



KIDS 4  
PEACE

We are Kids4Peace!

Kids4Peace  
Toronto 2004

*Photo-essay by Franke James*

# The Mighty Kids4Peace



The Goal

# Kids4Peace Toronto 2004

24 kids. Three faiths. One dream.

In the summer of 2004, 12 children from Galilee travelled to Canada to spend a week at summer camp with 12 Canadian children. They all came from three different faiths, Muslim, Jewish and Christian. And they all shared one dream – peace. So they played together. And they worked together to create the human foundations for a lasting peace – understanding, respect and friendship.

This is their story...



"Kids4Peace is about interfaith education for peace. Education is at the heart of the program, the goal is peace and the tool is interfaith dialogue. We want to reach across barriers of distrust and fear and establish the beginning of friendships and new attitudes. We want to form a generation of leaders for tomorrow."

**Henry Carse**  
Program Founder  
Kids4Peace

## The Arrival

A photograph showing three people, two men and one woman, standing behind a glass barrier. They are all smiling and waving their hands. The woman on the left is wearing a light blue shirt and a dark skirt. The man in the center is wearing a blue and white striped short-sleeved shirt. The man on the right is wearing a black short-sleeved shirt. In front of them is a white sign with black text that reads 'WELCOME to TORONTO Kids 4 Peace'. The background shows an airport terminal with other people and large windows.

WELCOME  
to  
TORONTO  
Kids 4  
Peace

Toronto hosts, Cathie and David Ross, with Richard Newland of St. Dunstan's provide an enthusiastic welcome for the Kids4Peace in Toronto airport.

