## CIRCLE OF PEACE INTERNATIONAL

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Circle of Peace School is located in Makindye, a suburb of Uganda's capital city, Kampala. It is a familyrun urban school that educates about 250 students from preschool through Grade 7. Classes are taught in English. The school serves students of limited resources and nurtures responsible, hardworking, and disciplined individuals. Despite meager conditions, the school produces the highest-testing students in

Thirty-five percent of Peace School's students are AIDS orphans. These children would have no one to care for them without the school, which provides for all their needs: education, housing, food, clothing, medical care, and emotional support.

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## LETTER FROM CIRCLE OF PEACE SCHOOL

By Passy Mirembe Bbaale, Principal of Circle of Peace School, Makindye, Uganda

Greetings from Circle of Peace School! I am delighted to share with you our achievements:

Our Primary Leaving Examination scores for 2010 for Primary Seven students were as follows: eleven students scored in the 1<sup>st</sup> (top) level and three scored in the 2<sup>nd</sup> out of fifteen students.

I want to thank every one of you who have made possible the transfer of the lower school. Most importantly, the land purchase of the adjoining property to Circle of Peace School will help us expand and build modern buildings.

Thanks to our Directors and Friends in Richmond VA, Givology in Philadelphia, PA, AHEAD Energy in Marietta, OH, Givology Spiders at University of Richmond, VA, and Dr. David Hursh at University of Rochester, NY. Volunteer Megan Ney also did a remarkable job in the classroom and with afterschool activities for the boarding students. We look forward to hosting more volunteers like her. Megan was very committed!

Finally, we are so fortunate to have the support of Task Force members and Advisory Board members. You have done a great job in the United States of America of making your friends and neighbors aware of the Circle of Peace School. I thank you for your ongoing support. As we approach the end of the school year, I invite a member of the Task Force to be present during our Speech Day. This event will take place on November 27th, 2011. This is a day when our students showcase their success in academics and their crafts. All of our students have a unique talent. During this time, parents and the community get to see our students' work. They get the opportunity to buy items and support the school. As I tell you often, this is a team effort and the cooperation of the entire community is the key to our continued success and support for our students. Thank you for all that you do to make Circle of Peace School such a special place.

# 501(C)(3) APPLICATION FOR NON-PROFIT STATUS PREPARED

### By Tricia Dunlap, J. D. Candidate, University of Richmond School of Law 2011

Last October, I got up at 5:30 AM and rousted my thirteen year-old out of bed. He had a dentist appointment, but more critically, we had to get to the University of Richmond so I could stand in line. Though I had explained to him that there are only eight seats in the IP/ Transactional Law Clinic, and six of those are reserved for my class of rising "3L's", my poor son, loe, had a hard time accepting this. Naturally, we ran late, but as I dashed up the stairs to the Dean's Office at 6:30, I counted just five people in line.

Panting, I flopped to the floor, secure in my number six spot. Several people arrived just after me and dejectedly turned away, realizing their lost opportunity.

Little did I know then, our mad dash that morning set up one of the best experiences of my law school career. When the semester opened, I chose a returning client, Circle of Peace International (COPI). Professor John Carroll smiled broadly, "That's a good fit for you, I was hoping you'd pick them," he said. "It seems like a great cause," I replied, while also thinking that it

made for an interesting mix of clients. COPI needed a 501(c)(3) application completed ("How hard can that be," I thought at the time.)

My other clients included creation of a LLC for a new threeperson butcher shop; a review of new bylaws for an existing charity; and contract revisions for a onewoman business. I love helping good causes, and my entire client roster fit that bill. I dove in, meeting with each of my clients and making sure I understood their needs and goals. I drafted a letter to Joanita, thinking "that was easy." I looked over the IRS form used



The Intellectual Property and Transactional Law Clinic, under direction of supervising attorney, Assistant Clinical Professor John Carroll, provided free legal assistance to Circle of Peace School. As a result of his students' service on our behalf, we received our 501(c)(3) status.

We would like to thank Givology for acting as the fudiciary agent for Circle of Peace International prior to being granted its 501(c)(3) status. As an online nonprofit, Givology raises funds to support the education of students in schools around the world. The Circle of Peace School is thankful to be their partner as well. To visit Givology's website, go to www.givology.org.



