



In these unique and challenging times more than ever we need global peace and understanding. Throughout the world, so many children are often facing the challenges of poverty, wars, neglect, violence, homelessness, family loss, and just plain fear. Since the onset of COVID-19, all have worsened. So many

countries, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Russia, Syria, and Nigeria to name a few. Young children from cultures so different than our own here in our U.S., these children are so in need to feel safe and secure, validated, have a feeling of self-worth, simply from the knowledge that someone actually cares about them as an individual. In support of these children, CWA Community Outreach has engaged in the support of The Memory Project.

The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization established in

2004 facilitating an intracultural exchange through heartfelt art from youth to youth throughout the world reaching schoolbased children, K-12. Please check out www.memoryproject.org.

CWA Community Outreach has been supporting this meaningful endeavor by our collaboration with teachers and their students connecting them to The Memory Project and providing financial support. In the more advanced program, students create special hand-made portraits from photos sent. Other programs are available for younger art students at all levels to create and express their own gifts of art. These gift exchanges are sent back to the young students in their designated country. A very joyful presentation occurs. Unique

> childhood memories are made as each child receives their very own treasured special gift from another child, unknown, across the world from the United States. A portrait of themselves. Or a gift of a drawing, just for them with their name on it! A validation of their existence, that they are valued and they are special! All this through the media of art and children.

> We had great success working with John Swett High School in Crocket and the memory project. We are currently working with

Unified School District in Concord. If you are aware of any like to share with us, we would love to talk to you.

Ygnacio Valley Academy School, and are talking to Mt. Diablo

schools that might be a potential candidate for this program, please give me a call at (925) 980-7722. If you have any thoughts or ideas about CWA Community Outreach that you would

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## Imagine!

Building peaceful cultural bridges throughout the world...no tools... no hammers...the carpenters are children. Their tools? A paint brush or crayon... A pencil or chalk. Art, the understood communicating language of the innocent young! May it continue to flourish.

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