

# Peace Connections

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## YEAR IN REVIEW

### The Value of Community

By Jennifer Rose, Executive Director



*Curtis Stubbs, Circles of Hope Ally and the late Sari Pouch, dedicated Circles of Hope Ally, advocate and part of a 3 generation family impacted by the Circles community.*

Looking back on 2015, my heart is filled with gladness, my soul is inspired, and I am struck again by the value the community has for the individual. In 2015, I watched a multitude of families and an organization go through many changes. I beheld the merriment of new love, the satisfaction of educational gains and the sorrow of losing loved ones. I watched children grow and celebrate accomplishments as their parents learned to love themselves and gain confidence in their own success. I observed friendships form and friendships fall apart. All the while, a society offered comfort and companionship to those who needed it. I witnessed the eyes of children and adults light up as the gift of love was freely given. Thank you for granting me the opportunity to see the value of community! At this new year, I would like to take the time to express our values as an organization.

- Peace Connections values community! The feeling of being part of 'one big family'. Our vision is to be part of a thriving society, in which every member is equipped with the tools and resources to meet their needs. A community of peace, where a culture of safety envelopes us all.
- Peace Connections values equality! We seek to be a thriving community sustained by peace and social justice, where equal opportunity is experienced across all racial, ethnic, gender, religious and class lines.
- Peace Connections values hope! The never-ending expectation of possibilities. Our mission rests in the hope that we will inspire transformation in people and community systems.
- Most importantly, Peace Connections values love! The love for family, friends and neighbors. Our love for each other and the country we live in, and love for the power that guides us each and every day.

*"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.*

*If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 (NIV).*

Thank you for your ongoing support and please join us as we continue to practice these values throughout 2016.

#### Peace Connections has a new address!

If you have not had a chance to stop by and visit our new office, please feel free to swing by any time. We are now located at 601 N. Main Street, Suite 303 in Newton, Kansas. This can be found on the 3rd floor, directly above Prairie Harvest. We also have a new mailing address.

Please send all future correspondence to:

Peace Connections

P.O. Box 1147

Newton, KS 67114



# Volunteer service hours in 2015 were valued at over \$270,000.00

## Peace Connections Board of Directors

Margaret Goering  
 Gary Rediger  
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## Students & VISTAs



Danny Barrera  
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 Cameron Pickens  
 Alex Haas  
 Monique Sutton

## Summer Volunteers

### Coordinators: Sue Elder & Cathy Willis

Jo Miller  
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 Sandra Jackson  
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 Dr. Shane Tonn  
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 Caring Hands Humane Society  
 Kass Miller & Carol Dilts  
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 Matt Scheurman  
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 Bonnie Krehbiel's Pretzel Making  
 Local 4-H members

## Circles Meal Providers Coordinator: Lea Ann Reber

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 Cathy Woodward  
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 NMC Case Management Dept.  
 BCMC Women's Circle

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Amount	Household	Church	Business	Institution
\$5000+	2	0	0	1
\$1,000 - \$4999	6	4	4	2
\$500 - \$999	19	9	1	1
\$100 - \$499	87	9	8	3
\$50 - \$99	59	2	4	0
Less than \$50	70	0	8	1
Total (% of giving)	243 (81.0%)	24 (8.0%)	25 (8.3%)	8 (2.7%)



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