



**Re:** Peace Day Philly and its founder, Lisa DiNardo Parker

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I highly recommend the Peace Day Philly organization and its founder, Ms. Lisa DiNardo Parker. I have worked in close collaboration with Ms. Parker for many years and have watched with great appreciation as Peace Day Philly took the lead on many citywide peace projects. The group has been successful in building an extensive network of local partnerships for peace building activities, involving a wide range of Philadelphia organizations, from education and faith-based to government leaders and service groups.

Indeed, I have witnessed the depth of Ms. Parker's ability to build partnerships not only in Philadelphia but also on a national and global scale. Peace Day Philly has become a national and international leader in providing resources for the United Nations International Day of Peace. This leadership reflects well on Philadelphia and its citizens.

Yet the true measure of success for Peace Day Philly is how it has inspired and encouraged on-the-ground peace building efforts in inner-city Philadelphia. Whether in sports or art, the environment or education, the Peace Day Philly organization has been a practical and productive catalyst for dialogue and positive actions to increase safety, prosperity and quality of life in Philadelphia.

International Cities of Peace, a U.S.-based organization with global concerns and reach, is in full support of Peace Day Philly. As an Association with over 100 cities of peace, we understand how important it is to have a solid, effective organization to promote and teach peace. Ms. Parker and her colleagues are making a positive difference in Philadelphia and beyond.

Sincerely and with respect,

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