad
Acting, sharing, laughing
Fascinated, Happiness
Relieved

By Rashad





Facing a bully alone is tough, but standing against violence in numbers can make a huge difference. **Stop Bullying Now** has some tips for you when you see someone being bullied.

- Don't just stand there! If you feel safe, speak up about bullying behavior.
- Don't bully back.
- Say kind words to the person being bullied.
- Be a friend.
- Tell the person being bullied to tell an adult and offer to go along with him or her.
- Invite the student being bullied to do things with you.
- Don't laugh or join in when someone is being bullied.

All I want is someone to play
Someone to play together with family

All I want is someone to play
Someone to play without getting serious
Someone to play with and not get injured

All I want is someone to play
Someone to play with me while I am in the house alone
Someone to play with me when they don't want to
Someone to play without getting mad over little things

All I want is someone to play
Someone to play without all of the violence
Someone to play while laughing during the whole thing
Someone to play and enjoy it all before we grow up
Someone to play when the time is right

All I want is peace in the world

By Serron

Bullets
Gold, Nine Millimeter
Crying, shooting, dying
Pimps, Gangs, Needles, Medicine
Helping, Acting, Respecting
Helpful, Relieved
Doctor

By Tyree

TRAGEDY
Hopeless, scared,
Murdering, killing, crashing,
Loud when tragic, peaceful when safe
Smiling, laughing, enjoying,
Awake, sleepy
SAFE

By Amaya

All I want is someone to relax
Someone to play with their friends

All I want is someone to relax
Someone to rest and think
Someone to be happy

All I want is someone to relax
Someone to stop the violence
Someone to be comfortable
Someone to be lovable

All I want is someone to relax
Someone to talk on the phone
Someone to watch TV
Someone to look out of the window
Someone to play

All I want is some peace for myself
By Kennedy D.

Gangster
Evil, Mean
Smoking, Drinking, Cursing
Cigarette, Lighter, Gunshot, Bullets
Singing, Eating, Playing
Happiness, Caring
Christian
By Serron

Gangs
Terrible, Mean
Killing, drinking, hating
Smoking, pants hanging down
Stealing, shooting people
Breaking into people's cars,
Fighting
By Khristopher

Murderer
death, tragic
Shooting, bleeding, shocking
dark when horrible, Light in hope
playing, loving, caring
help, love
Doctor
By Raikwon

Killer
death, tragic
shooting, killing, dying
Assassin, hit man, surgeon, medicine
giving, caring, helping
Innocent, helpful
Doctor
By Terry

VIOLENCE
Painful, wounded,
Dying , beating, bleeding,
Beaten when violent, in a victory
Defeating, surprising, celebrating
Achieving, joyful
VICTORY
By Amaya

Hopeless
Tragic, scared
Dying, acting , shooting
Sad during sadness, playing with
others
Playing laughing, amazing
Powerful, successful
Hopeful
By Laderia

Killer
Murder, harmful
Dying, shooting, stabbing
Alley, corner, home, school
Playing, doing, helping
Thankful, joyful
Life
By Caliph



One form of physical violence is gun violence. *The Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence* pushes for laws to reduce gun violence. In Chicago during the first 8 months of 2010, over 250 lives ended because of gun violence. Each and every week a young person in Illinois is killed on the streets.

Remember it is better to solve a conflict through one-on-one, heart-to-heart conversations. When we talk and listen, we begin to understand each other better.

All I want is someone to stop all the killing.
Someone to talk about what they need before killing

All I want is someone to stop all the killing
Someone to play with each other
Someone to be there for the people they love

All I want is someone to stop all the killing
Someone to make songs for each other
Someone to stop all the fighting at school
Someone to stop all the fighting on the street

All I want is someone to stop all the killing.
Someone to stop hunting their kids
Someone to talk to them
Someone to put them on timeout
Someone to love their kids not to kill them

All I want is to stop all the killing of our kids.
By Kiarra

Doleful
Copious , dejected
Depressing , dying , killing
People in prison, joyful people
Blessing , delighting, praying
Cheerful, laughing
Joyful
By Kaitlin

Afraid
Scared, lonely
Destroying, faking, terrifying
Some people are not afraid
Dreaming, amazing, helping
Peace, brave
Redress
By Knowledge

Pushing for Peace

It takes a community to push for peace. Take the **Kids' Pledge of Nonviolence**, then do your part to make a difference.

Making peace must start with me. I commit myself as best I can to become a nonviolent and peaceable person.

To Respect Myself and Others

To respect myself and other people and to keep from saying or doing mean things to others.

