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**VIP LIST - EASY EXAMPLE!**

Below is an example of clarification and execution.

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Thanks again for your time and energy!  
Best,  
Eric

## **EXAMPLE #2.**

*On Apr 17, 2017, at 1:15 PM, Jazz for Peace wrote:*

Dear Anna and Team,

We appreciate your (and your organizations) enthusiasm for this Grant Opportunity and here is the Next Step: Help Us Introduce You To Our Board for quick funding approval for this event by sharing this enthusiasm in the form of a VIP List of Names & Comments from those that you wish for us to thank and reward.

To help you understand this Quick and Easy Process that has already helped over 850 others, I have copied and pasted from our Apply Page (<http://jazzforpeace.org/apply.pdf>) the letter you will be sending to your friends, family, supporters and other chosen VIP's to help us introduce you to our Board for quick funding approval (see letter below).

As detailed in this 1 minute cartoon video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bynOP-BncOo> , after briefly telling us about your cause or project - Help us Introduce you to our Board and prepare you for funding approval by simply sending this letter below (or your own personalized version of it) to a handful or more of your team members and supporters and then forwarding their names and comments to us at [info@jazzforpeace.org](mailto:info@jazzforpeace.org).

Please read the letter below carefully and let me know if it completely answers your question.

Sincerely,  
Debra Cerritelli, Senior Event Coordinator - Jazz for Peace Foundation

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Sincerely,  
Anna Isakulyan

***On Apr 25, 2017, at 4:50 PM, Anna Isakulyan wrote:***

*Hi Deb! Here are some comments that I collected from our team members who watched the [video](#) after receiving the template [letter](#). The response was great. Thanks for this opportunity!*

1. Ray McCarthy/ Unofficial Advisor: Very interesting, I will invite everybody I know, about 450 people.
2. Eric A. Castro/ President: Anna, Burt recommended me to contact Jazz for Peace. I am very excited.
3. Zain Khaliq/ Supporter: I have never heard of something so extraordinary and encompassing. I think that we need to invite a representative from mayor's office.
4. Mike Vu/ Supporter: I am looking forward to this event, I will invite my family and uncle, and his friends.
5. Muhammed/ Supporter: Jazz! A jazz band organizes a gala for us. Wow.
6. Sam Szabo/ Supporter: Can my jazz band play there, as well? I think this event will be great for us.
7. Sean Ruane/ Board Member: Jazz for Peace has done so much good work...I will invite my entire family. They have been asking me about FSC.

8. Gertrude/ Supporter: Oh. My dad works in the UN. A very admirable mission and so much great work done worldwide. I will see whom I can invite. My brothers are definitely coming.

9. Dr. Marry Michel/ Unofficial Advisor: Anna, I have so many friends, whom I wanted to tell about FourSight, but I felt that you weren't ready. And I have been supporting many non-profits, and I must say there is a need for organizations like Jazz for Peace. This would be great for you, and I am very happy about being involved with your mission.

10. Sean/ Volunteer: Anna, I am quite surprised about this. I didn't know that our non-profit could be working with an organization of such recognition and have an official event of this kind so soon.

Sincerely, Ann

**See More Examples & FAQ's:** <http://jazzforpeace.org/moreexamples.pdf>

**Daily Comments on this [introductory video](#) from around the world.**

November 12: "It is a blessing to learn that the art form of Jazz is being used to bring together the diversity of our planet's inhabitants regardless of one's political agenda, culture, faith, age or ethnicity. Jazz For Peace is living proof that amongst all the problems of our world it is, as it always has been, Music that awakens our sense of one family. The fact that Jazz Music is being used to reconnect the most difficult of opposing circumstances is yet again a glorious affirmation to the unique power of the art form of Jazz. I applaud Rick DellaRatta and all the staff at Jazz For Peace for their compassion, hard work, continued success and concern for our planet's future well being." ~ Jon Crocco, Paris

Nov. 6: "Jazz for Peace is on a wonderful mission doing great things for the world." ~ Loris Holland, NYC

Nov. 3: "I love it.. What you are creating is needed and on time." ~ Glenn H. Friedman, The Music Umbrella - Santa Monica, California

"Jazz for Peace is doing important work to promote jazz and fund outstanding causes. They are a great resource for the community!" ~ Dominique Elkind, NAAHP Director of Membership

Nov. 2: "fantastic!" ~ Elva Bai - Zurich, Switzerland

October 30: "Jazz is a channel of creativity and joy, a treasure all the more valued in an era of fake news and fake sounds." ~ Jeff Kaliss, KPFA Pacifica Radio - San Francisco, Calif.

Oct. 27: "Jazz for Peace is an incredible organization, and I look forward to working with them to help increase access to education for youth worldwide!" ~ Eric Musonza, American Institutes for Research / Yale University - Washington, DC

Oct. 24: "Jazz for Peace is an organization and an effort worthy of attention and support. Music is a universal language. The one true American art form is jazz. What better way to bring about peace and cooperation among men and women who share this planet as their home? After serving nearly a decade (2004-2013) at Jazz at Lincoln Center as Assistant Director of Public Relations, I have seen firsthand what jazz can do to encourage peace and compassion. I applaud Jazz for Peace." ~ Scott Thompson - [www.scottthompsonpr.com](http://www.scottthompsonpr.com)

"Thank you for your efforts to bring Israeli, Palestinian and American jazz musicians together with Jazz for Peace. Music has always been the international language, bridging many gaps throughout the ages. On International Jazz Day, may music once again be the peacemaker." ~ Wanda Fischer - Albany, NY

Oct. 20: "jazz for peace is very inspiring for us...And we would love be a part of it with ur help and see Rick DellaRatta return and bring jazz for peace back to Nepal in 2018!" ~ Gaurav Jung Kunwar, Nepal

Oct. 19: "We were very impressed" ~ The Entrepreneurial Musicianship team at the New England Conservatory Of Music - Boston, Mass.

"that initiative is good. Through music, message is received faster and with excitement." ~ Florence Kakumana, Civic and Social Organization Professional - Uganda, Africa

Oct. 17: "very interested in merging our efforts" ~ Marvin Goldstein, Peace with Music Foundation

"There are fewer greater causes in the world." ~ [Richard DiPilla](#), Founder - Global Goodwill Ambassadors

Oct. 16: "I join you at your institution to celebrate the historic day of music, diversity and multiculturalism....peace missions and Rick and jazz for Peace throughout the world." ~ Philippe Effa, Cultural promoter / initiator of the Jazz Festival Douala Jazz - Yaounde, Cameroon.

Oct. 14: "With the Growing tension between different communities in the region, there is immediate need for such positive interventions in the society. The whole GIDSS team want to congratulate Jazz for Peace for their mission to spread the message of peace and love through more than 500 concerts. We hope for the similar initiatives from Jazz for Peace in the future and welcome any opportunity to work together in building a Diverse and Multicultural society...Best wishes for your future endeavours." ~ Raminder Singh PhD CFRP - Toronto, Canada

Oct. 13: "Jazz for peace is great!" ~ Nao Suganuma - Aichi, Japan

September 29: "Your awesome!...If I can join you guys and help let me know. Thanks and peace always" ~ Jim Hood - Los Angeles

Sept. 19: "you are wonderful thank you" ~ Rebecca Hirschfeld - Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Sept. 18: "Awesome!" ~ Michael Heavner - Little Rock, Arkansas

Sept. 17: "Excellent!!!" ~ Rafael Carrero - Madrid, Spain

" I love what you're doing!!" ~ Bolton Sullivan - Boca Raton, Fla.