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for requesting 501(c)(3) status and still believed I could knock out this project in no time. Then reality slowly dawned on me—the form was only a skeleton. It required a narrative explanation that covered the charity's history, mission, current activities, board member biographies, fund raising methods, partnerships with other nonprofits, and a host of other details. When I looked at the calendar, I realized Valentine's Day had snuck up on me, and I had no idea how to write this monster. If you have ever been an outsider trying to understand the workings of a close-knit group, perhaps you understand my dilemma.

Having no clue where to start, I decided to ask questions. E-mails flew back and forth from me to Joanita and to the other board members. Sometimes I needed mundane facts: "Exactly

when did you emigrate to the U.S.?" but often I asked multiple questions in emails that mimicked small novels. Their patient responses boomeranged back to me, and I spent all of March knitting together the information. Ultimately, I was astounded to realize the narrative had reached fifty-eight

"Joanita didn't just create a school, she inspired a movement that enriches lives across two continents."

pages—Trust me, that is much more a testament to the great things this charity has done than it is to my writing. Joanita didn't just create a school, she inspired a movement that enriches lives across two continents. Now, that is a really cool client.

Whatever I produced, however, the board of directors had to approve. As I clicked "send" on the email carrying the narrative to the board members, I wondered how all of these individuals would feel about the biography I'd written. It is one thing to support a cause you believe in, as they have done for years with gifts of time and money. It is another to see your work described by another person. After some minor revisions. Professor Car-

roll and I met with the board, and I presented the entire application package.

After their unanimous approval, we walked back to the law school together, enjoying the endorphin-high that lawyers feel when their client is happy. "It will be six months before we hear back

client is happy. "It will be six months before we hear back from the IRS," Professor Carroll mused. "Yeah, I'll be gone by then, but if it needs more work, just call me," I responded. "I'd love to do it." How happy we are to have been so wrong. The application was approved by the IRS within two months! Congratulations, COP!

We are now an official 501(c)(3) non-profit organization as Circle of Peace International

# UR STUDENT AWARDED \$10,000 GRANT TO BUILD POULTRY FARM AT PEACE SCHOOL

By David Davenport, Givology Spider and UR Student

Circle of Peace International is proud to announce that David Davenport, a rising junior at the University of Richmond and former president of Peace International's partner organization, Givology Spiders, was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Davis Projects for Peace Foundation that will be used to support the Circle of Peace School by building a poultry farm. The Davis Projects for Peace Foundation is supported by phi-

lanthropist Kathryn W. Davis who launched the program on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2007. Below, is a brief Q&A with David in which he describes his vision for the project:

What does your project entail for the Peace School? In August, I will be at the Peace School for just over three weeks to build a poultry farm that will make the school more self-sustainable financially. The main

function of the farm will be to raise egg-laying hens and sell the eggs for revenue that will go towards educating the students at the Peace School. Once I leave, Joanita Senoga's brother, Abraham Bbaale, who has run poultry operations before, will operate the farm.

What are some of your goals for the project, and how do you plan to achieve them?

My main goal is to establish a ->

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sustainable business with the capacity to grow. This project will build five chicken coops large enough to house about 5,000 laying hens, and I also will be using the grant to purchase the first brood of chicks and to put aside funds to cover the costs of raising them until they turn a profit. By covering the startup costs of the project, the poultry farm will not begin its operations in a deficit, and by building additional coops, the farm will have space to grow.

I also intend to provide business management tools, namely a laptop computer, that function as learning tools for the students. The laptop will have basic programs, like Excel, that will make it easier to keep track of business-related records. The laptop will also be loaded with video tutorials that will enable students to teach themselves how to use the computer and its software. While I am there, I also will be teaching Abraham and others how to use several basic computer programs.

Finally, I hope to be culturally and ethically-conscious about the consequences of this project. One of the main considerations I made was the project's environmental impact on the community. For example, will the chicken manure pose a health risk to neighbors and how will manure be disposed of? The farm will actually pose minimal health risks because it is located in a rural area, and most manure will be sold off as fertilizer for additional profits or used in the Peace Schools own garden.

### How did you come up with the idea for this project?

Several months before applications for the grant were due, I had heard about the grant and attended an information session. Having been involved with the Circle of Peace School for a little over a year through Givology, I knew that I wanted to apply for this grant and help the Peace School, so I met with Joanita, and we talked about the school's most immediate needs—and this was one of them. With the help, comments, and collaboration of

Joanita, Abraham, Bob and Anita Schneider, and other members of Circle of Peace International, I was able to put together this project.

