

PEACELOVE FOUNDATION



Community & Impact 2024



WELCOME Year in Review

On behalf of myself and the entire PeaceLove Community I want to express my sincere gratitude for your continued belief and support of our work and my dream to help millions of people create peace in their minds and lives. As I reflect on 2024, I am constantly inspired by the power of creative expression to change and save lives. I am also reminded of just how very real the struggle is for so many children, teens, and families in our communities. It's with great pride and a sense of purpose that I share my own story, my own struggles, and try my very best each and every day to advocate for awareness and solutions. Mental health impacts all of us, every single family has a story and a journey, it doesn't discriminate. Thanks to our

CREATORS we continue to provide programs and experiences that make a meaningful and measurable impact for so many. We continue to believe that creativity is the most powerful force to lift us up, help us connect and heal, and provide a safe space to share our own unique stories and journeys. I hope our 2024 Community & Impact Book will inspire you to continue to support the work of PeaceLove and my dream to spread the power of creativity. **-Jeffrey Sparr**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Sparr', is positioned below the text on the right side of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

JEFF'S JOURNEY

Battling the Invisible



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2024 CREATORS UPDATES

Impact

2024



53

CREATORS Trained



\$136,000

Scholarships Awarded



14,650

Individuals with Access

TOTAL



345

CREATORS Trained



\$1,280,000

Scholarships Awarded



96,210

Individuals with Access

2024 CREATORS VIDEO

CREATORS In Action



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CREATORS STORY

Embrace the Challenge

Story Shoes with CASA's middle school mentors, my largest and loudest group yet! Thirty kids, thirty shoes – would they even bring them? What if someone felt left out with paper shoes or unknown donations? As the group unfolded, my worries quickly flew away. Kids who brought pairs gladly shared shoes; one even traded his for paper with a grin! The paper combat boots became a coveted choice. It was beautiful to see the unexpected. One student, usually quiet, rarely participating during arts and crafts, meticulously crafted a shoe reflecting his home country and faith. **He embraced the challenge, staying true to his comfort zone.** Witnessing this young artist's growth, while respecting his boundaries, was the true reward of Story Shoes.

- Paige Caballero



CREATORS STORY

Happy Place

This is the first time I have facilitated a Peaks & Valleys workshop. This was a 1:1 workshop with a patient. My favorite part is hearing the individual express what their art represents to them. The different colors are different emotions throughout each day, the rope is what she clings to each day representing her spouse that brings her peace, and the top is her happy place. She discussed how her husband had recently been sick and she was also sick with cancer. **She shared how she surprised herself with her resilience in managing through the difficult experience.** She left our workshop with confidence and a smile on her face.

- Charity Elliott



CREATORS STORY

Just the Beginning

The Doorways of Change workshop was very relevant to these particular high school students for different reasons. One participant in particular really surprised us, though. He usually tries to shock others by focusing on violence or anything morbid.

This time, he participated fully. He didn't want to share at first, but after a staff member modeled how that could look by sharing her art, he chose to share. He told a story of being moved away from all of his family to Virginia to live with his mother for the first time in his life. He currently lives in a hotel and has for years. The door he made showed a house with a yard and a green lawn. The other side was colored totally black except for a brown wooden door.

He said he chose black to represent the anxiety that he remembers feeling when he moved. **Participating genuinely in this workshop was a big step for him. He let his guard down a little.** I'm hoping that it's just a beginning.

- Mary Lil Moses



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Visual Eyes Eyewear

Much love and gratitude to the Hyman family and the entire Visual Eyes Eyewear team. You inspire us each and every day with your passion and dedication to helping individuals and communities create peace in their minds and lives through creativity. Since 2022 sales from the PeaceLove collections have directly provided over 200 scholarships to deserving CREATORS. The PeaceLove collection is available in over 1,000 retail locations across the US, Canada, and the Caribbean. We are beyond excited to see what the future has in store for our collaboration and the opportunity to promote mental health awareness at retail locations across the globe.



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whose enthusiastic support uplifted us all.
Whether rocking a PeaceLove tee or shar-
ing about our work, Greg championed our
belief that creativity changes lives. We're
grateful for his friendship.*





MEET THE TEAM

CREATORS Network

◆ *Trained in 2024*

Abby Reichner ◆ - Grace Medical Home
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Andrea Erickson - Wareham Middle School
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Andrew Wolff - Granite State Children’s Alliance
Angelina Edwards ◆ - RICARES
Angie Cain - Winchester Public Schools
Anne Elizabeth Peterson - VA Montana Health Care System
Annette Dominguez - Compdrug
Anthony LaFauci - B.U.I.L.D program
Ariana Dembro - YMCA Beverly PASS Program
Ashley Mazejko - Sojourner House
Ashley Palmer - St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton
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Bethany Taylor - University of Michigan
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Blandina Peterson ♦ - Blandina Peterson Yoga
Brianna Aquino - The MET School
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Brittany Hook - Indianapolis VA Medical Center
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“PeaceLove creates a safe, creative way to work through challenges and mental health.”

- CREATOR Mary Ann's Participant, Bristol Parks and Recreation

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Jennifer Mendicino ♦ - Whitney Academy
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Jennifer Poma - Corium Inc

“I feel relaxed. This was the best stress reliever. I want to do this again, I need to do this again!”

**- CREATOR Claribel’s Participant,
Charette Charter High School**

Jennifer Pynch ♦ - Manchester Regional Academy
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Kitzia Lopez - Keller Independent School District
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Kristina Houghton ♦ - Child Development Resources
Kristina Ritter - Department of Veterans Affairs
Kristine Arons - Manchester Middle Academy
Kristy Camilli - Family and Children’s Aid
Krystine Smith - Salem VA Medical Center
Krystle Bell - Addiction Recovery Institute
Kyle Halben ♦ - Bradley Hospital
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Laura Cotto - Nurturing Families
Laura Shannon - VA Medical Center - Manchester

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Laura Stevens - Ontario Shores
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“PeaceLove helps me express myself not only to the people that need to see it, but also to myself.”

- CREATOR Molly's Participant, FRIENDS WAY

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Nicole Pace - Family and Children's Aid
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Nordia Williams - Food for the Poor Jamaica
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Olivia Rauschenbach - Indiana University Health Arnett Hospital
Olivia Rubio-Chimal - Richard Donovan Correctional Facility
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