



"Come Together" First Annual Report 2003



A moving start

The concept of the Children's P.E.A.C.E. Center was developed when a group of individuals, including Andria Melham (current President and CEO), from Georgia toured the *Children's Peace Pavilion*, a peace museum located in Independence, Missouri. During our visit in the fall of 1994, we were excited about the concept of teaching peace to children and their families. In collaboration with the *Children's Peace Pavilion*, utilizing similar ideas and exhibit concepts, the Georgia group, along with some friends and neighbors, started the plans for a peace museum in the Atlanta area. Rather than embarking on a full-sized children's museum, we decided to do a traveling museum first. So, we designed and built portable exhibits that could be taken to elementary schools and other organizations. The first public presentation was given September 1996 in Ashville, NC. Since its inception, the portable "museum without walls" has traveled from Florida to Canada, touching the lives of over 25,000 children and their families.

After many visits and presentations over the last eight years, we have updated and refined the exhibits and concepts to form a successful, interactive, hands-on program for children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Formerly known as "The Atlanta Peace Mobile", "Peace Travels" is now being expanded and programs are being developed for all grades, Pre-school through High School, as well as involving intergenerational activities. Each exhibit teaches a concept of peace that equips children to handle the daily situations that confront them. We came together to create a program to encourage individuals to make peaceful choices in order to eliminate some of the violence that is around our neighborhoods and help make them a friendlier and more peaceful place in which to live and grow.

Guided by our Mission...

"Encourage and equip children of all ages to develop peacemaking skills that enrich their lives and those around them" ...

...our exhibits bring entire schools together in small groups to build community, promote teamwork, and encourage understanding of the four main concepts of peaceful living.

Be Me



- Children discover the wonder and beauty within, where peace begins. They explore emotions, learn self-esteem, self-control, and recognize their talents and uniqueness with different hands-on exhibits.



Be a Community



- Children explore daily relationships of family and friends. They see how cooperation and teamwork makes things more fun. Children learn that respect, conflict resolution, and communication skills can make life easier.



Be Global



- Children examine the possibilities for peace within small groups; learn global appreciation, and the beauty of cultural diversity. They learn to understand others and their way of living.



Be Earth-Wise



- Children learn to appreciate our planet, experiment with ecology, understand animals, and to respect nature.



A dream united

With the success of our traveling program, we felt that if we were to reach the most children and help to change lives and communities in a peaceful manner, then we needed to continue to pursue the original dream. We wanted to create a recognizable place, a safe environmentally friendly atmosphere to allow interactive experimentation in improving character, building self-esteem, and developing peacemaking skills for life in each visitor. Each person would be encouraged to learn that they do have alternatives to violence and can indeed build a peaceful community in which to live.

As Gandhi dreamed “If we are to reach real peace in the world, we shall have to begin with children.”

And so we did. With the encouragement of our neighborhood children and a few dedicated, very hard working individuals energized with the renewed vision of a permanent Children's PEACE Center, the legal steps were begun in 2002.



We were officially incorporated as Children's Peace Education And Community Enrichment Center, Inc. on February 28, 2003. This name is our dream, our vision, and our mission.



But our dream needed to be funded and needed to be recognized for the charitable service that we were providing and intended to build. We dug through the myriad of paperwork and were approved for our non-profit status on August 29, 2003. We were finally a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization in the state of Georgia.

We were thrilled. Our dreams had come together.

We thank those who united with our dream through their donations...

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A vision shared



As with any good dream that is becoming a reality, it is never done alone or in a vacuum. We wish to take this time to express our deepest appreciation for the many individuals and groups that came together and shared hundreds of volunteer hours to get us through our "Get Organized Year" of 2003. Our goals for 2003 were to Incorporate, obtain our Tax Exemption, build our Board of Directors to Five members, Develop a Business Plan and still serve 1500 children during the process.

Our Board of Directors led the way through all the tasks. Each board member brought specific experience directly related to the establishment of the Children's PEACE Center.

Andria D. Melham

President Children's PEACE Center 2003

Director Atlanta Peace Mobile, Peace Travels

As Founder of the Children's PEACE Center, **Andria Melham** serves as President and CEO. She designed and built or supervised the building of most of the exhibits utilized in the Children's PEACE Center and the traveling program, along with setting up the main programs presented.

Barbara Hughes

Secretary Children's PEACE Center 2003

Director Marketing & Public Relations

Barbara Hughes, Founding Board member of Children's PEACE Center, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, serves as Secretary, and adds a wide variety of experience to the board. She designed the "Bring Peace to Life" program for the Children's PEACE Center and has been instrumental in organizing and supporting most of the programs being presented.

Martha Schulte

Vice President Children's PEACE Center 2003

Director Strategic Planning

As a Founding Board member of Children's PEACE Center, Martha Schulte, serves as Vice President and chaired the Strategic and Business Planning Committee. She is also the chair of the building committee and working on contacts for a permanent building for the Children's PEACE Center.