### What are the benefits of this project for the Circle of Peace School and the surrounding community?

This project has many benefits for the Peace School, its students, and Makindye. However, I think that the most notable impact of this project will be the financial stability and sustainability it gives to the Peace School. Furthermore, by helping to secure the stability and sustainability of the Peace School, this project will help ensure that the Peace School can continue to improve its community by educating and inspiring its students, by supporting AIDS orphans, and by alleviating its community of poverty.

David will be leaving for Uganda on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to follow the progress of his project or if you have any questions to ask, you can email him at david.davenport@richmond.edu.



Abraham making bricks to build the chicken coops that will be funded by the Davis Projects for Peace Foundation



Megan Ney at the Circle of Peace School

# VOLUNTEERING AT CIRCLE OF PEACE SCHOOL, SUMMER 2010

### By Megan Nev, University of Richmond Graduate 2010

This past summer I had the privilege of spending five weeks at the Circle of Peace School. It was an unimaginable experience, and a day doesn't go by that I don't think of the students. teachers, and Bbaale family members in Makindye. It is impossible to express the needs of the students at the Peace School and the heartbreak I felt every day while working with the students. While the heartbreak was ever present, it was also impossible not to smile at the eagerness to learn, the creativeness in thought, and the intense desire to make something out of literally nothing but knowledge and a craving for a better life.

I now teach 4th grade in Northern Virginia, and I am pleased to say that not a day goes by that my students don't ask millions of questions about the Peace School and beg to help. I struggle sometimes as to whether my time there was well spent. Last week, I asked my students if they had a million dollars what would they do with it? Aiden wrote on his white board: donate it all to the Peace School. If a 9-year-old can grasp the needs of a school

7,000 miles away and a class can bring in clothes, shoes, books and pencils without prompting, I wonder what a community or country could do. I know these kids have nothing and they just need someone to support them. I hope we can all work together to spread the word and give a future to kids who often feel like no one out there is encouraging them to succeed. Show them we are. They deserve it.

To read more about Megan's experience at the Circle of Peace School, read her blog at meganney.blogspot.com.



West End Christian School, Hopewell, VA



(top) Nancy Walters & Joanita Senoga wearing the T-shirts designed by Fillmore **Central School** 

(middle) Walter's 2nd Grade class at Fillmore

(bottom) The 2nd Grade class adopted two students from the \$50 Campaign.

### HOPEWELL SCHOOL REACHES OUT

By Jenny Williams, 2nd Grade Teacher, Hopewell, VA

The elementary students at West End Christian School in Hopewell, Virginia are finding ways to help the students at the Circle of Peace School in Uganda. They are collecting school supplies, books, and personal care items to send to

Uganda in December. They will also send their chapel offering to the Circle of Peace School.

When Joanita visited the school in October, she shared pictures of the Ugandan students. The West End students plan to write letters to the

students in Uganda. They hope to have a pen pal who will write back. The students also plan to collect school supplies, books, shoes, and clothing over the winter months. They will send those things to Uganda in June.

## **OUR NEW GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECT** FOR 2010-11

By Nancy Walters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Fillmore, NY

Every year for the past few years, I've tried to do a global service learning project with my first and second graders at Fillmore Central School. It's a wonderful way to integrate curriculum while teaching students about our global society. It also connects them to others, and teaches them about service. So, after contacting the non-profit organization, Givology, the organization suggested Circle of Peace School for us, which turned out to be a great match. This year has been especially exciting as we worked to raise money for Peace School. We communicated often with Joanita, and we felt very connected to our project. The Fillmore students wanted to help Peace School so that all the chil- was to sell T-shirts designed

dren who wanted to attend school could do so. We wanted them to get the education they deserve so they can grow up and realize their dreams.

We raised money in several ways throughout the year. Besides filling a jar with coins in our classroom, our students made a variety of crafts to sell at our annual Christmas craft show. In February students got sponsors to sponsor them for every hour they read books. It was great! Then, in March, we sent home paper penny rolls to all of our students from Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We had many students return those penny rolls filled with pennies. Some students even asked for more!

One of our last fundraisers

especially for us and Peace School. They were really neat shirts, and everyone liked them! The highlight of our project was when Joanita came to our school. She also brought her friend, Iria. Students in grades K -6 enjoyed Joanita's presentation very much. She was certainly a success!! And she inspired us even more.

At the end of May, we are happy to report that we have raised \$2,250.00!!! This is enough to buy the Peace School a new copier with some money left over for student support.

We are happy that we have been able to help the Peace School and get to know Joanita and the students at the school. Circle of Peace School is a great place!

