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2018 5k's Race to Stop Hate

Maryland

HEADING TO HEADQUARTERS!

The Choose Peace 5k's are back in 2018! Our first race will be held in Maryland on April 21st in beautiful Wheaton Regional Park located in Silver Spring. As always, the event will include an educational program with our special guest speaker Sammy Rangel of Life After Hate. Come out and enjoy an opportunity to promote peace as we race to stop hate in Maryland. Plans are in the works and more details and registration are available through our website at <u>www.racesforpeace.org</u>.

Ohio

BACK FOR ROUND 2!

The Choose Peace 5k – Cleveland is happening again in 2018! This will be our second Ohio event and we are SO excited to be working with the Cleveland Peace Makers Alliance one more time to spread our message of peace! We will have more information available in the coming months but in the meantime you can help us by spreading the word! Remember to check our website for more details and registration. www.racesforpeace.org.

K-12 Workshops Under Construction

A new year is here and Races for Peace is expanding our educational offerings to include peace-themed workshops designed for grades K-12. The Peace is Possible workshops will focus on encouraging peace through effective positive personal interactions. Designed with flexibility in mind, sessions are planned to run for half hour to one hour increments.

The Peace is Possible workshops will pack a lot of age-appropriate information and fun into each session. Instructional activities include whole group and individual tasks as well as crafts and follow-up actions students can take in their own communities.

Pilot sessions are planned to take place in Maryland during 2018. More details about the pilot and future plans for expansion of these workshop opportunities will be published in future newsletters. Stay tuned!



RFP Foundation Awards Two Fall Grants



Ohio - Cleveland Peacemakers Alliance

With your support, Races for Peace provides charitable grants to local nonprofits wherever we hold a race. Our Fall 2017 Choose Peace 5k events enabled us to donate to the **Cleveland** Peacemakers Alliance in Ohio and the Alternatives to Violence **Project** in Atlanta, Georgia. Both groups are shown here with our special guest speaker **Sammy** Rangel, Executive Director of Life After Hate. Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, Sammy, and race participants! You help us make a difference!

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Georgia - Atlanta Alternatives to Violence Project

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RFP CHARITABLE GRANTS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2017

Last year was an amazing opportunity for giving! Proceeds from the race events held in New York, Illinois, Ohio, and Georgia helped fund grants to local nonprofits on the front lines of promoting peace in those states.

The May 2017 New York Choose Peace 5k benefited the Center for Safety and Change, a nonprofit in Rockland County that provides assistance to victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking. The June Choose Peace 5k took us to America's heartland in Illinois and benefited Willow Tree Missions to help victims of domestic violence in rural Piatt County. The Choose Peace 5k Ohio event offered an incredible chance to partner with the Cleveland Peacemakers Alliance, an organization that helps reduce violence in local neighborhoods. Finally, the Choose Peace 5k Atlanta, Georgia race benefitted the local chapter of the Alternatives to Violence Project.

We could not have accomplished all of this without support from communities in these states and across the country. The truth is we need more sponsors! Whether you choose to support one race or one whole year of races, your funding will help spread our message of peace and enable our charitable giving to help victims of hate and violence.

Please donate today! Visit our website at <u>www.racesforpeace.org</u> and select the <u>Donate Now</u> link. There you can provide individual donations or race event sponsorship. Also, Races for Peace may be designated when you shop with Amazon Smile. Every time you make a purchase, Amazon supports us. Just visit <u>www.smile.amazon.com</u> and designate Races for Peace as your charity of choice.

Thank you for your support!

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Races for Peace has the goal of holding an event in every state across the nation. Since we began racing in 2016, we have already checked off New York, Georgia, Illinois, and Ohio and have held repeat races in New York and Georgia! Just wait and see where we will wind up next! Follow us on social media!





You can keep track of all of our programs and events at <u>www.racesforpeace.org</u>. Find us on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u> @racesforpeace and "like us" on <u>Facebook</u>.

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