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"Being a jazz musician who advocates for peace, your organization sounds ideal." ~ Orlando Fiol - Philadelphia, PA

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Sept. 6: "You have a great project...Hope you to be succeed in all of your nice and humanity projects always." ~ Zahra Rostami - Shiraz, Iran

August 27: "Love what you are doing ... keep up the great work." ~ Kelly Salmans, Salt Lake City

Aug. 10: "Wonderful song" ~ EKOSSO NJOH - London

"an immense hug from Spain, blessings !!" ~ Javier Gonzalez - Mataró, Spain

Aug. 2: "I'm aware of some of your history which is significant." ~ Scot Albertson, NYC

Aug. 1: "came across and watched your interesting video named jazz for peace...I really love it. Thank you very much for the services you are offering to the nation." ~ Edward Tweteise - Uganda, Africa

July 31: "Right on!" ~ Jarrett Cherner - Brooklyn, NY

July 27: " I am amazed by you and your accomplishments!!" ~ Lisa Pappas Perrodin - Haughton, Louisiana

"Jazz for Peace looks awesome.....Keep up your wonderful work. - the world needs more" ~ Harry McAlister - London

July 26, 2017: "I enjoyed ISFAHAN 😊 .....and we are very interested in knowing more about Jazz for Peace. Please choose a date from the following list that Rick would be available for an interview." ~ Kelli Campbell - JazzVoices.org (stay tuned for this exciting interview with Jazz for Peace Founder Rick DellaRatta)

July 22: "Dear John De Angelis, I am delighted to communicate to you via this email, I am sending you names and comments from our team members who have watched the video and forwarded their comments to me, along with the project proposal (as attached).

- **Theophilus Ntamukunzi:** It is amazing how Jazz for Peace can change peoples' lives.

-**Sam Nsenguyumva:** Oh, great video! Jazz for Peace has benefited different souls. I can't stop watching and sharing.

-**Joshua Kato:** A landmark that has left my heart thanking Jazz for Peace for the gospel of peace spread. We can live in harmony if Jazz for peace does what I have seen in the video to our community.

-**Festo Kamanzi:** I am struck at heart that elsewhere (where Jazz for Peace have reached) there is value for peace, I am hoping to see the golden age of peace if Jazz for Peace comes to our rescue.

-**Sheba Hanyurwa:** Oh dear Jazz for Peace! Thank you for the video and your work, I cant control myself with these feelings left in my heart, longing to see my community experience this in their hearts as well.

-**Ferdinant Iyakaremye:** It's emotional to watch this video to see Jazz for peace giving a helping hand to different communities.

-**James Niyibizi:** What a precious people Jazz for Peace are! I wish they can reach to our community.

-**Godfrey Habumuremyi:** How blessed our community would be after meeting Jazz for Peace! This video teaches me a lot. I praise you Jazz for Peace.

-**Denis Byomuhangyi:** Can't wait to experience Jazz for Peace concert around me, great Video.

-**Jackson Sinamenye:** This Jazz for Peace Ministry is great ever. Thank you for your helping hand in bringing peace and harmony through music.

-**Moses Dukorerimana:** Jazz for Peace! Jazz for Peace! Long live Jazz for Peace, the video is very educative, interesting and peace bringing. I am looking forward to inviting everyone is such event is to be held in our community.

Thanking you and looking forward for this memorable moment to happen.

Mr. Steven Rugigana.

Cordinator, Kisoro International Vicational Institute and Director Kisoro  
Community Volunteers Association. - Uganda, Africa

July 21: "People need to understand that Music especially Jazz is Candy for the Spirit, Soul & Body and Musicians has to understand how to stick together first before other societies take us serious. If we can open up and learn from each other , there will be room for all. But this is the goal and task at Hand. Thank you Debbie Cerritelli for all you do." ~ Carlos A. Boyce Jr. - Minneapolis-St. Paul

July 19: "International Jazz Day could not happen without partners like Jazz for Peace....using concerts, community outreach and education programs to raise support and awareness for local and international charities...to promote charitable and service-based activities that help make a positive difference in the world...to unify and empower the vulnerable in our society. We are indebted to you for your steadfast support, and look forward to working with you..." ~ Herbie Hancock ([see complete letter](#)) Click here for Video of Jazz Day 2017 at Washington DC Lincoln Memorial - <https://vimeo.com/215577496>

July 11: "I really appreciate what you are doing and enjoying an artistry of Rick and his band" ~ Michael Zorich, Multicultural Arts Exchange - Philadelphia, PA

July 4: "God bless my friend....you are a great man.....Peace and music can never die." ~ Brady Bullock - Salt Lake City, Utah

June 25: "....you're doing great work." ~ Shel Horowitz - Hadley, Massachusetts

June 20: "Watching "Jazz for Peace" Right now.... Beautiful, Thank you !!" ~ Phyllis Kee - Stewart - NYC

June 17: "I have listened to the video and it is great! I have also shared it with board and team members." ~ Michael Wiyual Tut - Juba, South Sudan

June 7: "Great work Rick indeed. Thank you for putting me in the loop" ~ Kai Eckhardt - San Francisco

June 6: "Good effort" ~ Steve Kiarie - Kenya, Africa

May 29: "We support and congratulate your activity of Jazz for Peace." ~ Ian Shen , Brenda Kanai, Chikako Koga - Saga, Japan

May 22: "Love what you're doing" ~ Oliver Brown - Los Angeles, CA

May 20: "jazz for peace" ..... "empowerment tree" .. love it!!" ~ Bolton Sullivan - West Palm Beach, Florida

May 17: "Well done and the spirit comes across strong!!" ~ John Luongo - NYC

May 15: "That is great." ~ niasony okomo - Cologne, Germany

May 13: "Very impressive!!!" ~ David "DJ" Rupert - Mesa, Arizona

May 9: "amazing work - congratulations." ~ John Harvey - NYC

May 6: "you are so good, love your singing voice" ~ Joyce Marino-Thomas - South Carolina

May 5: "How could anyone not love people being proactive in planting seeds of peace upon this land. Music is healing to the human soul. Thank you for sharing....Thank you for sharing!!" ~ Patricia Pingitore, Event Specialist - Philadelphia, PA

"Nice idea." ~ Ruth-Ellen Sternberg - Columbus, Ohio

May 4: "you guys are doing amazing work around the world." ~ Rambabu Talluri - Rye, NY

May 3: "Wow that was nice!" ~ Theresa Bastien, NYC

May 1: "Greetings to you from Abidjan Cote D'Ivoire. I am conscious and even marveled at the fight for peace through the Jazz - nothing like it. You with my encouragement this is what I am interested in .... Artists who perform for the

Jazz are to greet and thank. I am at your service" ~ Mr DOUMBIA Souleymane - President of FENDATCI - Abidjan, Ivory Coast

April 27: "I just went to your page and links and I love what you are doing. " ~ Jenny Morales - Dallas

April 22: "thank you so much for your support!.....I perused your other grants to date & they are sensational, & congratulations!!! Great work & dedication!! ~ Marianne Kadunc - Sydney, Australia

April 18: "these projects look fantastic" - David Ruiz Molina - Córdoba, Spain

April 17: "I am quite aware of his event....and I will give Rick's event a mention as I run down the national aspects of Jazz Appreciation Month. Keep swinging! Linda" - Linda Yohn Music Director, 89.1 WEMU

April 16: "I have checked the link you kindly sent, watched the video, and I must say, this looks very interesting indeed. I would be happy to participate" ~ Elliott Randall, Guitar Legend - London

April 13: "Ain't nobody playing like that!.....I've heard all the greats and you're the next one." ~ Glen Simpson, The Sleeping Giant of the Sax - Lawrence, Kansas (commenting on recent 2017 Rick DellaRatta jazz piano improvisation)