## SUN CATCHERS SHINE LIGHT ON THE CIRCLE OF PEACE SCHOOL

By Abbott Bailey, Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Preston sat at her table at Harvest on the Hill, the 2010 St. Andrew's Church Community

Fair, in front of a sign she'd made that read, "Let the Sun Shine for Circle of Peace

School!" She was selling ornaments, called Sun Catchers because of the way they catch  $\rightarrow$ 

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light through windows, that she had made to benefit the Circle of Peace School.

The idea came to her when she attended the photography exhibition hosted by St. Andrew's Church, "Images of Hope: What would you buy for \$50?" Preston, along with many other children and adults. walked through the exhibition carefully studying the photos of the Ugandan children and the pictures they'd drawn to illustrate what they would buy if they had \$50. She knew she wanted to help - to reach out to others - and share some of the blessings she has experienced in her own life.

When I asked Preston how she came up with the idea of

selling Sun Catchers for the School, she said, "I thought I could make money, and I didn't need it, so I thought the children in Uganda needed money more than I did. I already have everything I want and need, and they need a school so they can learn, so I wanted them to have it."

Preston found it a little challenging to stay at the table all afternoon during the fair because, she said, "I wanted to go pet the animals [at the petting zoo] and do other things at the fair, but I knew I had to stay there [to work] the table." Selling the Sun Catchers, however, wasn't difficult because Preston found that once people heard about them and the idea of letting the sun shine through them in their windows so that the sun could shine on the Cir-

cle of Peace School, it was an easy sell.

Preston would like to make a "whole bunch more" of the Sun Catchers so that she can give them to Joanita and Mary-Love to take to the children at the school in Uganda. She wants them to see what people bought to support them so that the sun could shine on them in Uganda.

Preston was not the only one compelled by the story of the children who attend Circle of Peace. The photography exhibition at St. Andrew's was a wonderful success, raising both awareness and nearly \$2,000 in funds for the School as people heard and saw the vision of access to quality education for all children in Uganda.



3rd grader paints crafts to raise money for Circle of Peace School, Richmond, VA

### Peace School Student Profile



### Barbara

I come from a family of four girls and one boy. Three years ago, my parents died, and the Director of Peace School brought me here to live. I don't know what has become of my sisters and brother, I have not seen them since I came here, and I don't know where they are.

I live in the Girl's Dormitory at Peace School. There are eight other girls here, and our teacher is Mrs. Oliver.

My best friend is Sherin. We pray, talk and study together. On Sundays I go →

## ST. ANDREWS TAKES A MISSION TRIP, SUMMER 2011

### By Elaine Baur, St. Andrew's Church, Richmond, VA

Rev. Abbott Bailey and Vestry member Elaine Baur from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will travel to Uganda with Mary-Love Bbaale on June 19<sup>th</sup> and stay at the Circle of Peace School for two weeks. Mary-love will stay in Uganda to oversee the operation of the school.

While in Uganda, Abbott and Elaine will learn more about the school, paint the class rooms, as well as interview the children attending the Circle of Peace School in order to create a video documentary video to be used for non-profit fundraising

They will also visit the nearby village, Kyaggwe, to meet and profile the young children who live there and dream of the opportunity and privilege to attend the Circle of Peace School—which can only happen through fundraising and sponsorship.

"Advance work" in planning for a 2012 mission trip, which the Circle of Peace School will host, will also be completed. St. Andrew's will organize the mission and open it to people throughout the diocese. Details about the 2012 mission trip will be announced shortly after Abbott and Elaine return in early July so that people will have adequate time to begin preparations for joining the mission trip next summer.



"These children thrive on being touched, hugged, talked to and acknowledged. They love any attention you give them. I'm fast falling in love with all of them!"

-Elaine Baur

To read more about Abbott and Elaine's experience, visit Abbott's blog at <u>standrewsoregonhill.wordpress.com</u>

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with Sherin to church nearby. That is one of the few times I leave the school compound.

I like living at Peace School because the teachers are kind, and the grounds are kept very clean. Every day we clean our rooms and the playground. We wash our clothes every couple of days.

My favorite subject is science. I hope to be a nurse someday. I would like to help sick people become well. I hope you can help me continue my studies so my dream of being a nurse can come true.

