



# WORLD CITIZEN

## 2020-21 Annual Report

*Empower communities to educate for a just and peaceful world*



### FIVE PEACE ACTIONS

SEEK peace within yourself and others

REACH OUT in service

PROTECT the environment

RESPECT diversity

BE a responsible citizen of the world

World Citizen was founded by Lynn Elling in 1972 in response to witnessing war and destruction while serving in WWII as a naval officer. Lynn passed away on February 14th, 2016, at the age of 94, but his mission for our organization is still as strong as ever, carried out by hundreds of people who support our cause. The mission of World Citizen is to Empower Communities to educate for a just and peaceful world. We are a private, non-profit organization that focuses its activities on all ages all over the world.

## A Message from our Executive Director

Whenever you surround yourself with people who are determined to make the world a better place, there is progress in the direction

of peace and justice. World Citizen made progress amidst the challenges of this past year. The Annual Report will share what opportunities were given to World Citizen as well as what World Citizen was able to offer and create. Thanks to donors for continued support, and to the board and staff for the hard work needed to make things happen.



Kathy Millington, Executive Director

This past year TIME magazine did a special issue on “The Power of KINDNESS”. A friend of mine gave me a copy as a gift. It was an amazing publication. Very “timely” indeed. As quoted from this issue “The Kindness Factor” is described as follows: “A tendency towards kindness has remarkable rewards – both for individuals and communities. Showing empathy has proven to be a marker for success, and random acts of kindness can have a profound impact on relationships.”

We had many opportunities this past year to practice empathy and kindness. What did we each do to make our world more fair, inclusive, and respectful? We are all aware that our work is never done. World Citizen is here to help engage and empower communities to embrace the Five Peace Actions as a way of life.

World Citizen thanks all who have contributed in donations and time to move our mission forward. Please join our effort and hold us accountable. We need your help to make the progress needed for a peaceful world.

Peace Will Prevail,  
Kathy Millington, World Citizen Executive Director

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## World Citizen Board of Directors and Staff



Executive Director....Kathy Millington

Secretary...Flora Tsukayama

Treasurer.....Cathy Manning

Directors...Linda Bruce, Holly Circle-Steffen, Cheryl Cox, Lowell Erdahl, Karen Johnson, Md Abdulla Al Miraz, Martha Roberts

Jill Mason...Administrative Assistant

Lisa Krupp...Peace Coordinator

Melanie Popelka...Newsletter Editor, Website  
Consultant

## 2020-21 Review

### Welcome and Thank You

Welcome to the following new board members and staff:

**Linda Bruce** - Owner of Soulful Prairies (International Peace Site) in Woodstock, Illinois. Soulful Prairies is a sustainable 80-acre farm with the goals of creating a beautiful place to connect people with themselves, the land, and the horses. Linda joined the World Citizen Board because of her belief in our mission and the Five Peace Actions. We are fortunate to have her support the work of World Citizen.

**Cheryl Cox** - An educator of 22 years in the classroom at Crystal Lake Montessori School (International Peace Site) in Woodstock, Illinois. Cheryl believes passionately that through education, beginning with very young children, peace is attainable. We are honored to have her serve on our board.

**Md Abdullah Al Miraz** - Miraz is proficient in Information Systems. He brings skills in accounting, data analysis, and database design. Miraz brings his passion for World Peace to World Citizen. Thank you Miraz for joining our team.

**Kevin McGee** - Many of you recognize the name Kevin McGee. He was on our Board of Directors for a number of terms and served as a Peace Education Facilitator. We now welcome Kevin to our Advisory Board as he continues to advise Peace Education decisions as well as serving as an amazing World Citizen Retreat Facilitator. Kevin is a gift to the work of World Citizen.

Wishing the best to the following retiring Board Members:

**Holly Circle-Steffen** - Holly has served several terms on our board,

presented Peace Action Concerts with her husband Jimmy, and is an exemplary example of someone who lives and breathes the Five Peace Actions as a way of life. Holly is willing to continue her service to World Citizen on our Advisory Board. Thank you, Holly for your dedication and continued service to our work. Watch for details on her upcoming concert this fall on our website: [worldcitizenpeace.org](http://worldcitizenpeace.org).

**Cathy Manning** - Cathy has completed a number of years as a dedicated and committed Board Member. She graciously accepted the position of World Citizen Treasurer during her tenure on the board. Her expertise as a CPA was very much appreciated over the years especially when reviewing financial statements and filing taxes! We will miss your input and advice, Cathy. Thank you for your years of service.



## PEACE EDUCATION AT WORLD CITIZEN 2020-21



World Citizen is proud to advance our efforts offering online peace education opportunities. It is our goal to build a virtual resource library of our peace education sessions that can be accessed at any time.

December 2020 featured Christie Bemis of Bemis Psychotherapy and Consulting focusing on: "SEEK peace within

ourselves and others"

It is amazing how this can impact your daily life when you learn how to discern between things you have control over and things you do not. [Click here to view and decide for yourself.](#)

March 2021 and May 2021 events were both presented by Erin Walsh of Spark and Stitch Institute highlighting “RESPECT diversity”. She is fiercely committed to bringing an equity lens and asset-based approach to our understanding of, and response to, youth thriving and digital media.