April 10: "Yay! Jazz for Peace! You're doing wonderful work" ~ Amy Denio - Seattle

April 7: "this is very important information." ~ Robert Rosenthal - Jackson, Mississippi

"Yes I would like to be included in Rick DellaRatta's 15th Anniversary for Jazz For Peace celebration." ~ Dana Reedy, NYC

"I would love to participate." ~ Corina Bertra, NYC

"Sounds interesting I think I will try to attend that event!" ~ Andrew Knox - Philadelphia, PA

April 6: "I watched the video and sounds like an amazing opportunity. ....let me know how to get started" ~ Daniel Turikumwe - Pittsburgh, PA

April 5: "I would love to be part of this celebration. Tell me more." ~ Gregory M. Jones - NYC

April 5: "I played with Rick here in Charlotte around five or six years ago, and really enjoyed it. He's an excellent musician and a true ambassador for jazz throughout the world." ~ Armen S. Boyajian - Charlotte, NC

April 5: "What a great event.....The video is amazing!" ~ Maria Brotherston - Denver, CO

March 27: "I would like to participate" ~ David Fernando - Miami

March 21: "congrats.....We honor your work and success" ~ Steve Rubin, Hudson Valley Jazz Fest - NYC

March 19: "Your historic 2002 UN Concert was an inspired precursor to UNICEF's 2011 designation of April 30 as International Jazz Day with concerts in every country in the world. I can think of no one better able to share this story with the gift of your music..." ~ Jeanne Boardman, American Museum of Peace (AMP) - Washington DC ([See full letter HERE](#))

March 18: "Very commendable." ~ Marty Khan, Outward Visions, Inc. - Tucson, Arizona

March 11: "just wanted to congratulate you for your skills and talent." ~ Daniel Capelo - Los Angeles

March 9: "I'm very interested in your jazz for peace program and I am thinking of ways to participate" ~ Bruce Gertz - Boston, MA

"I love the idea of Jazz for peace" ~ Jerone Roy - Dallas

March 6: "a worthy venture that has helped jazz." ~ Scott Yanow, Jazz Journalist/ Author/ Historian/ Reviewer - Los Angeles, CA

"Jazz for peace around the world is extremely commendable!!!" ~ Ralph Hedges, Director at Chopin Piano Academy, Manhattan School of Music - Hawaiian Islands

March 5: "Congrats on your 15th anniversary of Jazz for Peace Concert as well as all of those grants! Continued success for the future!" ~ Joann Fleisch - Milford, PA

February 24: "We are doing this ....Thank You for given me the opportunity!! ~ MarkyZ, Recording Artist - Clifton Heights, PA

Feb. 17: "I love what you're doing and you're definitely an inspiration to us all" ~ Junior Archer - London

Feb. 10: "This is a brilliant idea! Wonderful Project!" ~ Amin Kamara

Feb. 9: "absolutely amazing!" ~ Lynda Bell - Sarasota, Florida

"Great job" ~ Richy Stano - Gainesville, Florida

"very cool" ~ Alfredo Ballesteros - Los Angeles

Jan. 31: "Great powerful story." ~ Daniele Fiori - Rome (Talking about the article "The Story of Jazz for Peace" <http://jazzforpeace.org/wpearticle>)

Jan. 30: "Cool video!" ~ Carl Anthony - Miami

Jan. 27: "That's dam great!" ~ Terri Givens - Providence, RI

"magnificent" ~ Pedro Enrique Vega de la Nuez - Logroño Area, Spain

Jan. 26: "congrats on Jazz for Peace's success" - Armen Boyajian, CFRE Fund Raising Professional - Charlotte, North Carolina

Jan. 25: "That's awesome....Wow!!! .....Great song and well performed." ~ Guru Dave Powers - Snowbird, Utah (commenting on the new Video - All of Me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-0kn3idDCc>)



Jan. 23: "I find it extremely interesting and impressive....If I can refer someone to this program/grant, I will happily do so.....best wishes for continued success" ~ Elaine Sullivan - Providence, RI

"I think you're wonderful, period for this work.....Giving clear instructions step by step is a gift you have....I tip my hat" ~ Gabrielle Sido Islwyn - Siena, Italy

Jan. 20: "excellent" ~ Matthew Cummings - NYC

Jan. 18: "I love the idea of Jazz for Peace!" ~ Taylor Quartet, Los Angeles

Jan. 17: "very glad for your success. This is what music is here for, to bring people back to their real peace, to the balance that makes a note and a nation healthy.. all best to you, ~ Gabrielle Islwyn - Sienna, Italy

" I love the New Year video, and it is my privilege to know you." ~ Lloyd David Lieberman - Astoria, NY (Talking about our Video - Rick DellaRatta & Jazz for Peace Starts NEW YEAR with BANG! <https://vimeo.com/186064846>)

Jan. 13: "Very nice" ~ Dan Nelson ~ Levittown, New York

"Nice" ~ Jeffrey Collins, Miami

Jan 12: "Phenomenal" ~ Jay Washington - Tampa, Fla.

"Great" ~ CARLOS OROZCO - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

"You guys & Ladies are working hard... Thanks" ~ Solomon Hicks - NYC

Jan. 11: "well done....congrats" ~ Beto Beserra - Nagoya, Japan

"It sounds great! Keep up the good work. The world needs people like you!" ~ Daniele Fiori (LION) - Rome, Italy

"interesting" ~ Ted Schuhle - Ronkonkoma, New York

"It is great work.... I like it." ~ Dilli Raj Devote - Pokhara, Nepal

"I like it " ~ Tobias Mastrocola- Project Development at Peace Corps Jamaica (speaking about our Easy Step to Apply (<http://jazzforpeace.org/apply.pdf>)).

Jan. 7: "Loved it." ~ Johanna Sparrow - San Antonio, Texas

Jan. 6: "I read the Newsletter....sounds so great!!" ~ Sarah James, NYC

Jan. 4: " It's a good project and a creative way to raise money. Good for you!" ~ Diane Acciavatti, NYC

"This is Great! Thank You for caring!!!" ~ Helen M. Laffier, Art therapist at Soaring Art Therapy - Southeastern Ontario, Canada (commenting on our "How to apply" link - <http://jazzforpeace.org/apply.pdf>).

Jan. 2, 2017: "John, here are the 15 comments on Jazz for Peace video from Mike Armando fans and friends so far. Thanks" - Mike Armando, NYC

1) Mike Armando ~ I thought it was excellent.

2) Carol Armando ~ I think Jazz for Peace is a great idea. I think the video was well put together and educational. Jazz is an international music and is the perfect music to bring peace to the world though jazz exposure young and old.

3) Anita Lopicalo ~ I thought Jazz for Peace video presentation was great. The only thing I noticed was at the very beginning it had a map with New York City on the west coast but corrected itself in a latter frame. Other than that it was a great presentation and a great idea to use Jazz for Peace. Mike Armando and his collaborators have been making great music for many years. His style tends to be mellow yet he varies styles from funk to blues and in between. Consistently great!!

4) Gali Amarmilio ~ I love this video!! "Jazz for Peace" Your music is always an inspiration for me... Excellent video / music!!!

5) Andrew Golba ~ I have watched the videos. This seems like a worthy situation. Jazz For Peace seems like a good organization with a great mission. Seems like a good thing to be part of. Thank You

6) Artt Frank ~ I just watched the video, Jazz For Peace, and really think it is a great idea and feel that it will help people everywhere to get an idea that Jazz music not only makes for good listening and education, but to also promote peace and goodwill throughout the world. Thanks for posting the video. - Artt

Frank, Hall Of Fame inductee and longtime drummer with jazz trumpet icon, Chet Baker.

