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1,500 Stones for 1.5 Million Children: A summer-long activity for children at the Henry & Sandra Friedman Holocaust Center for Humanity June 1 — August 24



[Seattle, WA]: June 1, the Holocaust Center for Humanity launches its summer-long event 1,500 Stones for 1.5 Million Children.

Following the overwhelming response to Anne Frank exhibit, the Center invites children of all ages to participate in painting stones that will be placed at the Anne Frank Tree, which is planted in the Seattle Center's Peace Garden. This activity for children will be offered every Sunday and Wednesday from 10:00am-4:00pm, June 1 – August 24. (The Holocaust Center will be closed on Aug. 10 for an education seminar.)

The Holocaust Center for Humanity is one of 11 U.S. organizations that received a sapling from the original Anne Frank Tree in Amsterdam. The sapling was planted in 2016 at the Seattle Center and was dedicated to the city of Seattle.

Stones painted by participating children will be placed at the base of the Anne Frank tree as an act of remembrance and hope. In the Jewish faith, stones are placed as symbols of life and memory.



During their visit to the Holocaust Center, children and their families can explore the Center's core exhibit, *With My Own Eyes*. This exhibition engages visitors in a conversation about the Holocaust and its lessons through stories, artifacts, and testimonies of local Holocaust survivors. It challenges visitors to consider how each of us makes a difference through our words and actions. The core exhibit includes artifacts on loan from the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum in Poland.

ABOUT THE CENTER: Connecting lessons of the Holocaust to a broad range of relevant themes for our time, from bullying to social justice, the Holocaust Center for Humanity has been teaching students to become engaged citizens and to speak out against bigotry and prejudice since 1989. The Center works directly with teachers, students, and community groups across the Northwest to provide educational materials, curriculum, and interaction with Holocaust survivors who tell their stories to 20,000 students of all ages each year. In 2015, the Center opened its museum to the public. In the first six months of operation, 15,000 students of all ages have toured the Center's exhibits.

The Center's mission is to inspire teaching and learning for humanity in the schools and communities of this region through study of the Holocaust. Find out more at HolocaustCenterSeattle.org.