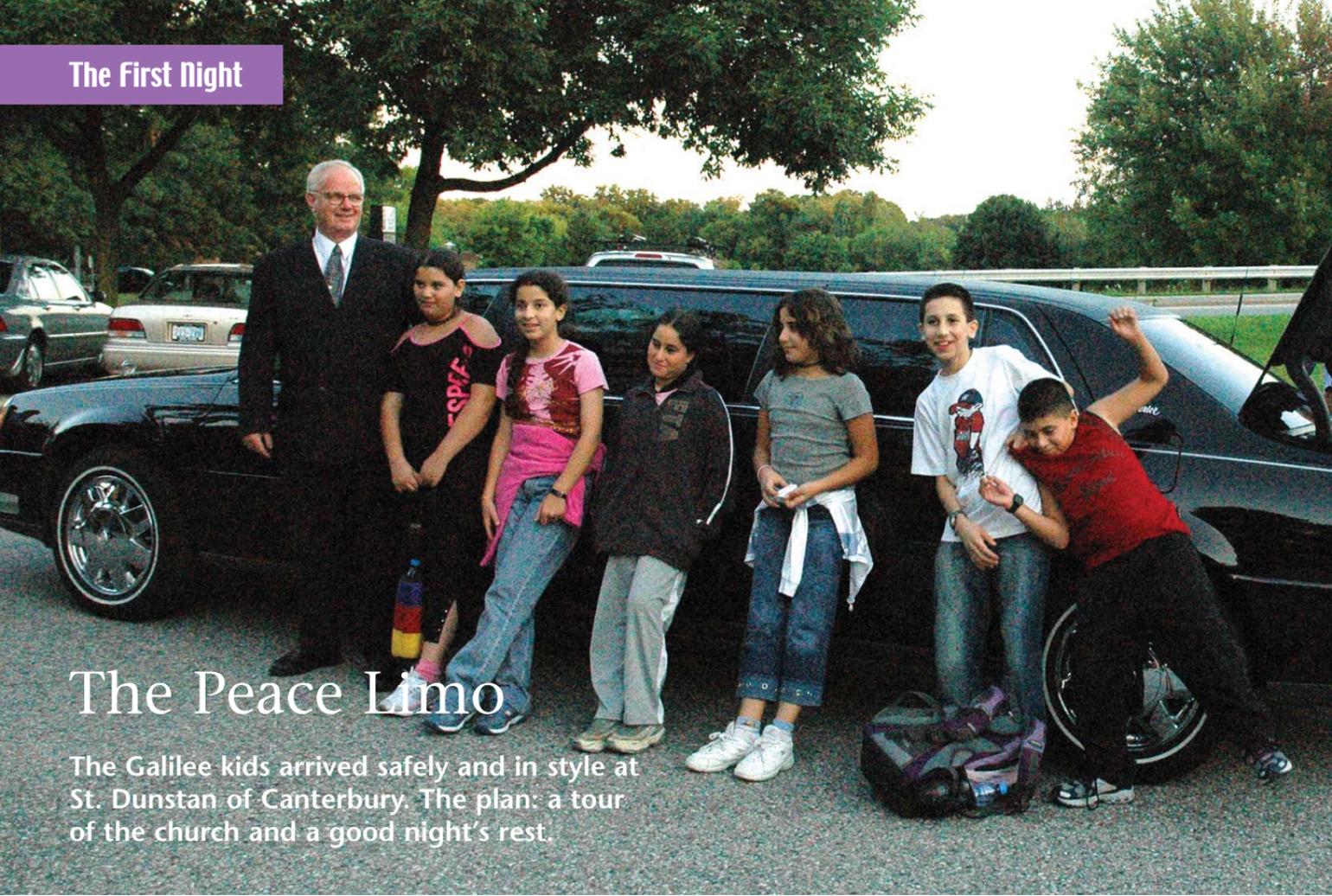


Henry Carse with  
Rev. Samuel Barhoum  
and Cathie Ross.



Salem, one of 12 Galilee Kids4Peace participants  
flashes the universal peace symbol in greeting.

## The First Night



## The Peace Limo

The Galilee kids arrived safely and in style at St. Dunstan of Canterbury. The plan: a tour of the church and a good night's rest.



**"The program has enabled children to recognize that they are all children of God and to learn that they have a common faith-ancestor in Abraham." Rev. Richard Newland, Christian Adviser**



Peace Pals

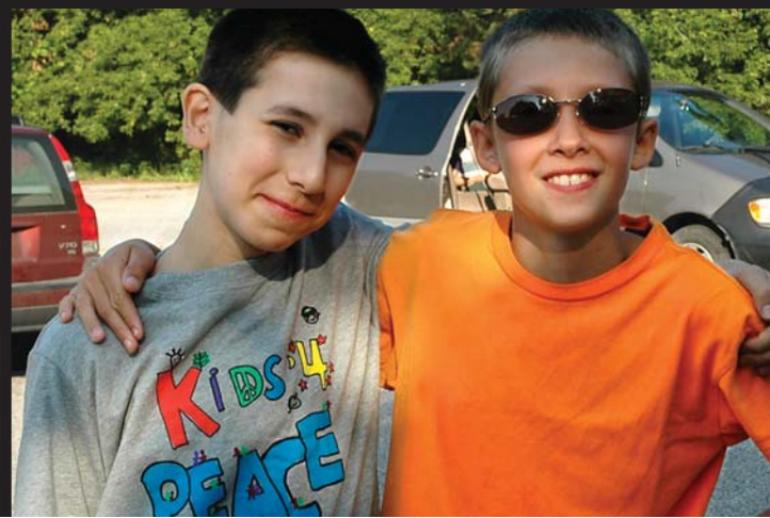
"It was great to  
have one of the  
Galilee boys stay  
at my home."  
*Samuel*

Making Peace Pals



“It was our daughter’s idea to do Kids 4 Peace. She was the driving force.”

*Muntaz, Canadian parent*





Everywhere we go,  
People want to know  
Who we are...  
So we tell them:  
We are Kids4Peace!  
Mighty, mighty Kids4Peace!  
Salaam, Shalom!  
Shalom, Salaam!  
Kids4Peace!

## Outward Bound



"We've got to give peace a chance...  
The program will help kids  
understand that there's nothing  
wrong with other religions." *Daniel*



“People are the same.  
It doesn’t matter what  
religion you are.”