7) Michael Alexander ~ Seems like a very good idea. Spreading great music and good vibes around the world..

8) Joe Izzo ~ A great cause. The world needs more of this.

9) Warren Wygand ~ I think Jazz for Peace is a great idea. Jazz is a very creative music. Jazz for peace is introducing jazz to people who may have never heard of this music. Jazz for Peace is doing the world a great loving service. Thanks a lot.

10) Susan Wade ~ I really enjoyed the video. I was really happy to see an organization spreading peace though music and that is jazz. I think it is a very good idea. Mike Armando would be a great choice to perform for Jazz for Peace. Wow. Great idea.

11) Patrick DeBernardi ~ A good idea long overdue. Jazz for Peace video was put together very well. A lot of information. I think it will help people in the USA and the world. I hope to see Mike Armando with his group perform and hope he does get this grant. He would be the ideal person to perform for Jazz for Peace and that is peace though jazz. Thank you for your video a great idea.

12) Marlina Griffin ~ What a great way, Jazz for Peace. You are doing an important work. Good luck and success in your endeavors.

13) Michael Cochrane ~ Jazz for peace is a great idea. I support bringing jazz to a world stage.

14) Boris Kurganov ~ Jazz for Peace is a great Idea

15) Nancy Monroe ~ Music certainly is a way to bring people together in peace. One way to create a world community is through jazz.

16) Laurie Bertolini Simpson ~ Jazz for Peace is a great idea, and Mike Armando is the perfect ambassador of jazz music. Mike's talent, his original compositions, brilliant performance, along with his ensemble playing consistently demonstrate his depth of sensitivity to the art. Music is an international language and the energy of jazz is predisposed to reach across social strata. Mike's music contains

the magnetic pull to bring all people together. I believe there is no better genre than jazz for peace and, no better player than Mike Armando's tightly-woven and virtuoso musicianship.

Dec. 20, 2016: From the Board Members of an outstanding organization in Jacksonville, Fla.

Jerry Fraiser: I watched both videos and I think that this organization is doing great things and I know that they will be able to help us in our effort.

James Baggs: I liked how they went around the world to help people through music and that is what C.B.Cane is trying to do.

Monya Williams: The concept of Jazz For Peace and their grant work embodies everything that help is supposed to be about. The videos were very informative.

Greg Martin: I liked the music and the founder really explained the work that they do in detail. I think that this organization can really help Cane with this work.

Carrie Fraiser: We have been looking for a grant source for a long time and this is the answer to our prayers. The process that he explained seems simple enough and it will help the effort and the goal CB is trying to reach.

Marva Daniels: I don't understand a lot of this technology, but I understood that this is a good idea and a way to help people.

C.B.Cane: I viewed these videos several times and each time my take away was different. I learned the importance of togetherness and I have a new perspective when it comes to ministering to others needs. The videos were so good, I really liked them

Dec. 19: "This is fine and interesting. More grace and power to your able. I shall apply also." ~ Vitalis Ken Duru - Nigeria

Dec. 17: "Love all the information passing it on to other colleges in my field." ~ Miguel A. Hernandez - Social & Civic Activist for Peace & Justice. Brooklyn, NY

Dec. 14: "I look forward to working with your group because this will be a real help in getting this project and many similar things done for this cause." ~ CB Cane - Jacksonville, Fla

Dec. 11: "That's Wonderful!" ~ Sarah James - NYC

"your article is quite useful." ~ Claudio Parodi - Genoa, Italy

Dec. 8: "Bless you and all you do!" ~ Mary Jo Papich, Chicago

Dec. 7: "Totally awesome" ~ Jay Washington - Tampa, Fla.

"I think your process is brilliant! It is one thing to help people by handing them a check. Your process is much more than that. I will start step 1 and send out the letter/email tomorrow." ~ Lisa Wolfe, Build-A-Band Music Education - Coatesville, PA

"Great news and great grant program!" ~ Elisa Trocmé - Toulouse, France

Dec. 6: "Keep up the great work, Rick!" ~ Christopher Burnett - Kansas City, Missouri

"Very creative and impressive" ~ Edward Stephon - Allentown, PA

Nov. 30: "Beautiful musical project you have." ~ Diego Sax - Sevilla, Spain

Nov. 29: "Nice!" ~ Rose de Vries - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Nov. 26: "I just caught your newsletter. Wonderful work you're doing!" ~ George Markey, NYC

Nov. 23: "Thank you for your work and article, it is impressive :)" ~ Katerina Barampouti - London

Nov. 18: "Awesome!" ~ Randy Ellis, CEO at Mo'Horns - Randallstown, Maryland

Nov. 16: "Congratulations to You Amen" ~ Melvin Lane - Pomona, California

"it is (a) great idea" ~ Rambabu Talluri - Rye, NY

Nov. 14: "you are doing an amazing job and it matters. With respect," ~ Gregory Rivkin - Jerusalem, Israel

"GREAT presentation" ~ Joe Samuel - Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Nov. 7: "Thanks for the great work" ~ KAISE IVAN, Uganda

Nov. 5: "Bravo!" ~ Diane Sears - Philadelphia, PA

"Awesome!" ~ Melinda Grayson - Washington, DC Commenting on our latest video "Standing Up for our Grant Recipients!" - <https://vimeo.com/189388286>

Nov. 4: "Amazing! What a great way to empower so many around the world through a unique funding model! More power to Jazz for Peace! ~ Nick Noorani - Vancouver, Canada

Oct. 30: "Lovely!" ~ Paye Banza - Calgary, Canada Commenting on our new video, Jazz for Peace Grant Workshop: <https://vimeo.com/186064846>

Oct. 30: "Amazing!" ~ Lynda Bell - Sarasota, Fla. \*\*\* Talking about our NEW video - Standing up for our Grant Recipients! <https://vimeo.com/189388286>

Oct. 29: "beautiful jazz music. Great jazz for Peace on the Earth" ~ Sergey Stepanov - Ukraine

Oct. 25: "Not only was the "Jazz For Peace Live In Pakistan" video astounding but the article was tremendous as well." ~ Eric Cohen, Music Director at WAER Radio - Syracuse, New York

Oct. 24: "The video was both informative and certainly presented an important message!!" ~ Harry Freedman, Independent Fundraising Consultant - Philadelphia, PA (Talking about our NEW Grant Workshop [Video](#)).

Oct. 17: Lynette Johnson commented on your video, Jazz for Peace Grant Workshop: <https://vimeo.com/186064846> ~ " I love how easily it is to get a grant with this organization"

Oct. 12: "Great video." ~ Kiril Zafirov - Sofia, Bulgaria (Talking about our NEW Grant Workshop Video - <https://vimeo.com/186064846>).