Note: The Circle of Peace School is a private school serving orphans and other children unable to afford the costs of attending public schools. As such, it receives no funding from public sources. Located in a suburb of Uganda's capital city, Kampala, the school is in a highly urban setting and must pay for water and sanitation service as well as teacher salaries and facilities. Provision the school makes for its students include:

School supplies and Educational Materials: text books; lights for studying at night; pencils; paper

Clothing and Hygiene Items: a school uniform; underwear; after school clothing; soap; toothpaste; laundry-soap; haircuts

**Room and board:** bedding; three meals a day; 24/7adult supervision

Other: medical care; transportation; sports equipment; musical instruments

To visit more student profiles, visit www.givology.org/~peaceprimary

## AHEAD ENERGY AND PEACE SCHOOL: A MUTUALLY ENHANCING PARTNERSHIP

By Mary Jeannette Ebenhack, CEO & President of AHEAD ENERGY

AHEAD Energy is an NGO based at Marietta College in Ohio that works with schools and medical facilities in Africa to help them obtain the energy they need to carry out their vital services. AHEAD began work with Circle of Peace School in 2009. Energy is needed at the school to cook meals, to refrigerate food, to pump water, to heat water for the purpose of bathing, cleaning and laundry, to light classrooms and other areas of the School, to charge phones and to run computers and classroom equipment. With sustainable energy systems, there are increased opportunities for learning, health improvements among students and staff, and relief from the drudgery and isolation that lack of access to energy entails-all this, while simultaneously safeguarding the environment.

### Solar photovoltaic

Peace School was formerly connected to Uganda's feeble power grid, but the cost of electricity was very high. In addition, there were frequent power outages.

In April 2009, AHEAD installed ten 120W solar panels, which are producing electricity to light the classrooms, the two dormitories, and the school yard; as well as running some small appliances. In April 2010, an additional seven solar panels were added that provide electricity for the school office and the main house. All incandes-

cent bulbs at the school were replaced with more efficient compact florescent bulbs.

### **Efficient cook stoves**

Prior to AHEAD's involvement, cooking was done seven days a week, using nothing more than a pot on an open fire. The school cook – a young mother – squatted on a dirt floor in a shed blackened by smoke with a baby often slung on her back, exposing them both to harmful smoke and pollutants. AHEAD arranged for the construction of a new kitchen and two twinburner "Rocket Stoves" with chimneys that funnel exhaust outside.

### Water heating

Working with the East Africa Energy Technology Development Network, AHEAD experimented with installing 200 liter tanks in the Rocket Stove chimneys so that water can be heated as food is cooking. Because this experiment has not been altogether successful, AHEAD is in the process of having solar thermal hot water units installed to provide hot water.

### Rainwater harvesting

Prior to AHEAD's involvement, the School was purchasing municipal water at a very high price, including water to flush toilets. In June 2010 AHEAD paid to have a water harvesting system installed so that rainwater can be used not only in

the latrines, but for cleaning, laundry, and bathing. In February 2011 a second system was installed to provide water to the showers that staff and boarding school students use. Most recently, AHEAD provided an electric pump to transfer water from holding tanks on the ground to elevated tanks.

### **Energy curriculum**

AHEAD Energy is working with college faculty and students to develop an energy curriculum for Peace School. The curriculum introduces the technical aspects of energy production and explains how the various systems installed at the school work and how to maintain them. Dr. David Hursh from the Warner Graduate School of Education at the University of Rochester (Rochester, New York, USA) has made two trips to the school to develop and implement the curriculum. On his most recent trip in Summer 2011, he brought two medical students to work on environmental health projects at the school.

Circle of Peace School is AHEAD Energy's first partner in East Africa. Learning from its experience at the School, AHEAD has gone on to assist four other entities in Uganda and Kenya with their energy needs. For more information about AHEAD Energy, please visit: www.aheadenergy.org.

To all of the friends and partners of the Circle of Peace School, we thank you for your kindness and your generosity.

Our successes over the course of the this past year would not have been possible without your support.

## SUMMARY OF OUTREACH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Spring 2010

Late March—Joanita Senoga gave a presentation to Mid-Atlantic Silent Retreat at the Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond. Following the presentation, several people expressed interest in supporting the CPS, and they were added to our mailing list.

