

## Pinwheels for Peace

In Honor of the International Day of Peace  
September 21, 2011



In honor of the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2011, the Richmond Family Peace Festival Committee invites you, your congregation, Sunday School class, daycare, school, etc., to make a pinwheel from any material and of any size. On one side of the pinwheel's blades, you can write your thoughts and hopes for peace, harmony and tolerance. These can be notes, prayers, poems or pictures.

Then, bring the pinwheels to a public place (your church, daycare, school, etc.) by Sept. 21 and plant them so the wind can take these messages of hope all over the world. *This year pinwheels will be planted throughout the Greater Richmond Area and at the Richmond Family Peace Festival taking place at Byrd Park on September 25, 2011.*

Pinwheel making can be a great summer activity for all ages and you can certainly make more than one! You can find more information about the Pinwheels for Peace Project and get instructions and a pattern for pinwheels at [www.pinwheelsforpeace.com](http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com). You can also add your organization to the map of pinwheels being displayed around the world!

Pinwheels remind us of the peacefulness of a summer's day and the joy of childhood. Pinwheels for Peace is a project that was begun in 2005 by two art teachers from Monarch High School, Coconut Creek, Florida to involve their students in the International Day of Peace (Sept. 21). The tradition has continued worldwide. Last year over one million pinwheels were "planted"!



Let's show our neighbors and friends that we truly are advocates for peace and tolerance through our public display of these beautiful, windblown pinwheels! *To let us know of your intention to make pinwheels in honor of the International Day of Peace, please add your organization's location to the Pinwheels for Peace website AND email us your location at [info@familypeacefestival.org](mailto:info@familypeacefestival.org).* If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Richmond Family Peace Festival Committee at the same email address.