



## Washington, DC-based City at Peace Chosen for New 2005 Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington

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Washington, DC-based City at Peace has been selected as a featured charity in the 2005 *Catalogue for Philanthropy*. This is the *Catalogue's* third year in the Washington, DC region. Supported by local foundations (Harman, Meyer, Cafritz, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Marriott and Fowler) as a service to the community, the *Catalogue* profiles environmental, cultural, educational, human services, and international organizations. Seventy-five new nonprofits are featured each year, and those from previous years are re-listed as well. Organizations from 2003 through 2005 are live at the website, [www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org/dc](http://www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org/dc).

What makes City at Peace unique? Try an innovative blend of performing arts, violence prevention, intercultural understanding, and conflict resolution training. Make it youth-led and free of charge. Then guide a diverse group of young people on an unusual journey: the creation and performance of a full-length, cast-written, musical theater production that thousands will see. Every year, 50 teens participate in an intensive, ten-month program that uses the performing arts to examine the big issues in their lives--depression, peer rejection, race relations, violence, and drug use--and seek resolution to them. City at Peace also builds the performing skills of both accomplished youth artists and of teens who have never been on stage. Participation is a transforming experience and the kids spread the word about peace through shows, workshops, and community activities. Indeed, many alumni go on to become teachers, social workers, international human rights workers, actors, musicians, and writers, all using their voices to create peace and change. City at Peace inspired a documentary film, an ABC "Nightline" show, won the 2001 Margaret Mead Centennial Award from the Institute of Intercultural Studies and a 2005 Excellence in Youth Empowerment Award from the DC Commission on National and Community Service. The recent upturn in youth violence and gang activity makes their work--and your enthusiastic support--absolutely critical.

According to Barbara Harman, Executive Director of the Harman Family Foundation, "The *Catalogue* is designed to be a showcase for DC region philanthropy and an inviting way for individuals and families to participate in charitable giving." A single check sent to the *Catalogue's* DC office, or an online donation at its website, [www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org/dc](http://www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org/dc), can be allocated to as many charities as the donor pleases. Donors may also contact the charities directly. "Because the *Catalogue* is fully paid for by its philanthropic partners," Harman notes, "100% of every donation goes to the designated nonprofits." To date, the *Catalogue* has helped to raise over \$1.3 million in pledges and gifts for local nonprofits.

City at Peace was selected from a competitive field of nearly 250 candidates. Proposals were reviewed by 50 professional grantmakers and leaders at 30 local foundations and nonprofit organizations. "Charities were selected for excellence, innovation, and cost-effectiveness--and for what they can teach us about the extraordinary ways that philanthropy works," Harman said. "These are certainly among the best small charities in the Washington, DC region."

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