#### Summer 2010

- June 18—Circle of Peace School Advisory Board, Task Force, and Givology Spiders all came together to support the Circle of Peace School, celebrate its accomplishments, and raise awareness about the Peace School and education in Africa. The event featured presentations from all partners involved, Joanita Senoga, and several students from East Africa. The event was combined with a silent auction.
- July and August—Givology Spiders and Task Force ran several car washes at the University of Richmond to support CPS.
- Mid-July—Iria Jones and Joanita Senoga gave a presentation to staff at the UR Boatwright Memorial Library on their trip to Uganda in December 2009.
- August 7—Joanita Senoga and David Davenport travelled to New York City for Givology's annual Back to School fundraiser.
- August 17—Michelle Friedman, Center Director of the Prime Time School Early Learning Center in Farmingdale, NY, had a conference call with Joanita. She will be partnering with the Circle of Peace School.
- August 27—St. Andrew's Church sponsored and hosted an "Images of Hope" exhibit, continuing the \$50 campaign started by Givology.

### Fall 2010

- Early September—John Carroll, UR law professor and attorney, and Wiley Grandy, law student, partnered with us to help with our legal needs, including our application for 501(c)(3) status. Later in January 2011, Tricia Dunlap, J.D. candidate at UR School of Law, joined the team.
- September 8—Joanita Senoga had an interview with Marilyn Shaw, editor of the Richmond Law Magazine.
- September 24—Givology Spiders sponsored another tour of the *Images of Hope* exhibit at Art Works Gallery for the month of September, with a special event on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- September 29—Joanita Senoga had a conference call with Jessica Williams from Texas A&M University. Ms. Williams plans to work with one of the University's fraternities to fund the furnishings for a classroom at CPS
- October 8—Joanita Senoga and David Davenport, UR student, presented at Moody Middle School. Three students plan to do a letter campaign at their school for the Peace School. When they are finished with their letter campaign, they are hoping to arrange a second fundraiser for CPS.

- Mid-October—Givology Spiders participated in Macy's "Shop for a Cause" to support the Circle of Peace School.
- Late-October—Joanita Senoga and Tom Wright followed up at Moody Middle School with another presentation. Three students, Reed Canaan, Robin Owen and Samantha Schwartzkopt, were interested in adopting Peace School as their project. They collaborated by involving their school in a letter writing campaign and a holiday gift.
- October 28—Joanita Senoga presented at West End Christian School. Students will be collecting school supplies for the Peace School that Ms. Senoga will take in December. They will raise funds to transport suitcases as well.
- November II—Circle of Peace School Task Force and Advisory Board held a Safari Train Banquet featuring presentations by Joanita Senoga, Iria Jones, Joyce Meng (Founder and CEO of Givology), and others. The event also featured a silent auction, and students from UR's Givology Spiders and APO service fraternity volunteered to help run the event.
- November 19-21—Joanita Senoga and her sister, Mary-Love Bbaale, travelled to Farmingdale, NY to discuss future plans with Michelle Friedman at the Prime Time School Early Learning Center.

### Winter 2010-2011

- Early December—Givology Spiders held a bake sale to help sponsor suitcases full of clothing and supplies going to the Circle of Peace School.
- February 4—Joanita Senoga, Laura Horne-Popp, and David Davenport met with University of Richmond Professor Rick Mayes and gave a presentation to his class in public health and global issues.

### Spring 2011

- March 13—Martha Edmonds invited Joanita Senoga to speak at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia. Ms. Senoga was accompanied by Iria Jones and MaryLove Bbaale.
- April I-3— Joanita Senoga and Iria Jones travelled to Buffalo New York where they made a presentation to the students of Fillmore Central School and Houghton College. They also spoke at the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Adult Sunday School Class. Nancy Walters, a teacher at Fillmore Central School, and her 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are raising funds to support CPS.

### Summer 201

- June 5—Joanita Senoga and Iria Jones returned to Farmingdale, NY for a fundraiser continuing the \$50 campaign.
- Mid-June—The Mid-Atlantic Silent Retreat group returned to Roslyn (see Late March 2010), and were interested in the progress of the Peace school. The group gave a donation toward the land purchase in the honor of Shinzen Yang.

### CIRCLE OF PEACE INTERNATIONAL

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### **Informational Gathering**

## Friday, July 8th 5-7:30pm

International Commons
Carol Weinstein International Center
University of Richmond

Speakers will include Joanita Senoga, Founder of Circle of Peace School and representatives from Circle of Peace International and Givology Spiders

If you have any questions or need parking directions, please email <a href="mailto:david.davenport@richmond.edu">david.davenport@richmond.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:jsenoga@richmond.edu">jsenoga@richmond.edu</a>

## Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

## Saturday, November 12th TBA

Hermitage Country Club

SAVE THE DATE

Stay tuned for details!

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