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## **Local School Reaches Out To Help Kids in War-Torn Countries**

SHELBURNE, October – Students of **Hyland Heights Elementary School** have risen to the challenge of helping kids less fortunate than themselves, in this year's '**Centipede Children for Peace' Card Project**, presented by **DAREarts Foundation**.

The students at the school eagerly took part in the creation of these one-of-a-kind art cards, contributing 270 cards to the Project. But these students went a step farther. Many of the children and their parents also bought or sponsored their own cards, which donated even more to the fund. In fact, some students sponsored extra cards as well.

Many of these beautiful cards go to the kids in those war-torn countries via our troops, sending the message of peace from our children to theirs.

One of these remarkable students, **Liam Moxey**, aged 10, donated two weeks of his allowance and part-time earnings towards this international Children for Peace Project. The visiting artist, **David Aspenlieder**, told Liam's class a story about two friends, split apart by a tragedy involving a land mine in Afghanistan. The story moved Liam to donate his earnings from two weeks' allowance and a part-time job at his neighbour's farm, towards the Children for Peace project.

Liam said, *"I wanted to do something to make sure that there were no more land mines anymore. It makes me feel fantastic to help kids who have so much less than us."*

For the 4th year, the DAREarts '**Centipede Children For Peace**' project is being embraced by local area schools. This original card-making program was initiated in Canada by DAREarts' founder, **Marilyn Field**. It is an international children's charity dedicated to promoting peace as '**Centipede Children For Peace**'. Local schools involved to date are: **Caledon East; Centre Dufferin District; East Garafraxa; Elora, Grand Valley; Hyland Heights; King's College; Mayfield; Montgomery Village; R.H. Lagerquist; St. Andrew; St. Benedict; St. Peter and St. Stephen.**

Children, their teachers and local artists are joining forces to help other kids. An impressive 2,962 local children and youth have dared to each make an original card and donate it for sale as part of the **Headwaters' Arts Festival**.

### **Backgrounder:**

By creating an original card, each child becomes part of the international movement '**Centipede Children for Peace**' that has been recognised by the Nobel Peace Prize committee. Numerous heads of state, **the Pope** and **United Nations Secretary General, Kofi Annan** also support the movement. In its 11th year, one million children participate yearly around the world, including, through DAREarts, 10,000 Canadian

youth. In 2001, DAREarts Founder, Marilyn Field, conducted an international choir of 'Children For Peace' from twenty-two countries at the **Nobel Peace Prize's** 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert.

In cooperation with **NATO** peace keeping forces, the children's cards have previously bought three special ambulances for the children in Kosovo, rebuilt schools in Bosnia, helped to purchase 'BigFoot', a landmine removal machine, supplied 1,000 school bags for kids in Afghanistan and helped **Canadian Olympic wrestler, Daniel Igali**, build a school in Eniwari, Nigeria.

DAREarts founder **Marilyn Field**, expressed, "*Our local youth deserve our support and encouragement. With hard work and creativity, they are becoming a strong and impressive force to spread the message of peace and to raise funds to help children in both Canada and abroad who are affected by wars. We are so proud of our own local youth! By their creative actions, they are becoming responsible world citizens who know how to put their caring into affirmative action.*"

Our own local youth now dare you to take up their cause by purchasing their beautiful cards! Check with schools or call DAREarts at 1-888-540-2787. For more details, visit [www.darearts.com](http://www.darearts.com).

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