*Elynor*



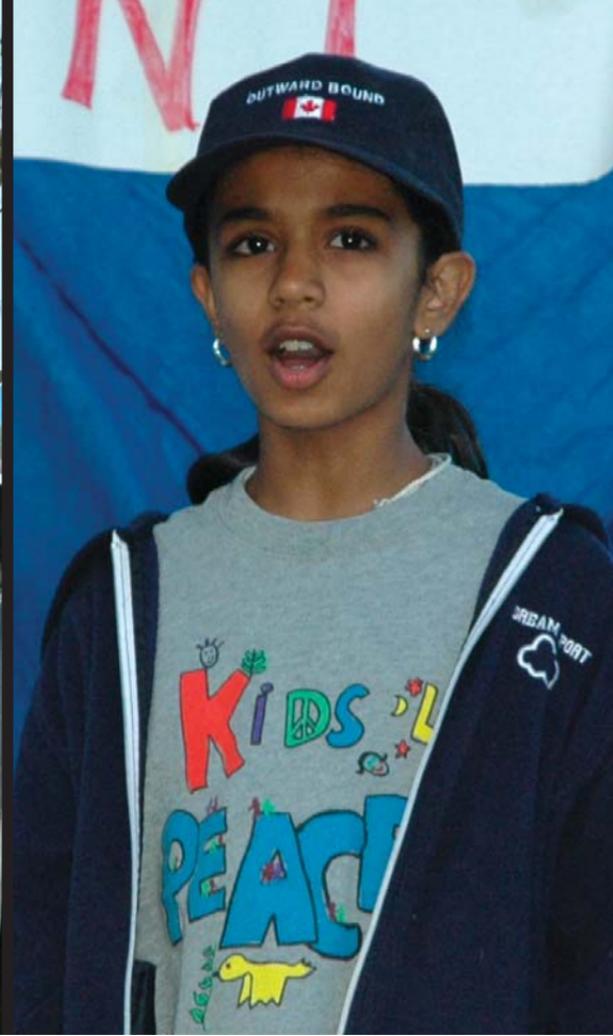
*Two-page spread features  
Outward Bound photos  
by Henry Carse*



The Abraham Tent

**The Abraham Tent** play is the highpoint in the Kids4Peace program. It is written and performed by the children to share each religions' core beliefs and traditions; and to reveal the many areas in common, thus encouraging interfaith dialogue.





Kids4Peace  
was great!

"You get to  
learn about  
new religions,  
and meet  
new people.  
You learn that  
you have to  
respect other  
people's  
religions."

Asal

Toronto City Hall



## Meeting the Mayor of Toronto

“The kids enjoyed meeting the Mayor of Toronto, David Miller, as he heads up one of the most multicultural cities in the world. Mayor Miller is a great example of openness and accessibility in government.”

Robert Levy,  
Canadian parent

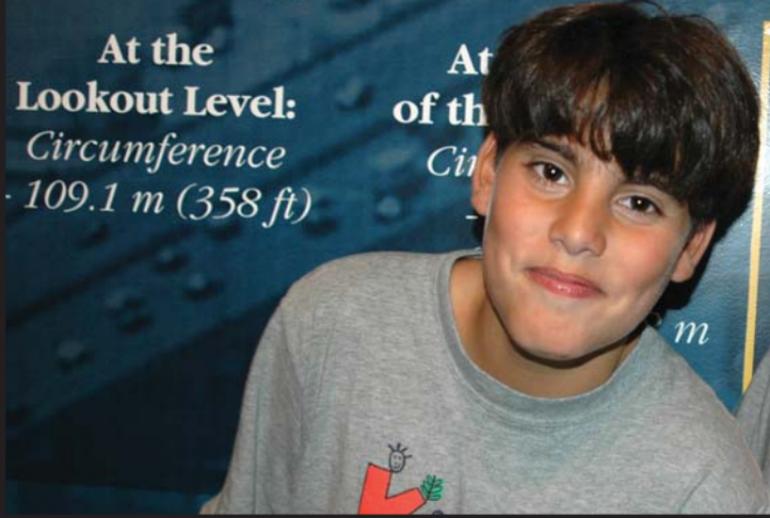




CN Tower

At the  
Lookout Level:  
Circumference  
109.1 m (358 ft)

At  
of the  
Cir





"Kids4Peace bonded us as a group." Samuel



A Jewish girl  
and a Muslim  
girl discover  
friendship at  
Kids4Peace

**Centre Island**



“I learned at Kids4Peace that everybody can work together without fighting.”

