



# Corridor of Peace

## **The Start of Corridor of Peace...**

- ☐ The Corridor of Peace Project was initiated by the Rocky Point Rotary Club U.S.A..
- ☐ The “Corridor of Peace” is an adaptation of the International Cities of Peace movement for our area.
- ☐ Was the 402<sup>nd</sup> to receive the International City of Peace designation.
- ☐ Rocky Point Rotary Club U.S.A. was the 2nd Rotary Club in the world to receive the designation.
- ☐ The mission of the project is to "increase the peace" in the catchment area.



# Where is it?

The “corridor” consists of 4 school districts:

Shoreham-Wading River,  
Longwood, Miller Place and Rocky  
Point.





# What's the goal?

The goal is to “increase the peace” for the residents in the corridor. In this context, peace is defined a little differently than the usual meaning. International Cities of Peace® defines peace as the global consensus values of Safety, Prosperity, and Quality of Life.

The Consensus Values of Peace are about Freedom

- ☐ Safety: Freedom from risk of injury, danger or loss
- ☐ Prosperity: Freedom to achieve a good standard of living
- ☐ Quality of Life: Freedom to enjoy health and happiness



# What will happen here?

- Organizations and individuals within the corridor will, as part of the initiative, take steps to improve the safety, prosperity and quality of life for the residents in the covered area.
- These steps can be forming a neighborhood watch, cleaning the beach, starting an after school program – in short, anything that meets the goals stated above for improving life in the area.



# What will happen there?

- Increasing the peace in the corridor does not have to be limited to initiatives located in the corridor. Participating in activities in other areas, countries or continents can be contributors to the peace in our local area.
- For example, the International Project of the Rocky Point Rotary Club is the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Fund Home in Meru, Kenya. The orphanage was opened in 2005. It now houses 87 children. (see below for more information)



## What's Happened So Far

- ☐ Meetings with some of the 10 civic associations in the coverage area
- ☐ Meetings and commitment from 3 of the 4 school districts
- ☐ Peace Pole initiative is thriving
- ☐ To date we have delivered or "planted" 22 Peace Poles in our catchment area.
- ☐ There is a map of the peace poles at: [Rotarypeacepoles.world](http://Rotarypeacepoles.world).
- ☐ In one of our local schools, the Peace Pole is where students go to resolve differences!

## Notable Next Steps

11/22/25 was declared by Rotary to be “Peace Pole Day” on Long Island.

September 19-21 are the 2026 “International Peace Pole days”



The International Project of the Rocky Point Rotary Club is the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Fund Home in Meru, Kenya. The orphanage was opened in 2005. It now houses 87 children who attend 23 educational institutions. The home features a computer lab, 10 acre farm, an animal husbandry program and two greenhouses. We hope to open the Matovich Technical Training and Cultural Center this year.

For more about HCF check out:

[hopechildrensfund.org](http://hopechildrensfund.org) or contact Kevin Mann  
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# Thank you

## Corridor of Peace Steering Committee

- ☐ Kevin Mann
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- ☐ Patrice Perreca
- ☐ John McNamara
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## Peace You Must Seek

Written by Keith O'Brien A.S.C.A.P.

1. Let me share some thoughts with you to ease your worried mind. Heed my words and listen close for some wisdom you may find.

Love, Joy and Happiness you will find in those you meet, but in your life you will find, it's Peace that you must seek.

2. Peace in the world is what we all want to see,

But Peace in Heart and Spirit must start  
inside of you and me.

If you show to those you meet the kindness in your heart, you will find that love will spread and Peace will start.

Refrain:

So let your love show so Peace may grow.  
Let your light shine for all to see. Let's sing  
together so we may live in harmony.

3. A hand shake or a nod or even a simple  
‘Hello.’

Could go a long, long way for someone,  
you may never know.

It's just a simple gesture, it doesn't take  
much for you to do, but it could make a  
difference to someone from you.

Refrain:

Bridge:

Be a Healer or a Story Teller that bring  
healing and hope, be a Teacher or a Peace  
Builder who inspire kindness through  
deeds.

Be a Poet who writes of Love, or a Song  
Writer who sings of Peace.

4. So let love start within your heart but first  
you must love yourself, do not hide your  
love away like a book upon a dusty shelf.