Oct. 12: "you've done a great job!" ~ Panagiotis Theodossiou - Athens, Greece

Oct. 5: "You've really made your process much easier to understand...thank you!" ~ Christina Conti - Philadelphia, PA

Oct. 3: "Lovely!" ~ Diane (Amale Kasambu) Urban AMBASSADOR OF FINANCE at THE UNIVERSAL WORLD COURT Dallas, TX \*\*\*\* Talking about the Jazz for Peace Grant Video performance of [Cherokee](#). \*\*\*\*

September 29: "Thanks Rick for your great presentation and music performance. You demonstrated in person that #MakingMusicIsAProfession. Respect!" ~ Sohrab Saadat Ladjevardi , NYC

Sept. 27: "Thank you for the enlightened work you are doing....Nothing is more important than world peace" ~ Ron Halliday - Canada

Sept. 22: "you are great.....God bless the work of your hands." ~ Rambabu Talluri - Rye, NY

Sept. 20: "Please extend my good wishes to Rick....I admire what he is doing." ~ Dave Liebman

Sept. 16: "Rick! I love what you do!" ~ Kelley Karel, NYC

Sept. 15: "As a former jazz tenor player, and now a gerontologist, I really found the work you are doing to be very be very interesting. Thanks so much" - Bill Lane - Homer, NY

Sept. 11: "I love your initiative and way of supporting the peace with Jazz music!" ~ Simone Honijk - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Sept. 9: "intense" ~ Joe Bjornson - Vancouver, Canada

Sept. 8:"Pegasus of human altruism." ~ George Demetrios Vlatakis - Greece

Sept.5: "Awesome Story" ~ Oba William (Billy) King - Chicago

August 24: "Thanks for taking the time today to walk me through your program. The scope is very impressive." ~ Paul Speidel - Boston, MA

Aug. 19: "Thank you very much for all you do, and have done in making a better world through music!" ~ Ricardo Rose - Cherry Hill, NJ

"I am sincerely humbled" ~ Temitayo Akinjogunla - Durham, NC

Aug. 15: "Keep up the promotion of world peace my friend!!!!" ~ Bobby Watson, director of jazz studies at umkc conservatory of music - Kansas City, Missouri

Aug. 14: "I always enjoy reading your articles." ~ Avril Henry, Toronto

Aug. 12: "You are doing excellent work!" ~ Markus Gottschlich - Miami, Fla.

"Interesting article, congrats" ~ JULIEN MCROBERTS ~ NYC

Aug. 11: "very cool work you are doing....Meaningful work!" ~ John Harvey, NYC

Aug. 9: "well done" ~ Tania de Jong - Melbourne, Australia

Aug. 8: "dude, you're amazing." ~ Leo Traversa, Bassist Extraordinaire - NYC

Aug. 5: "thanks for the work you are doing.....This has really touched me" ~ Josephine Isaac Joan, Vision of Hope - Uganda

Aug. 3: "it's great what you're doing." ~ Jessica Williams, Jazz Pianist & Composer - Seattle

"A very interesting read....Thank You!" ~ Johnny Arco - Brooklyn, NY

August 2: "This is a powerful account of how music is the universal language. The way Rick was able to connect with the people particularly the young people is extraordinary. Given the area of the world he describes makes this all the more meaningful" ~ Alan Kinsey - Philadelphia, PA

"a very enlightening article" ~ Libby Hikind, GrantWatch.com - West Palm Beach, Fla.

July 29: "It was a great article and I applaud Rick and his courage and commitment to bring peace through jazz." ~ Gail Boyd, Owner - Gail Boyd Artist Management, NYC



July 28: "Great story." ~ David Berger, NYC

"I saw the videos! Great!!!" ~ Zé Luis Oliveira - NYC

July 26: "peace & love!!" ~ Marco Sarti - Bologna, Italy

July 25: "Great philanthropic effort. Keep up the great work." ~ Melanie Gachot - West Palm Beach, Fla.

"Beautiful" ~ Greg "Jazzman" Chako - Rochester, NY

July 22: "It is very good. Rick looks very inspired" ~ Bruce Hawes, Philadelphia

July 21: "amazing" ~ Derrick Foggy - Philadelphia

July 20: "You are doing great work." ~ Shari Gantman Vice President, Communications, Health Foundation of South Florida

July 19: "inspiring, to say the least!" ~ Reuben Jackson, Jazz Host at Vermont Public Radio - Winooski, VT

"A brave person, following his faith and talent...." ~ Charlie Boyer - West Palm Beach, Florida

July 18: "It is a wonderful article and a beautiful story...wonderful musician." ~ WENDY OXENHORN Vice Chairman/ Executive Director: JAZZ FOUNDATION of AMERICA, NYC

July 16: "Amazing story" ~ Don Braden, NYC

"Great article." ~ Jose Rodriguez - Long Beach, CA

"This is very interesting" ~ Bobby Molina, NYC

July 15: "Awesome" ~ Samuel Stilwell, Musician - Brooklyn, NY

"Great effort." ~ Lazaro Vega - Grand Rapids, Michigan

"Inspiring article." ~ Garry Hinton - Sydney, Australia

"A very impressive effort." ~ Jeffrey Ortman, International Arts Alliance - Trinidad & Tobago

July 14: "so impressed by all that you have accomplished." ~ Todd Isler - Brooklyn, New York

"Awesome work. The world needs more heart to heart, art to art connection." ~ Spyder Webb - Sedona, AZ

July 13: "checking out the Jazz for Peace Live in Pakistan video. Very much enjoyed it.." ~ Eric Cohen, Music Director at WAER Radio - Syracuse, New York

July 12: "what an interesting article about your show in Pakistan!!" ~ Rogerio Jardim - Long Beach, CA

July 11: "thank you for loving humanity.....May the almighty God continue aiding you." ~ WAMALA CHRISTOPHER, Uganda

"God bless you for your charitable works." ~ Suzi Akrofi, Jazz for Peace Empowerment Grant Recipient and President of Bi-Habawalk, NYC

"Interesting worthy project." ~ Gene Santoro, NYC

"Inspiring" ~ Bradley Opland, Chicago

July 9: Referring to article in July 2016 issue of Allegro Magazine - <http://www.local802afm.org/2016/07/letter-from-lahore/> - "What a great article!! What a wonderful thing you are doing!!" ~ Linda Reindel - Westwood, NJ

"Wonderful work you did, we are happy to see this articles, Praise the Lord. Congratulation dear brother Rick DellaRatta. New Life Ministries of Pakistan acknowledge your services and you pain to uplift the children's literacy in Pakistan." ~ Aamir Sindhu - Lahore, Pakistan

July 6: "Thanks for sharing your wonderful project with me. Jazz encompasses all the qualities and tools one should have in order to become a better person, such as communication, pluralism, accepting different ideas, innovation, team work, improvisation and creativity and exposing all of those to children might have a tremendous influence on the way they perceive life. It seems that your

initiative is very successful and i am admiring your devotion and dedication for this." ~ Amikam Kimelman. Founder and Artistic Director at The International Jaffa Jazz Festival - Israel

July 4: "We commend you on the great philanthropic work that you do to empower others. Warm regards, Yvonne R Sewall, CEO & Founder, Max's Kansas City Project - NYC

July 1: "love what you are doing....I have been truly inspired by your work with jazz for peace." ~ Roger Moisan, Founder, Freedom for Musicians - London

"You do great work" ~ Timothy J. Peterson, NYC

June 26: "Thank you very much for your precious services" ~ ABDERRAZAK BEN HAMMOUDA - Tunisia

June 24: "I watched the video pretty awesome" ~ Sophia Daniz - Charlotte, North Carolina

June 22: "Extremely important work! Thank you for being." ~ Mitchell Rapport - Austin, Texas

June 13: "This information is awesome." ~ Cassandra Allen - Washington, D.C.

June 9: "well done" ~ Paweł Tomaszewski - Slawno, Poland

June 6: "Very beautiful work you're doing.....I enjoyed watching the video very much." ~ Paula Weiss - Albany, NY

June 2: "I appreciate your JAZZ FOR PEACE Movement. Oh what a worthy cause" ~ Clyde Bermingham, NYC

May 28: "Thanks for your tireless work" ~ Lloyd David Lieberman - Port Jefferson, NY

May 27: "Jazz for peace is very important to our community and we all need it alive and well." ~ Itaiguara Brandao - Brazilian Jazz Artist, NYC

May 24: "I love your jazz melodies!!! Your great" ~ Sarah Michel - Austin, Texas

May 23: "What you do is fantastic." ~ Philippe Dejardin - Paris, France

May 21: "Great program" ~ Charles Holmes - Seattle, WA

May 20: "Keep up the good work!" ~ Maxwell Kofi Donkor - Monroe, NY

May 17: "Congratulations on all your success with Jazz For Peace !!! I can say I knew you when you were 18 months old" ~ Linda Reindel - Westwood, NJ

May 14: "enjoyed the vid from your uganda journey .....respect for your work!" ~ Wolfgang Schlögl, Austria

May 13: "Great Cause and Performance" ~ Albert Quon Wing - Los Angeles, CA

May 9: "what a great thing you are doing my friend!!! All my blessings" ~ Dr. Rev. M. R. "Doc" Michaud - Boston, Mass.

