



'DAREARTS CHILDREN FOR PEACE' CARD PROJECT 2007

It's **Headwaters Arts Festival** time again, and for the 4th year, local schools are 'daring' to participate with over 3,000 kids making cards. These 'Children for Peace' will not only create, but also take on responsibility as caring Canadians during the **Headwaters Arts Festival**, and through their art, help kids in Ontario's far north & kids in Afghanistan. As teachers, it's time to register your classes to participate in this remarkable life lesson. Sample cards are posted on our website, www.darearts.com.

"We are ordinary children from ordinary schools but we know that, even though we are just specks in this big world, we can make a difference to children who are suffering. We paint greeting cards to sell and, with the proceeds, help children who are suffering from wars in their country. We want those children to know that we are thinking of them." Barbara, 12

In two-hour workshops, students each create their own unique and colourful greeting card, while exploring the artistic choices of theme, design and colour. Most importantly, they will see how their creative work can help others and connect with children worldwide. Each original card, signed by the student-artist, is sold for a \$5 donation to parents and other supporters to raise money.

Last year:

During the **Headwaters Arts Festival**, over 3,000 kids in 19 local schools participated in the Children for Peace project through DAREarts and helped kids who live in over a dozen fly-in-only First Nations communities in northern Ontario overcome their isolation. This year's **Headwaters Arts Festival** theme is: "**MY PASSION** ...helping other kids, **MY ART**... will do that"! In May, we delivered **2000 original Children for Peace** cards to **CFB Trenton Military HQ** that were sent to the **Canadian PeaceKeepers in Afghanistan**. Each card had an English message of peace and love, as well as a message in Pashtu from Canadian children. The Canadian troops gave the cards to Afghan families to help spread the message of peace and love.



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Backgrounder:

DareArts Foundation works in cooperation with an international children's peace movement 'Children with love, Children for Peace'. The movement began 15 years ago in the Czech and Slovak Republics and now has one million children participating in schools around the world. In the past, in cooperation with the NATO peace-keeping forces, sales of the children's cards have bought three special ambulances for the children in Kosovo, helped to buy a 'bigfoot' landmine remover and rebuilt a school in Bosnia!

Please fax your school registration ASAP so that your school can participate as part of the Headwaters Arts Festival, and be listed in the Orangeville Banner.

This year, we also offer a chance for your school to raise \$2 for each card sold by your students themselves. Call us for details: 905-729-0097.

DareArts will be publicly displaying the cards at the Alder Recreation Centre on Saturday, October 6th, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.