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PEACE DAY PHILLY: A GLOBAL DAY OF LOCAL OPPORTUNITY

Philadelphia, PA (September 11, 2024) – For the fourteenth consecutive year, Peace Day Philly will encourage peace actions and include programs related to personal, local and global peace. The Peace Day Philly initiative is a non-profit, volunteer initiative for the United Nations International Day of Peace (**September 21**).

Said Founder Lisa Parker: *“I was born and raised in Philly, and worked as a social worker in Philly neighborhoods for a number of years. When I learned about the International Day of Peace in 2010, I believed it could have great unifying impact on the City of Brotherly Love, increasing levels of peace between people, organizations and communities.”*

Peace Day Philly encourages individuals, organizations and communities to use the platform of this global day to do something for peace in their world. For organizations, it is a chance to collaborate and share with the public the work they are doing related to peace; for communities, it can help them come together with a renewed vision; for individuals, it is an opportunity to take small steps toward greater peace that can inspire further actions well beyond the day.

Peace Day Philly 2024 programs will take place from September 16 through September 22. Go to www.peacedayphilly.org/events for details on each event. Since 2011, Peace Day Philly has encouraged, collaborated on or organized over 200 programs related to personal, local and global peace on and around Peace Day and over 185 organizations have been involved. This year’s effort will involve over 25 area organizations who are offering or collaborating on programs related to personal, local or global peace (all free).

Peace Day Philly is working in cooperation with both the Philadelphia School District and Police Department to engage youth in Peace Day activities using our Peace Day Tool Kit and other idea resources. Peace Day Philly has worked with the Philadelphia Police Department since 2011 to encourage peace activities in districts across the city, especially those related to children and youth.

A featured program for 2024 is *Cultivating Peace In Philadelphia* on September 18, 6-8pm, at the Philadelphia Ethical Society. Panelists working for peace in the city from various perspectives will address the following questions: How is your organization/effort successfully building Peace in Philadelphia? What are some of the challenges you have they faced, and what are your hopes for the future? More about this program at: <https://www.peacedayphilly.org/event/cultivating-peace-in-philadelphia/>.

Peace Day Philly’s *What Can You Do?* Section of www.peacedayphilly.org has many ideas for engaging in Peace Day. It is unique nationally and internationally in terms of its scope.

See our PSA here: <https://bit.ly/PDPPSA>. See our video here: <https://bit.ly/PDPvideo1>.