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Marin County High School Students Turn Art into Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

“Students for Peace” benefit at College of Marin June 18th will spotlight Ukrainian arts and culture and feature auction of one-of-a-kind peace signs created by local students

Kentfield, Calif. (May 27th, 2022) – Original artwork created by students from 16 local Marin high schools will be auctioned off to raise funds for Ukraine as part of a special benefit event at the College of Marin June 18th. The event will also feature entertainment by authentic Ukrainian musicians and dancers, along with a selection of Ukrainian delicacies, all arranged by the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council (UACC), a non profit group that nurtures Ukrainian culture and people.

Proceeds from the “Spirit of Ukraine – Students for Peace” event and online auction will be donated directly to the [Arizae Foundation](#), a nonprofit founded by San Anselmo couple Andy and Sara Kurtzig that has already raised more than \$383,000 to help the Ukrainian people defend democracy, support their community and keep their families safe. Arizae Donations have already helped:

- Create fully equipped shelters in Western Ukraine
- Deliver 100s of tons of medical supplies and humanitarian aid to those in need in Kharkiv and Kyiv and the Lviv Military Hospital.
- Provide supplies to defenders including bulletproof vests and helmets, night vision systems, patrol drones, etc.
- Protect critically important IT infrastructure by partnering with SpaceX and ordering almost 1000 Starlink devices.

Archie Williams High School students spearheaded “Students for Peace” campaign

The “Students for Peace” auction component of the fundraiser started with an idea from Charlotte and Samantha Gerner, sophomores at Archie Williams High School in San Anselmo, who had been following the humanitarian work being done by Arizae and the Kurtzig family. Inspired by the Kurtzigs, Charlotte and Samantha hatched a plan to make a contribution by hosting an art show, selling the art and donating the funds to arizae.org. They contacted every high school in Marin and asked if they could drop off the wooden peace sign, made by their father, for the school to decorate.

“The schools were all very excited about decorating a piece of art. They liked that all of the high schools in Marin were participating and were excited to support arizae.org,” said Charlotte Gerner.

Samantha added “We’re really excited to see all of the different designs. This has taught us that there’s a lot we can do to help people in need and we’re already thinking of ideas for more fundraising!”

Tickets for the “Spirit of Ukraine – Students for Peace” concert and reception, which takes place from 5-8pm at the College of Marin’s James Dunn Theater, can be purchased here:

<https://www.arizae.org/fundraising-events>.

San Francisco-based [JustAnswer](#) is the corporate sponsor for this special event. JustAnswer, which employs more than 250 people in Ukraine, is a platform that connects people with live doctors, lawyers, vets, mechanics and other verified and vetted experts for real-time assistance, insight and answers to just about any question or problem 24/7. With more than 12,000 experts across 150 categories, JustAnswer is the leading destination for accessing affordable professional help on-demand when and from wherever you need it. Founded by Andy Kurtzig in 2003, JustAnswer has helped more than 16 million customers across 196 countries.

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