August 2021 will premier our efforts to “PROTECT the environment” with Environmental Educator and Farm Manager, Hannah Pfaff. We look forward to offering Healing Habitats with Hannah throughout the upcoming year, in addition to more presenters coming onboard to help build our virtual resource library.

## PEACE SITE NEWS

### 2020-21

Congratulations to the new International Peace Sites committed to making a positive impact!



Keystone Montessori

Rotary Club of Bahamas, Road to Peace Committee in Nassau, Bahamas

Houston Montessori Center in Houston, TX

Bloomington Montessori School in Bloomington, IN

Archgate Montessori Academy in Plano, TX

Bauhaus Montessori Middle School in River Ridge, LA

Partners for Our Communities in Palatine, IL

Fox Hill Park in Nassau, Bahamas

Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, AZ

Rock Sound Primary School in Eleuthera, Bahamas

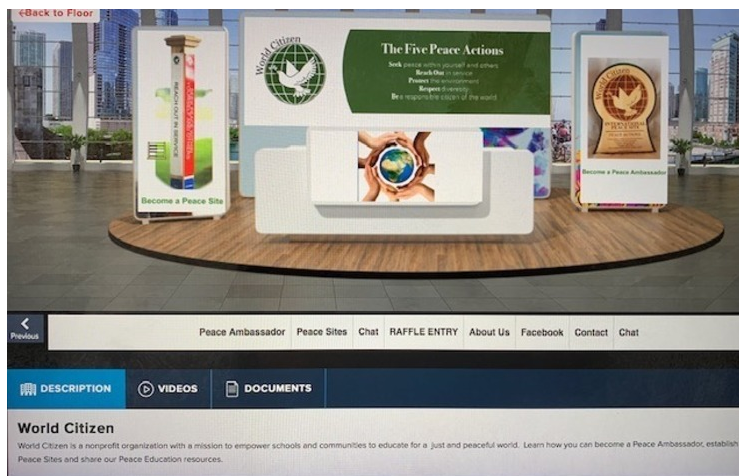
# PEACE AMBASSADORS 2020-2021

World Citizen launched the Peace Ambassador program with the intention that an “individual” embracing our 5 peace actions can exemplify the true meaning of a human peace site. It has been a heartfelt success as we see Peace Ambassadors register at NO COST and share their personal goals to promote peace from all over the world! In a matter of months, close to 100 Ambassadors have registered and it is just the beginning. With new initiatives in the works to promote and share this much needed program, we believe the best is yet to come. The power of just ONE Ambassador sharing this opportunity with just ONE other peace minded person will demonstrate the power of ONE.

Join the movement and register yourself by [clicking here](#) or visiting our website [www.worldcitizenpeace.org](http://www.worldcitizenpeace.org).

# THE MONTESSORI EVENT - 2021

World Citizen continues to build momentum with the American Montessori Society, participating in their annual event, this year completely online. Our virtual booth was a tremendous success and enabled educators from around the world to visit the World Citizen booth for 30 days! Thank you Cheryl Cox and Lisa Krupp for designing and working this event.



[Become a Peace Ambassador](#)

Interested in becoming an International Peace

## Site?

International Peace Sites can be a city, school, place of worship, business, park, home, or exhibit where people want to dedicate themselves to becoming a peaceful community.

Anyone connected to a peace site is committed to following the 5 peace actions:

**SEEK** peace within yourself and others

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**RESPECT** diversity

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For further inquiries about becoming a peace site or keeping your current peace site active, please visit our website [www.worldcitizenpeace.org](http://www.worldcitizenpeace.org).



## The Future of World Citizen Peace

Philanthropy represents "love of mankind." In an article written by Emily Joshu about great philanthropists, she states, "It strives to impart kindness individually and globally, often in areas such as public health, education, scientific research and human rights." John and Eleanor Yackel for several decades showed their commitment to the work of World Citizen by generously donating each year to support the programs offered to promote peace and justice in schools, communities, and homes. They certainly were able to impact "love of mankind!"



John Yackel, in memory of his wife Eleanor, made a very generous donation this past year to be placed in a separate account specifically set up for long term sustainability of World Citizen's work for Peace. Eleanor's passion for social and racial justice was the very essence of who she was. She embraced the World Citizen Five Peace Actions and lived them as an example for all. John continues his lifelong work and commitment to the Five Peace Actions by continuing to support a number of causes that will contribute to a better world for future generations. World Citizen is grateful for individuals who travel our journey of peace with us. Thank you, John for your continued support.

This separate fund was started a decade ago by the Founder of World Citizen, Lynn Elling who also wanted peace and justice sustainable. He was thinking and planning for the future of World Citizen. This fund is available to anyone who wishes to make a request in their trust or will. If you want to know more about this possibility, please contact us for more information. We encourage and welcome the interest and support for our mission for future generations.

Below is a picture of a World Citizen Peace Action Pole dedicated to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines, MN in honor of Eleanor Yackel's lifetime commitment to Peace and Justice. Wherever Eleanor was she worked relentlessly to make our world a safe and respectful place for all. May we all follow her example.



