

Kim Colella Joins *Safe to Learn* Advisory Council

Kim Colella, a Peace Educator and Peace Maker, has joined the *Safe to Learn* Advisory Council, "If there is to be real peace in the world, we must start with our own self. The spiral of peace begins here in our own person giving us the grounding we need to be an agent for peace in our home, our relationships, our neighborhood, our world."

In 2004, Kim traveled to South Africa with a delegation of 16 women to study the AIDS pandemic and in 2015 and 2016, Kim returned to Southern Africa to work with children orphaned by AIDS. Kim has continued to do her piece for peace by empowering students, teachers and schools to explore what their small piece is and to do it. Under her direction, a Peace Committee was formed at her neighborhood school, which implemented programs that allowed students to find peace within themselves and to be agents for peace in their school, neighborhood and world.

Kim Colella also provides consultation for schools, youth groups and organizations that want to create or deepen their focus on peace and she provides guidance for becoming an International Peace Site.

Safe to Learn Community Project features authors dedicated to school safety and the protection of our children. Their willingness to share personal lessons learned, have open discussions around difficult decisions allows us to learn from their lessons. *Safe to Learn* also features authors that inspire learning and literacy by sharing their skills with colorful stories of history; travel adventures; peace; environmental issues; discovering the flavors of healthy cooking; as well as tales that may make you laugh or even cry.

Kim is committed to doing her part to create a more peaceful world. Her peace work started in 1984 as a Jesuit Volunteer. In 1988 and 1989 she led immersion trips for high school students from the Pacific Northwest to work in the barrios of Tijuana, Mexico. In 1991, Kim spent 6 weeks working in Calcutta (which is now called Kolkata), India with developmentally disabled adults as well as working in Mother Theresa's Home for the Dying and Destitute and at her orphanage.

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Kim is the recipient of the 1992 Decade Award from the college of St. Benedict, the 2013 Alumni of Distinction award from Hill-Murray High School and the 2010 Laureate of the Greater Tacoma Peace Prize.

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