May 8: "Love what you're doing." ~ Spyder Webb - Sedona, AZ

May 7: "What you are doing is very heartening and very special — it's when we stop doing things only for ourselves that the world starts to move." ~ Jessica Williams, Pianist and Composer - Yakima, Washington

"I watched your video.....I love your way!" ~ Princess Mansia M'Bila - Brussels, Belgium

May 6: "Very nice work !!!! Well done !!!" ~ Christos Triantafyllou - Greece

"Congrats on the anniversary! Twelve more productive years ahead." ~ Ibrahim Brian Cox, Electric Bassist; Bandleader - Nigeria

May 5: "Very much keeping up on the Lahore story and I am very moved.....looking forward to future dialogues. ~ Aaron Todd, CEO at Wisdom Project Consulting/BlackTree Recordings - Los Angeles, CA

"Congratulations on your 12 year anniversary! You've helped so many people and organizations. Wishing you all the best!" ~ Carol Gibson, Compassionate Artists - Los Angeles, CA

April 26: "Your role in people's lives is very angelic.....Your organization does not only give hope to needy, it promotes cross cultural programs across the globe. Thumbs up for the good and beautiful works which you and your entire team are doing. I am really impressed....What a way to let the world go round! "  
~ Olalekan Oduntan - Nigeria

"I have seen your program . I find very good. I am glad that such good people like you with music can (be) Helping. I love how they play jazz. :-))) i wish you much success ...with Love" ~ Forough Djafar-Zadeh-Karimi - Wien, Austria

April 25: "we really respect and love the kind of purposes that you support with your activity, so we would really be happy to collaborate..." ~ Gianriccardo Pera, Entertainment Producer and Artistic Director - Italy

April 19: "We hereby thank Jazz for peace grant program for all his efforts and peace supports around the world. We have watched series of videos and read interesting reports on your great work around the world with several non for profit and agencies, from Haiti, Pakistan and other where. Indeed, we are a Youth volunteer peace group, non for profit organization located in Eastern of Congo, a party of the world that has faced more than 2 décades of wars, conflicts, sexual violence, poverty, ... We are really interested to apply for Jazz for peace..... to implement our youth, peace and sustainable community development projects."  
~ Leon Simweragi, AJVDC Youth peace group - Congo, Africa

April 17: "awesome" ~ Daniel Ochoa Jr. - El Centro, California

April 16: "You are doing great things" ~ Vasko Dukovski, NYC

April 14: "this is indeed a worthy cause....I wish you every success" ~ Isabel Cervera - Valencia, Spain

"God bless you and enlighten you always" ~ TÂNIA SERRANO MACHADO - São Paulo, Brazil

April 13: "You are doing a great thing." ~ Jeffrey Traver - Philadelphia, PA

April 9: "Thank you so much for your good will." ~ Takeshi Asai, NYC

"I appreciate your work" ~ Steve Rubin - Hudson Valley, NY

April 8: "great work." ~ Shel Horowitz - Springfield, MA

April 5: "A big thanks to you from the board members and our entire keephopealive Org. we have watched jazz for peace live in pakistan and we have gone through step 2 and it was so amazing. we never knew such kind.... organization like jazz for peace. keep the good work, our prayers are always toward you guys.....it has been a great enjoyment to watch jazz for peace help people around the world..may God keep their great spirit alive ...thanks so much jazz for peace for bringing us this far." ~ Francis Mara, Kenya

April 3: "checked...your video in Pakistan. He is undoubtedly a great pianist & singer." ~ Programato Musicus - Kolkata Area, India

"I see you are making a difference out there. All the best on you're journey!" ~ Steve Sacco - NYC

April 1: "your organization is doing great work around the world and that is what's sorely needed today and always! Best of everything with your project and much continued success!" ~ Larry Kimpel - Chicago

Mar. 31: "Thanks for the opportunity.....you're doing great things" ~ Richard Lamanna - Albany, New York

Mar. 30: "Super!!!" ~ Tjeerd Mosbach - Luxembourg

"I'm just shocked by your energy!" ~ Ronald Daniels - Chicago

Mar. 29: ~ As per your request, please find below the responses from my colleagues and friends. They were all very pleased to know there are still caring people in this world. Thank you for allowing me to share such a wonderful video.

Mike Russoneillo - Completely changed my outlook on caring in this world

Peggy Armbrust - The video made me cry, you are doing such great work

Katrina Summers - I was amazed at how many people Jazz for Peace has touched

Anton Avington - Jazz for Peace CAN make world peace

Will Velez - There are no boundaries for where Jazz for Peace can touch, thank you

James Beckman- It was nice to see children smile who face such adversity

Steven Speaker- Thank you for shining light in the world!

Pierre Coudreau- Jazz for Peace is needed everywhere, I loved the video  
Paul Kracht- Wonderful video, thank you for sharing  
Gary Wallace- Great events in the video, peace is what the world needs!  
Patrick Storey- God Bless the children, and Jazz for Peace

Thank you once again for allowing me to share such a powerful video. I look forward to hearing from you soon so we can grow our empowerment tree!!

Sincerely,  
Robert G. Harris

Mar. 28: "I can't thank you enough for introducing CHRP to this opportunity! ...this is amazing and important work that you are doing!!" ~ Lane Alexander - Chicago

Mar. 24: "Super article!" <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/have-you-reviewed-step-1-see-video-john-de-angelis> ~ Mohamed Reda KOULHA, Algeria

"I have been a big fan of yours for a long time. Used your cds on my Jazz Program. " ~ Aaron Fensterheim - Hallandale, Florida

Mar. 22: "Thank you for making me aware of this as I had not seen the video. I have shared Jazz for Peace widely." ~ Sandy Holland, Piano teacher & University Tutor in Music Education - Lancaster, UK

"you have a great cause. You're an awesome pianist." ~ Aaron Rhines, Composer/Jazz Pianist - Baltimore, MD

Mar. 21: "we wish Jazz for Peace boundless cosmic energy and great creative Projects. May Jazz for Peace spread its wings and fly to every corner of our Earth" ~ Stepanov Sergey, Ukraine

Mar. 17: "saw the video. Great!....passionate work...and fun." ~ Florin Farcas, Pianist - Zürich, Switzerland

"Awesome!" ~ JOHNNY ARCO™ Alternative Rock Musician Brooklyn, New York

Mar. 13: "Great job, Rick! Keep up the good work." ~ Lipbone Redding - NYC

Mar. 10: "May your music spread its wings and fly to every corner of the universe in 2016" ~ Rod Harrod - Dinas Powys, Vale of Glamorgan, United Kingdom

Mar. 9: "Your project Jazz for Peace is impressively overwhelming....I love the concept, and hopefully, soon my activities can be included in this world wide effort" ~ ARLENE HILTON - Philadelphia, PA

Mar. 8: "I have watched the video, It is very interesting, Jazz for peace has made great work" ~ Leon Simweragi, CEO at AJVDC Youth Entrepreneurship Program - Democratic Republic of the Congo