To Communicate Better

To share my feelings honestly, to look for safe ways to talk and act when I'm angry, and to work at solving problems peacefully.

To Listen

To listen carefully to others, especially those who disagree with me, and to care about other's feelings and not always demand to have my own way.

To Forgive

To say I'm sorry and mean it when I have hurt another person, to forgive others when they have hurt me, and to keep from holding grudges.

To Respect Nature

To treat the environment and all living things, including my pets, with respect and care.

To Play Creatively

To play in fun ways and not mean ways, and to keep from using toys, watching TV programs and playing games that make violence look exciting or funny.

To Be Courageous

To challenge violence in all its forms whenever I see it, whether at home, at school or in the community, and to stand with others who are treated unfairly.

"Eliminating violence, one person at a time, starting with me."

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Just a Few Local & National Websites Pushing for Peace

Alternatives, Inc. <http://www.alternativesyouth.org/>

C.R.I.M.E. - Compassion, Respect, Inspiration, Motivation, Empathy
<http://www.crimeteens.com>

Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence <http://www.icpgv.org/>

Purpose Over Pain <http://purposeoverpain.org/>

South Chicago Arts Center <http://www.happyartcenter.org/>

Stop Bullying Now <http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov>

Victory over Violence <http://www.vov.com>

Hundreds of organizations are pushing for peace. Share the one's you admire with your friends and neighbors, so we'll all make a difference.



Do you need ideas for how you can push for peace in your home, school or neighborhood? Chicago Public Library Children's Librarians have recommended some books that can give you some ideas.

Remember, your neighborhood library is a safe haven. You can always visit a library to discover the wonderful things the world has to offer. A friendly librarian can be your guide.

Books for Peace

Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace

By James Proimos
Little, Brown, 2009 • Ages 6-8

The Big Book for Peace

Edited by Ann Durell and Marilyn Sacha
Dutton, 1990 • Ages 7-10

Let There be Peace

Edited by Jeremy Brooks, illustrated by Jude Daly
Frances Lincoln, 2009 • Ages 7-12

Chrissa Stands Strong

By Mary Casanova
American Girl, 2008 • Ages 8-12

Bullying and Me: Schoolyard Stories

By Ouisie Shapiro, illustrated by Steven Vote
Whitman, 2010 • Ages 9-13

One Peace: True Stories of Young Activists

By Janet Wilson
Orca, 2008 • Ages 9-13

Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World

By Jane Breskin Zalben
Dutton, 2006 • Ages 9-13

Peace Tales: World Folktales to Talk About

Compiled by Margaret Read MacDonald
August House, 2005 • Ages 10 and up

Peaceful Heroes

By Jonah Winter, illustrated by Sean Addy
Scholastic/Levine, 2009 • Ages 9-12

Seedfolks

By Paul Fleischman
HarperCollins, 1997 • Ages 9-13

Taking Action Against Gangs

By Sarah Levette
Rosen Central, 2010 • Ages 12 and up

Taking Action Against Youth Crime

By Jacqui Bailey
Rosen Central, 2009 • Ages 12 and up

Exhibit Dates & Locations

Sept. 17 - Oct. 13, 2010	South Side Community Federal Credit Union 5401 S. Wentworth Ave., Suite 25 Opening Reception - Sept. 17, 2010 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Oct. 16 - Oct. 30, 2010	Harold Washington Thomas Hughes Children's Library 400 S. State St.
Nov. 6 - Nov. 27, 2010	Toman Library 2708 S. Pulaski Rd. Learn About the Quilts - Nov. 13, 2010 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Dec. 4 - Jan. 3, 2011	Coleman Library 731 E. 63rd St. Learn About the Quilts - Dec. 11, 2010 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Jan. 8 - Jan. 30, 2011	Chicago Center for Cultural Connections Various religious institutions & faith-based organizations (call 312-236-9272 for locations)
Feb. 5 - Feb. 19, 2011	Bezazian Library 1226 W. Ainslie St Learn About the Quilts - Feb. 12, 2011 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Feb. 26 - Mar. 12, 2011	Chicago Center for Cultural Connections Various religious institutions & faith-based organizations (call 312-236-9272 for locations)
Mar. 18 - Apr. 15, 2011	State Farm Office of Multicultural Markets 200 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 201

Learn About the Quilts is a chance for you to hear about the quilts from its student artists. You'll also have a chance to talk with others about ways you push for peace and be a part of a poetic peace art project.

All dates and times are subject to change.

Visit <http://www.ramonadlindsey.blogspot.com> for the most current information.

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