

**The Peace Resource Center  
of San Diego**

**2006 Program  
and Service Review**



**The year 2006 marked the Peace Resource Center's 26th anniversary.**

For 26 years, the Peace Resource Center has been a consistent presence in the San Diego community, speaking out against violence in all of its forms and providing a voice for peaceful, nonviolent ways to solve interpersonal, community and global problems.

Although these are difficult years for all peace-loving people, we continue to speak out for peace, social justice, nonviolence, tolerance and reconciliation and to help build the mass movement needed to address these momentous challenges.

2007 will be another challenging year.

But it will also be a year of opportunity for us to make new alliances with the growing numbers of people who are disillusioned by this country's militarism and to continue our ongoing task of building a "Culture of Peace."

As we move into our 27th year, we will continue to provide the kind of active presence for peace and nonviolent solutions that is needed, especially in these times!

It will also be an exciting year as we move closer to realizing our goal of a permanent Peace Center. The new building, the Friends Center, will be an enduring visual statement of our dedication to advancing peace and social justice values.

Peace Resource Center members can be proud of our past 26 years of work and look forward to building an even larger peace community as we continue our work in the new year for a better world for future generations.

# The Friends Center Our Permanent Home

The Friends Center is a collaborative effort of the Peace Resource Center, the First Church of the Brethren, the San Diego Friends Meeting, and the American Friends Service Committee, San Diego Area. It will be an enduring visual statement of our dedication to advancing peace, social justice and spiritual growth. As an environmentally-sound “green” building, it will be a witness to our commitment to wise stewardship of the earth’s resources. Built and operated in collaboration, the building will daily demonstrate how organizations with common values can share resources and work together to create new models for social change. (See the building website at [www.sdfriendscenter.org](http://www.sdfriendscenter.org) for more info.)



*Progress to date, December 2006  
Photo: Hal Brody*

In 2006, we moved into Phase II of our construction project. As 2006 comes to a close, we’re proud to announce that we have completed the Friends Center’s load-bearing portion of the frame, using donated light-gage steel. As you can see, the building is really taking shape!



*San Diego Peace Corps Association  
Work Party  
July 2006  
Photo: Hal Brody*

In addition to our initial permaculture projects, another large area has been graded for a third permaculture area! Irrigation lines are being laid and we have about half the trees needed to fill this new slope. We hope the rest will be donated soon by some kind “Nursery for Peace.” Last year’s permaculture is thriving, with many enjoying the “fruits” of their labor. Our permaculture effort has been greatly enhanced this year by the formation of “Gardeners for Peace,” a group of volunteers who have come together to take care of the plants. To help, contact them at [gardeners4peace@hotmail.com](mailto:gardeners4peace@hotmail.com).



*West Orchard Work Crew  
October 2006  
Photo: Hal Brody*

We had been building with all volunteer labor, but received a donation this year to hire two construction apprentices to help our three permanent volunteers. They started working toward the end of the year. We continue to have the help of regular and occasional volunteers. So far there have been over 150 volunteers helping with this project, including individuals on regular, part-time schedules and groups like the annual Work-A-Thon sponsored by the PRC and Project Yano, the San Diego Buddhist Peace Fellowship, the Unitarian Universalist Church in Hillcrest, UCSD’s Engineers Without Borders, and the San Diego Peace Corps Assoc. If you or a group you work with would like to be on our volunteer list and receive e-mail notices of building progress and volunteer opportunities, please contact us.



*Annual Work-a-thon for Peace & Justice  
June 2006  
Photo: Hal Brody*

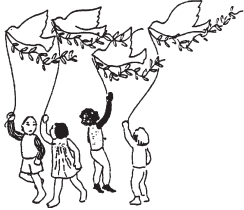
We invite you to come and see our future home! The offices and meeting rooms are well-defined. You can get a real sense of the size and layout and how the different areas relate to each other.

***This project is only possible through donations of money, materials and services, and volunteer labor from people like you. So far we have raised about 90% of the needed resources. If you can help in any way, please contact Hal Brody at 619-549-3826 or [hbrody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hbrody@sbcglobal.net)***

# PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

## TEACHING PEACE, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND NONVIOLENCE

### *Children and Nonviolence Program:*



Our Children and Nonviolence Program reaches parents and teachers of young children through workshops that encourage purchasing toys that promote positive, cooperative play, use the child's imagination, and teach pro-social values. In these inter-active discussions we also talk about ways to monitor a family's use of media—TV, video games and movies.

We are excited about the response from parents who are working diligently to create an atmosphere of peace, cooperation and sharing in their homes and lives.

Our workshops take place all over the county from National City to Point Loma to Mira Mesa and El Cajon. Some of our venues have included Miramar College Parent Participation, Fremont School, Palmer Way School, El Cajon Head Start and St. Peters Point Loma Lutheran Church Pre-school. We also were a presenter at the YMCA's Parent Conference in March.

Our involvement at our Partners in Education school, Darnall Charter School continues to expand. In addition to year-round activities, we will moderate a discussion in January 2007 with parents on "Positive Parenting for a Peaceful Home" using nonviolent communication skills and conflict resolution techniques.



*PRC Board President, Betty Imlay, and volunteers Linda Weber & Charles Tatum, Westminster Presbyterian Alternative Gift Fair  
Photo: Joanne Thompson*

We are always looking for new volunteers who are interested in working in this important area!