"Let Peace reign...thank you very much for connecting. I am deeply honored."  
~Jaz Gill - Vancouver, Canada

"Keep up the good work." ~ Steve Tintweiss - Fresh Meadows, New York

Mar. 5: " I have been watching the latest videos from Jazz For Peace and I want to congratulate you and your team on all the great things you are doing! It is truly inspirational to see music being used for connecting with people all over the world, and for everyone's benefit!" ~ Jacquelyn Schreiber - Dallas, Texas

Feb. 29: "Super!" ~ François Saubadu - Bordeaux, France

"Thank you so much sharing this great work with Rick DellaRatta and Jazz for Peace with me. i am sure these events helps to restore the broken people in so many countries." ~ Eric van Zonneveld - Rotterdam, Netherlands

Feb. 28: "Thank You" ~ Janez Rozman - Slovenia

"The music is awesome!" ~ Niyonsaba Serge - Rwanda

"Thank you...looks interesting, I saw you did this also in Kenya, i'm working on a project in Kenya, will check it out" ~ Robert Wrabel - Austria

Feb. 26: "Very nice" ~ James Signorelli - Seattle, Washington

Feb. 25: "Great job. Long live Jazz for Peace." ~ Chudamani Subedi - Pokhara, Nepal



"WOW! I just love it!!! " ~ Willy Wagner - Frankfurt, Germany

"Can't thank you enough. Good Luck, Good Program. " ~ Adam Johnson - New Rochelle, NY

"Rick always plays great, and for a great cause too." ~ Mitchell Kessler - Albany, NY

"We sure enjoyed Rick." ~ Gerald "GW" Staton - Ann Arbor, Michigan

"Very, very beautiful cause and talented artist. Many Thanks for sharing!" ~ Angela Falco - Philadelphia, PA

"I'd love to get involved with the Jazz for peace program!" ~ Dave Ross - Brooklyn, NY

Feb. 24: "It looks fabulous. Moving the needle for peace anywhere, affects peace everywhere." ~ Antoinette Montague -- Fairfield, Connecticut

Feb. 23: "Please keep up the good work." ~ Ashfaq Ishaq, International Child Art Foundation Washington, DC

"Cool. Good work!" ~ Rob Maletick - Washington D.C.

Feb. 22: "Excellent please keep up the great work" ~ Oscar Hernandez Leader / Musical Director at SPANISH HARLEM ORCHESTRA - Los Angeles, CA

"Great work!" ~ Marco Campos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

"That is great" ~ Raminder Singh, GIDSS - Canada

"the service you provide is invaluable...I absolutely embrace, and support the significance of "Jazz for Peace" in our World! Love it." ~ Ricardo Rose - Cherry Hill, NJ

"very good" ~ John Irizarry, NYC

Feb. 20: "nice work." ~ Madd ness ~ Washington, DC

"The Jazz for Peace Foundation Empowerment Grant will enable our non-profit organization - Health Improvement Foundation of Cameroon (HIF-CAM) – to

reach out to the millions of people living in the rural communities of Cameroon without access to basic health care and clean water and sanitation. These people will need your help in order to transform their lives. Accessibility to health care and clean water is an inalienable human right and Jazz for Peace can highlight this awareness as well as mitigate the plight of these vulnerable communities.....It's my sincere wish that our nonprofit (HIF-CAM) works with you in 2016 to save lives in the underprivileged rural communities of Cameroon." ~ Chief Lewindia Nicholas, Cameroon

Feb. 19: "Thank you..!" ~ Paul Carr - Washington, DC

Feb. 17: "Beautiful Music!!!" ~ Eno Edet - NYC

"I just listened to the clip.....and was pleasantly surprised. I was not aware of your organization until now and I am very pleased to see such wonderful things happening. Music has been and continues to be that medium that allows all people to communicate with each other on so many levels - truly the "Universal Language". You are doing wonderful work and I applaud your energy and commitment. I plan to view more of your published works and will follow your progress as I can. I wish you the very best as you proceed in making the human connection through music. Thank you for what you are doing." ~ Lou Casini - Scenery Hill, PA

"congratulations for your efforts!" ~ Sandro Ferrera - Viterbo, Italy

Feb. 16: "Rick, congrats! You're great! May God bless you always." ~ Amanda Pessoa - Brazil

"Very very good!!! I love it!" ~ Louis Brochu - Montreal, Canada

"I must say your work is...great" ~ Alexis Andre - Columbus, Ohio

"awesome!" ~ Matt Dorman - Las Vegas, Nevada

Feb. 15: "a wonderful effort to bring humanity together around the freedom jazz represents" ~ Steve Barta - Colorado Springs, CO

"nice, keep the good things working" ~ Ruud de Groot - The Hague, Netherlands

Feb. 14: "You are doing great work." ~ Sharon Hoffmann, San Francisco, CA

"very nice...I love the music....it was a pleasure to listen" ~ Andreas E. Thoma, Hong Kong

Feb. 13: "love the concept and the music.....great stuff" ~ Jack Morelli, NYC

Feb. 12: "great work...thank you for all of it" ~ Jack Healey, Human Rights Action Center- Washington D.C.

"Awesome" ~ Tom Malone Musician/ Arranger at Late Show with David Letterman - NYC

"This looks great. Keep up the good work!" ~ Kit McDermott - Springfield, MA

"I very much enjoyed this kind of thing what You do! It's very fantastic" ~ Sławek Dudar - Wrocław, Poland

"Very inspiring." ~ Jennifer Mudhan, Head of Arts / Swan Christian College - Perth, Australia

"One of the better 'How-To' videos I've seen. Clear, direct, and with the music in the background, there's no confusion about what the 'product' would be." ~ Rona Carr Founder & Principal, The Austin International Group - New York, NY

Feb. 11: "I applaud your noble effort in helping bring world peace and promoting jazz in the process." ~ Chuck McPherson - NYC

"I just watched the Jazz for Peace video, and I am excited. I would love to be part of this great cause...I cannot wait to get started." - Robert G Harris

"excellent work and organization. Jazz and Peace--I love them both!" ~ Stanley Zappa, British Columbia, Canada

"Great!!!" ~ Kuzma Prizmic - Croatia

"Great video and terrific work! All the best to bringing beautiful music to the world!" ~ Sarah James - NYC

Feb. 10: "what a wonderful initiative. Fantastic." ~ Patty Broese van Groenou - The Hague, Netherlands

"very interesting....it is a good initiative" ~ Patrick Farrant - Kiel, Germany

"Great stuff..! Bless you for all you do!" Frank Rondell-Chiarelli - Toronto, Canada

Feb. 9: "Congratulations on the wonderful job you have done! " ~ Takeshi Asai - NYC

"thank you very much for your information about the Jazz for peace grant. It seems to be a nice goal to work for peace and we wish you all success!" ~ Ilka Dalai / Alex Pera Ramos Management - Cuba

"thank you very much for sharing this video. I love it. Really good job! Thanks and peace. God bless U" ~ Loek Leasa - Netherlands

"I'm fascinated from the idea Jazz for Peace, may we have further conversation in german or do you prefer english? ~ Andy Pearson - Zürich, Switzerland

"this is a very good cause.....it is very valuable in our crusade for peace around the globe" ~ Steven F. Adams - Bakersfield, CA

Feb. 8: "awesome, I salute your work to help others! " ~ Diane Latiker - Chicago

"you're a legend Rick. Good luck with all your endeavours." ~ Marie Morrow, Music Specialist/ Arts Coordinator - Melbourne, Australia

"Looks good, sounds good! Tickle those keys for love and peace." ~ Paul Metzke - NYC

"Excellent! Congratulations from Argentina" ~ Carlos Alberto Laguilón - Argentina

"Wonderful video. Thank you for sharing and I'm so very happy to hear of this. What an excellent way to spread peace around the world. Congratulations" ~ Paula Soito, Arts Row - Redding, CA

Feb. 7: "I watch it. You are doing an amazing job." ~ Former Empowerment Grant Recipient Suzi Akrofi, President at Bi-Habawalk, Inc - NYC

"Amazing" ~ Doc Michaud - Boston, Mass.