Carol Braby

Director of Development

Carol Braby, Founding Board member of Children's PEACE Center serves as the Director of Development and Fundraising strategies. She has been instrumental in starting the peace program of the Children's PEACE Center for the Girl Scouts of Northwest Georgia.

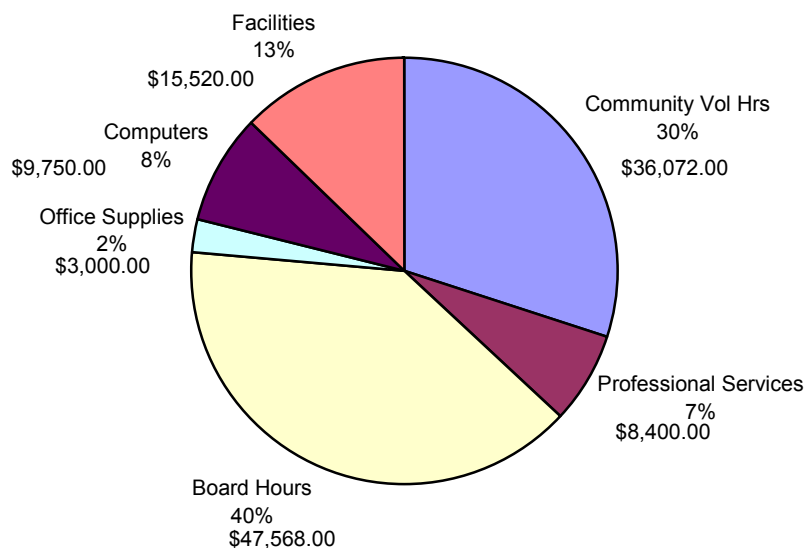


We appreciate the efforts and long hours the Board members provided in order to bring the vision of peaceful living to children, their families and neighborhoods. Our goal was to end the year with five Board members, but due to unforeseen circumstances we ended with only four. Our plan for 2004 will be to recruit more Board members as well as other volunteers.

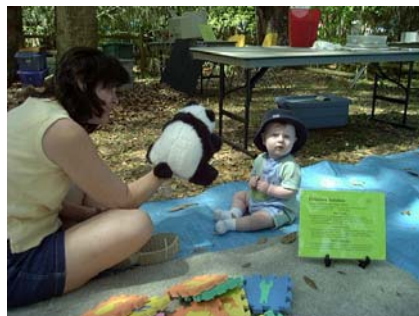
SUCCESES: For the year 2003, just under 1500 children, plus 150 families, along with 866 other adults enjoyed the traveling museum and some of the outreach programs. We made four local and five long distance visits covering almost 3000 miles. Two Board Members attended a conference for Emerging Museums in Houston, TX with the Association of Children's Museums. Board Members spent many hours in training classes, and doing paperwork. We were finally incorporated, obtained our Tax Exemption, built our Board to four members and began the four year Business Plan. We also ended the year with a new website, and lots of friends and supporters.



In Kind Donations 2003
Estimated Market Value \$120,310.00



As we came together to share the vision of the possibilities of peace, our budget was small, but the hearts of the many supporters and participants was large. With all the volunteer hours, the year ended with the renewed hope for a more peaceful tomorrow through the joint efforts of dedicated individuals willing to share their gifts and talents with today's children.





Income/Expense Cash Basis 2003

INCOME	YTD 2003	EXPENSES	YTD 2003
Donations	1,585.98	Bank Charge	40.92
Grants	2,200.00	Board	100.00
Other Inc, Bus	4,000.00	Dues and Subscriptions	707.00
	-----	Education	1,620.51
TOTAL INCOME	7,785.98	Exhibit Supplies	89.96
		Insurance, Bus	665.00
		Legal-Prof Fees	200.00
		Licenses and Permits	630.00
		Marketing	125.89
		Planning Startup	145.00
		Postage and Delivery	57.55
		Printing and Reproduction	10.00

		TOTAL EXPENSES	4,391.83

		Net Cash Flow	3,394.15

A possible future

We've come together, dreamed and planned together. Now we look forward to 2004 as our "Promotion Year" to get the word out. The Children's PEACE Center plans to be located somewhere in the Metro Atlanta area. We're looking for sufficient space for the expansion of our current programs in order to start serving the community even more than we've been able to in the past.

Program Objectives

- **Enlighten** children by helping them discover their gifts, talents and uniqueness in a safe, friendly learning atmosphere.
- **Equip** children with the learning skills necessary to recognize harmful behaviors in themselves and others and take steps to correct them.
- **Encourage** children to take control of their own behaviors and actions in order to develop peaceful lifestyles.
- **Empower** children to make better choices that enrich their lives, that of their community, and the environment.



Peace IS Possible when people start moving towards understanding, unite in a dream for a peaceful community, and then share that vision with everyone.

Won't you join us in building a more positive and peaceful future? We need your donations of ideas, hard work, and funds. It's your children's future. Come together with us to promote this dream of a peaceful future. As Gandhi said "You must be the change you wish to see in the world". The Children's PEACE Center can help make those changes with your help.

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PEACE, If it's to BE, It's up to YOU and ME!!