To show kindness to others is a virtue we  
all must show, so share your talents with  
those in need and like a seed, Peace will  
grow.

Refrain:

## **a reflection on peace by Anastasia Yanez.**

*The following is a reflection on peace by Longwood Junior High School student Anastasia Yanez. Anastasia delivered this reflection on the occasion of the dedication of a peace pole on the grounds of St. Mark's R. C. Church in Shoreham on May 18, 2025.*

Good morning everyone,

I am Anastasia Yanez, and I want to talk about something really important in our lives: peace — and how Jesus can bring such peace into our lives

Peace is something everyone wants. It's when we feel calm, collected, and happy. It's when we're not anxious or fighting, but just at ease. But sometimes, the world doesn't seem peaceful. We hear about frightening incidents, or tensions between other parts of the world. In those times, it's quite easy to forget that peace is still possible. But, there's something really important to know: Jesus can bring us peace, no matter what.

Jesus is called the *Prince of Peace* in Isaiah 9:6, and that's not just a title — it means He came to teach us how to have peace in our hearts and share that peace with others. When Jesus was on Earth, He didn't just talk about peace; He showed us how to live it. He taught us to forgive, to be kind, and to love even the people who don't treat us well, to treat others the way you want to be treated. In Matthew 5:9, He said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Jesus says this because peace doesn't just happen on its own — it takes work. And He wants us to be part of that work.

But how does Jesus bring peace to us today? Well, even when life gets tough or we feel scared, we can pray to Jesus and He helps us feel better. His peace isn't like the world's peace. It doesn't go away when things are hard — it stays with us. It's the kind of peace that calms our hearts, no matter what's going on around us. He wants us to treat others with kindness—with peace. A simple act of kindness can go such a long way for someone. We don't need to be perfect like Jesus, but every little act of kindness makes a difference.

The next time you feel anxious, scared of the future, or anything in that category, remember that He is with us forever. He won't abandon you, and He's with you through the ups and downs. Jesus is the way to truly feel peaceful and happy.

Thank you.

## **Sound Beach Children's Festival**

June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 was the 1st Sound Beach Children's Festival. One of the activities for the children was to paint a picture on a swatch of fabric of what “peace” meant to them. The Rotary provided the funding for all the supplies. Patrice Perreca and Sharon Idtensohn spent the day helping the young artists. The following pictures show the progress of the quilt from an arrangement of the individual paintings to a finished quilt. Quilt creation is happening at venues around the nation and the world. In September all the quilts will be united to form one gigantic quilt for peace.



Following are links to resources and materials related to our local “increasing the peace” efforts.

Overview of International Cities of Peace Project

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1314Mi2kzR1Z\\_rNOJzqV3xXnmFFTzrVT/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1314Mi2kzR1Z_rNOJzqV3xXnmFFTzrVT/view?usp=sharing)

More material on Peace Quilt from Sound Beach Children’s Festival 2025

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YJuWk4aUmtf6t0wIHopT5pelOEI5ryPv/view?usp=sharing>

Rocky Point Schools Peace Plan:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Uzcq\\_0aGDJEdSp6wPj6VSd8BtIFUwanb/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Uzcq_0aGDJEdSp6wPj6VSd8BtIFUwanb/view?usp=sharing)

Longwood Schools Peace Plan:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NF9vcLOp-17nximPdCvtCQ0XVP0Z6f8U/view?usp=sharing>

Shoreham-Wading River Schools Peace Plan:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L9MO-SO9HmdSXLrxM6kk4trAgtOU55BR/view?usp=sharing>

Reflection on Peace by Anastasia Yanez, a Longwood student:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pNc2qvN5ukO1Hb-GvOJ5uB7AfLDrt3y/view?usp=sharing>

Helpful Tips on Applying to become a City of Peace:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/15t0fvSzhuUg41Uf0\\_zLTkRqFQYdwwlDx/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15t0fvSzhuUg41Uf0_zLTkRqFQYdwwlDx/view?usp=sharing)

Corridor\_of\_Peace\_Project\_Pledge\_Form – an individual commitment pledging to work for peace

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WBfvDwElafdJpq8KuZfXF5yejoi1tHVo/view?usp=sharing>