## Financial Report

World Citizen continues to be very grateful to the many donors who keep our work alive and active. The response to the annual appeal, Give MN, and Thrivent Financial opportunities, online donations, and newsletter contributions are all significant in keeping our plan of action moving forward. We encourage donors to consider World Citizen as an endowment



or legacy possibility. Please contact us if you wish to pursue this generous way of donating to World Citizen.

You are a tremendous help to World Citizen when you share information about our programs and work with connections you might encounter. We encourage scholarships, scholarship opportunities, and the possibility of a matching gift from an employer. Please help us pursue these possibilities. Continue visiting the World Citizen website at [www.worldcitizenpeace.org](http://www.worldcitizenpeace.org) and viewing our social media postings to stay updated with events, dates, opportunities, and new ways to support the work of World Citizen.

We appreciate all you do to help us *empower communities to educate for a just and peaceful world.*

## Revenue

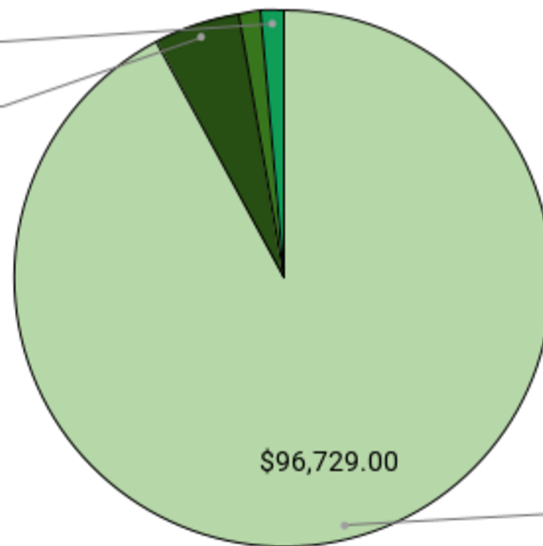
Total Revenue: \$104,884.00

In-Kind

1.3%

Government Grants

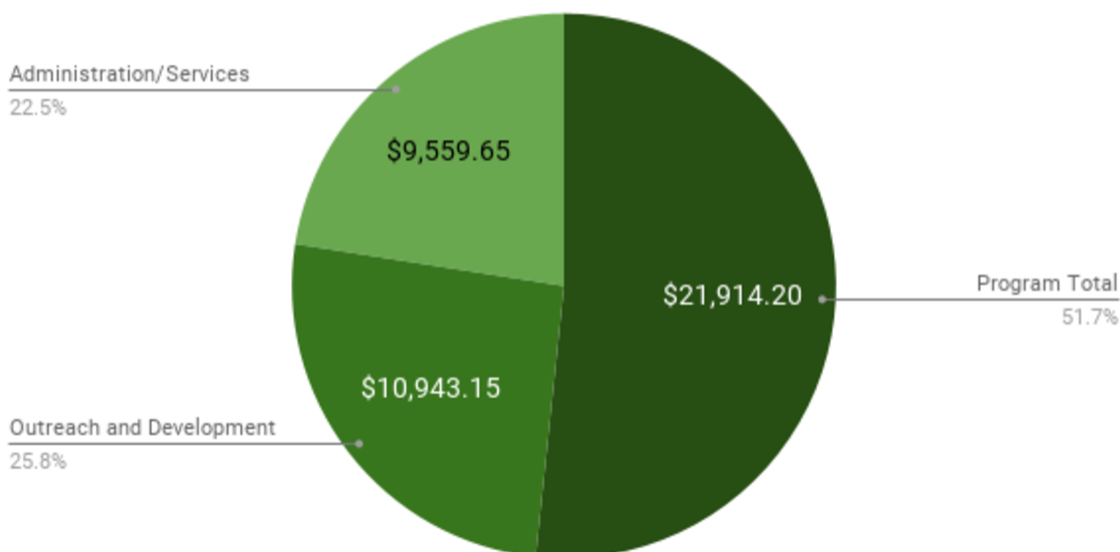
5.1%



Individuals  
92.2%

## Expenses

The pie chart reflects cash expenditures for 2020-21. Total: \$42,417.00



## Stay Connected!

Donating to World Citizen is easy with options that fit individual needs. Your gift to World Citizen helps fund our ongoing programs of Peace Education and International Peace Sites, which makes a lasting difference in our communities. We encourage donors to consider World Citizen as an endowment or legacy possibility. Please contact us if you wish to pursue this generous way of donating to World Citizen.



There are several giving opportunities including:

- Mail in check to World Citizen at P.O. Box 9296, St. Paul, MN 55109
- Donate online at [www.worldcitizenpeace.org/donate](http://www.worldcitizenpeace.org/donate).
- Consider the following options to direct dollars to World Citizen at no additional cost to you:
  - Thrivent Choice Dollars
  - Amazon Smiles
  - Employee Matching Gifts

World Citizen is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization so your gift is tax deductible.

Thank you for your continued support!

## WE'RE PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

World Citizen has gone green!

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being

sent electronically!



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