Taslema



# Niagara Falls

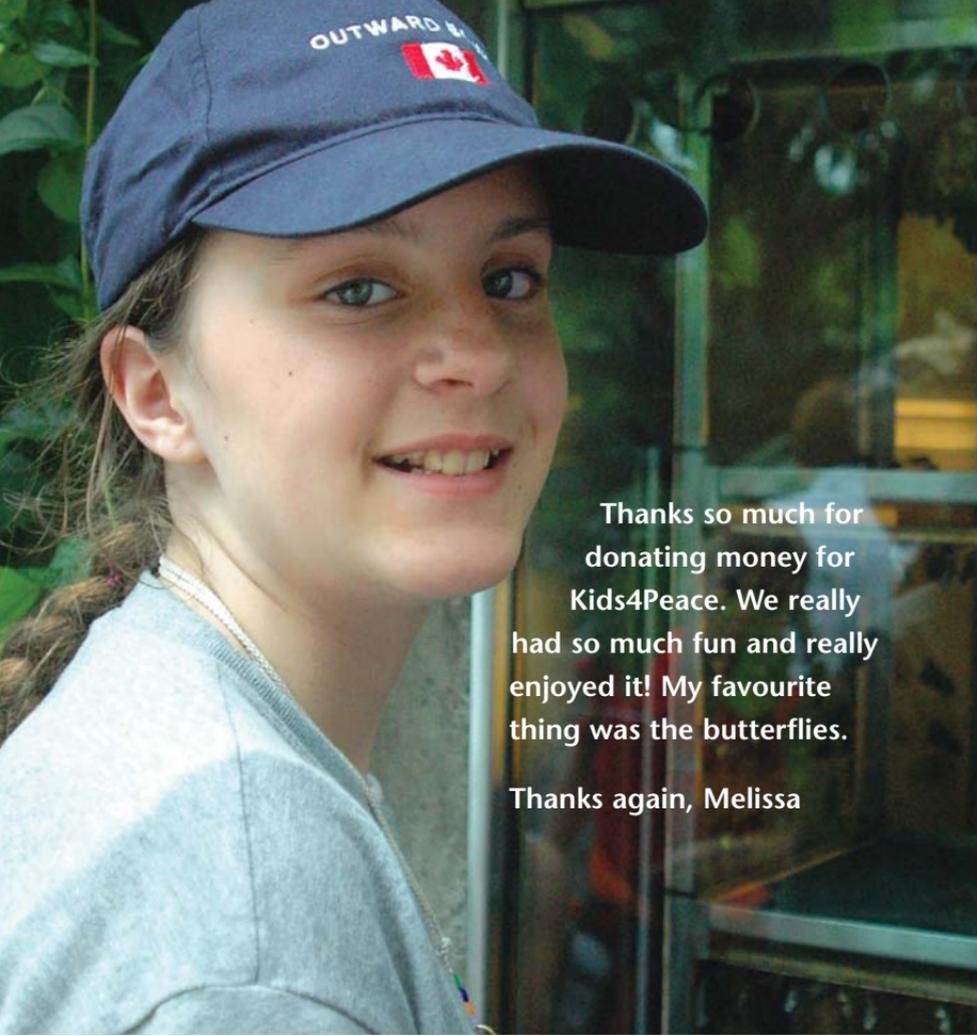




MAD OF TENS



Butterfly Conservatory



Thanks so much for donating money for Kids4Peace. We really had so much fun and really enjoyed it! My favourite thing was the butterflies.

Thanks again, Melissa



Three Faiths



Holy Trinity Anglican Church



Jaffari Islamic Centre



Temple Har Zion



"It made me decide  
what was important  
about my faith" *Melissa*

Holy Trinity Anglican Church



Temple Har Zion

Kids4Peace were given a presentation by each religious organization, followed by a Q&A session. Pictured above, Kareem and Razi pepper the Rabbi with more questions



You can  
always live  
together

"I learned that  
no matter  
what religion,  
you can  
always live  
together and  
be a family.  
We're all  
humans."  
Sarah

Good-bye



"I want to go to Israel to meet my Kids4Peace friends" Samuel



“I made friends with everybody. We now e-mail each other.”  
Sarah



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