### *High School Peace Writing Contest:*

After a two-year hiatus, we resumed our annual High School Peace Writing Contest for the 2005-2006 school year. This important project gives young people, grades 9-12, the opportunity to contribute their solutions to problems facing our world. The 10 winning entries are available in booklet form on our website: [www.prcsd.org](http://www.prcsd.org). Our topic for the 2006-2007 school year is "What Can My Generation Do To Help Create a Peaceful World Free of War and Violence?"



*Nagasaki Day Demonstration outside Bechtel Corporation's San Diego office  
August 2006*

*Photo: Carol Jahnkow*

## CREATING PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The PRC's work on peace, social justice and disarmament issues is done through participation in annual community events, through coordination of special programs, by providing speakers for events, conducting media interviews, writing and distributing fliers and articles and by mobilizing our membership to respond to local and world events.

A major focus since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon has been working with the San Diego Coalition for Peace and Justice. Since its formation, just days after the attacks, the coalition has been an important voice for uniting people in San Diego who are opposed to the Bush Administration's drive to keep us in a state of perpetual war and maintain US hegemony and domination in the world. The coalition has organized a variety of events, including demonstrations, teach-ins, public meetings, leafleting at public places, including street fairs and outside high schools.

The PRC contributes significant resources to the coalition, helping to make sure the overall effort is successful by working on and supporting coalition committees, making sure the coalition has a place to meet, helping to keep demonstrations peaceful by training and providing peacekeepers and police liaison work, serving as a media contact and press spokesperson, and providing administrative support.

Some of the events on which we worked with the coalition to help organize include: Peace Contingent in the Annual Martin Luther King Parade, Jan. 15; Anti-War Rally and Peace Festival on the third anniversary of the Iraq War,



*Declaration of Peace Week activities included this puppet created by the S.D. Puppet Insurgency  
Photo: Michael Gomel*

# THE PEACE RESOURCE CENTER:

## A CLEARINGHOUSE AND INFORMATION RESOURCE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Founded in 1980 by six local organizations committed to peace, the Peace Resource Center (PRC) now has over 40 member organizations and hundreds of individual and family members.

The Peace Resource Center works for peace by:

- **Educating** the public on peace and social justice issues
- **Facilitating** communication and networking among peace-related groups
- **Functioning** as a central clearinghouse for information about community, national and international peace and social justice efforts and activities

- **Consulting** on peace education, program planning and nonviolent conflict resolution
- **Publishing an up-to-date Peace Calendar** on the web at [www.prcsd.org/webcalendar](http://www.prcsd.org/webcalendar)
- **Providing** speakers, trainers and workshops on a variety of peace-related topics, including nonviolent methods
- **Promoting** dialogue and understanding of the causes of violence and militarism and promoting ideas for constructive nonviolent actions and solutions

March 19; Nagasaki Day Demonstration at the downtown office of war profiteer, Bechtel Corp., Aug. 9; and Declaration of Peace Week activities, Sept. 21-28.

In addition, the PRC organized the Annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day Vigil, Aug. 6; participated in various forums and community events, including the "Thank You Lt. Watada" Dinner, Oct. 14; the Zapatista Corn Harvest Festival, Nov. 4; and, our Director, Carol Jahnkow and Board Member, Allen McAfee, participated in the June 2006 World Peace Forum in Vancouver.

**Other Affiliations:** We are a part of many local, national and international coalitions and networks, including the Abolition Caucus, United for Peace and Justice, National Priorities Project, Child Soldiers Coalition, Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space and the Military Toxics Project. During the year we participated in campaigns and responded to action alerts from these various organizations. We continued our support for the Pacific Campaign for Disarmament and Security, a networking and action group focusing on Asia-Pacific security issues, and for which the PRC director serves as the Administrator/U.S. Country coordinator.

## KEEPING THE PRC GOING...

**Volunteer Recruitment, Coordination and Training:** Volunteers are the backbone of the PRC. Our dedicated volunteers assist in many ways, including participation on our Board of Directors and Advisory Board, office support, help with mailings and at events, and serve on program committees. Volunteers are also playing a key role in helping to build our new facility.

**Fundraising:** The PRC's operating budget for 2005 was a modest \$50,000. This sum supports all of our program work and the salary of a full-time Executive Director—our only paid staff person.

**Most of our income comes from the community through membership dues, monthly pledges and contributions by members.** In addition to this our work was funded by:

- 2006 Work-a-thon for Peace & Social Justice, June 24—a joint project with Project YANO

- Spaghetti Dinner at the Big Kitchen, co-sponsored with San Diego Street Light Newspaper, Oct. 11
- Souper Supper 26th Anniversary Dinner, Nov. 19, with keynote speaker, Azim Khamisa, from the Tariq Khamisa Foundation

## BE A PEACEMAKER! GET INVOLVED!

The Peace Resource Center of San Diego depends on community support to carry out its peace education programs. To become a member, please fill out the coupon below and return to the PRC.

*The PRC is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, educational organization. All memberships and contributions are tax-deductible as allowable by law.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up! Enclosed are my membership dues:

\$35 Individual       \$45 Family

\$20 Senior/student/low income       \$50 Organization

I love the PRC! Enclosed is a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Peace Center's new building project.

Please send me information about how I can volunteer for the new building project and other Peace Center activities.

*The Peace Resource Center Of San Diego*

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