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Peace Day in the Park

When: Saturday, September 20, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Human Peace Sign Photograph at 12:00 p.m.

Where: Central Park Main Stage 251 S Park Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789

Who's Attending: Community members of all ages.

The Peace and Justice Institute (PJI) is proud to announce our 17th annual celebration of the United Nations-mandated International Day of Peace. This year the theme of [Peace Day in the Park](#) is Mister Roger's "Won't you be my neighbor?" as we come together to share a smile and imagine a peaceful world.

Set against the backdrop of Central Park in Winter Park, FL, this year's event opens with a reading of the Principles for How We Treat Each Other by high level community stakeholders including Winter Park's Mayor Sheila DeCiccio. The event promises an array of free activities for all ages including live performances, yoga, tai chi, children's storytelling and games, bounce houses, a public art project, and of course, our annual Human Peace Sign photograph.

This year special guest Daniel Tiger from the PBS KIDS show Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood will join us to spread kindness, give hugs, and help kids explore feelings, friendship, and peace.

A special *Resilience Zone* will be added this year, highlighting the seven pillars of the Prescription for Healing and Wellbeing: mental health, movement and exercise, supportive relationships, connection with nature, mindfulness and contemplative practices, nutrition, and sleep. When integrated, these pillars reflect PJI's core belief that lasting change begins within—nurturing personal growth as the foundation for a Culture of Peace.

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This year's performers include: Will Patrick (Jazz, Soul, and Blues featured at Judson's Live and the Blue Bamboo Room), Orlando Gay Chorus, African Drumming, Students of Holy Cross Lutheran Academy, Central Florida Community Arts UpBeat! Dance, Credible Messengers

Partnered organizations include: Common Ground USA, Joyful Orlando & Global Peace Film Festival, Hannibal Square Heritage Center, Orange County Library System, League of Women Voters (Orange & Seminole), Rollins College "PRISM ERG", Central Florida Freethought Community, Empower the Village, Orlando Solar Bears, Youth Advocate Programs, Orlando Magic, Winter Park Library, Peace and Justice Institute, Phoenix Generation, Rollins College Center for Religious & Spiritual Life & Interfaith Council, Bridging the Color Divide, Orlando Regional Chess Alliance, Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida, Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Peer Support Space Inc., Girl Scouts of Citrus Council, Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Winter Park Urban Forestry, Rollins College Sustainability/Social Impact Hub, Pearson's Catering, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, Hebni Nutrition, Warrior One Yoga

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Photograph from a previous Human Peace Sign taken in Winter Park, FL by photographer Steven Sobel as featured in the Orlando Sentinel.

Sponsors: Peace Day in the Park is made possible by the generous support of our sponsors and community partners.

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Making a difference by intentionally engaging in principles and practices that explore, advocate and honor the dignity of self, others and the earth.

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