"Great! I love it." Jeff Drummer - Vicenza, Italy

"Great video nice concept" ~ Rick Addis, Associate Director of Development, Holy Cross Mission Center - Notre Dame, Indiana

Feb. 6: "this is great!" ~ Mark Renda - Martinsville, NJ

"I love the concept of Jazz For Peace. Helping individuals from all around the world through music is a beautiful thing. I wish you much continued success. Many blessings, Bobby Molina - Clear Dreams Productions, NYC

Feb. 5: "Very good. I never associated Jazz with Pakistan, but love the tune..." ~ Tom Keefer - Buffalo, NY

"very interesting for musicians, bravo! Respect...I like your times, especially those passed in africa! cool movie bravo and good work" ~ Lucia Gorenzsch - Paris, France

Feb. 4: "Amazing! Love everything, the mission, the music, the words, the peace, the beauty ...." ~ Manal Deeb - Washington, D.C.

"Love it!" ~ Marla Glen - Cologne, Germany

"Ambitious and thoughtful presentation!" ~ Michael Morangelli - NYC

" Very impressive." ~ Vincent Scuderi, AFFINITY SOUNDS - NYC

"keep up the good work and never give up your beliefs" ~ Edward Rezzonico - Milton, Delaware

"i like it. The pianist is....very talented." Elizabeth Akinyi, Africa Air Rescue - Kenya

Feb 3: "Awesome Man, Sounds Awesome!!!!!" ~ Fran Jaye, Jazz, Gospel & R&B Singer - Mount Vernon, New York

"Very Nicely done! Wonderful backdrop for music and love!" ~ John Luongo - NYC

Feb. 2: "VERY, VERY,NICE !!!!" ~ Antonio Tarantino, President and Artistic Director: FRIENDS OF JAZZ SAN SEVERO - Puglia, Italy

"Compliments very good initiative and musician! " ~ Nicola Marinoni - France

Feb. 1: "(Rick DellaRatta) can certainly play the piano! Great work you're doing." ~ Nick Sweetland, UK

"Great Tune, and Video!" ~ John Lee Music Instruction - Singapore

"Jazz for Peace: a great initiative" ~ Henk van Beurden, Chairman, Sinti Music - Eindhoven, Netherlands

"Nice work! Wonderful!" ~ David Chasse, Netherlands

Jan. 31: "Thanks a lot for sharing this event with us! There can never be enough artists/people in the world to improve life under nearly hopeless conditions" ~ Edda Brandes - Berlin, Germany

"great job." ~ Douglas Harris - NYC

"Rick DellaRatta really can play, and all for a good cause." ~ Rick Wilson - Xiamen, Fujian, China

Jan. 29: "Dear John, your Grant is really remarkable." ~ Claudio Parodi - Genoa, Italy

"Wow. I love it." ~ A-Louise Ali - Newark, NJ

"Doing humanitarian work with such quality music, I believe it is great." ~ Simon Širec, Austria

"The music in both (videos) was excellent and very moving. Thank you for letting me experience this most noble work." ~ Ron Graner, Lost Music Productions- Toronto, Canada

"wonderful to expose children to the creative arts.....Keep up the good work." ~ Ron Pelletier, Jazz from Gallery 41 - San Francisco, CA

"great video! Wonderful music for a wonderful cause!" ~ Ron Handy - Montgomery, Alabama

Jan. 28: "a great presentation for what Jazz for Peace is doing and has done for the children and other people of Pakistan." John Slovacek - Schenectady, NY

"Beauteous Maximus!" ~ John Flora, Educator at Jersey City NJ Board of Education.

"well done ..." ~ Steve Dodds - Toronto, Canada

"I Like the way you play. I love sing Jazz. Keep up the good work" ~JAMES CLINTON WILLIAMS ~ Saarbrücken, Germany

"terrific and very uplifting!" ~ Greg Grispart - Manahawkin, NJ

Jan. 27: "Congratulations for the amazing concert in Lahore! Your endeavor is an added value to the semantics of music." ~ Anna-Majlinda Spiro, Professor of Flute at National Conservatory of Greece.

"I watched the video. Great job! Bring art to young minds and hearts before hatred finds its way there. Keep on the good work." ~ Philippe Lachaise, Co-founder at [WHOZIC.COM](http://WHOZIC.COM) - Saint-Lubin-de-la-Haye, Centre, France

Jan: 26: "It is a great program. The pianist is superb." ~ Richard DiPilla, Berkshire Hathaway Media Group Corporate / LinkedIn Global Goodwill Ambassadors Founder - Referring to the video *Jazz for Peace Live in Pakistan!* - [Click HERE](#) to see this video.

"well done.....your work is well appreciated" ~ .Dr. David Kenneth Waldman Founder/President To Love Children Baltimore, MD (Also commenting on *Jazz for Peace Live in Pakistan!*)

Jan. 25: "I've always loved your work....Much love and Peace ~ Lawrence Freiberg - Los Angeles, CA

Jan. 24: "your movement is powerful and is possibly the next big thing!" ~ Clay Monsanto - Bridgewater, Mass.

Jan. 17: "such a wonderful mission!" ~ Anne Smith - Miami, Fla

Jan. 16: "wonderful way to communicate." ~ Sharron Batsch - Edmonton, Canada

"It's a GALLANT effort and should be supported." ~ Melton Shakir Mustafa - Miami, Fla.

Jan. 14: "Awesome" ~ Qazi Adnan, Pakistan

Jan. 13: "Great work" ~ Paula Atherton - NYC

Jan. 12: "Great video! Well done and for such a worthy cause." ~ Ruby Page - Melbourne, Australia

December 21, 2015: "...so many delightful possibilities when we consider the healing qualities in music including various forms of Jazz. I remember videoing Rick DellaRatta and being fascinated how the piano was an instrument used by him to express the inner depths of his soul. Despite being in a setting encouraging noise and talk, when he played as a guest for 17 minutes during intermission, those in the room STOPPED TALKING TO EACH OTHER and by the end of 3 pieces HE RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION!" ~ Dr. Burton Danet, Abc4all - Torrance, CA

Dec. 21: "It is really inspiring all you do to help non profit org. and all you do with Music." ~ Loren Ellis, Art for Healing - NYC

Dec. 17: "Great works from jazz for peace for reaching out to lives across the globe. I'm impressed and looking forward to more. Motion crew has also been very instrumental in the transformation of society through their events. Though their events have an entertaining posture, they're development oriented at their core. This Jazz for Peace grant will really be a push for motion crew and will go a long way to touch a lot of lives." ~ Pwaberi Denis Wedam, Reunion Media - Ghana



Dec. 16: "I have watched the video of works and it amazed me. Your organization is really doing wonderful; transforming lives, putting smiles on the faces of the less privileged and helping making people achieve their dreams. So great. May the Almighty God richly bless you. May God grand you the energy to do more as you support generations." ~ Abraham Atosona, Growth Line Foundation - Ghana

Dec. 16: "I have watched the video and am not just inspired but I feel blessed and motivated to continue a positive cause for the greater good." ~ Daniel Amoatika, MotianCrew - Ghana

Dec. 10: "This project is inspired." ~ Karin Venegas, Exploring the Arts - New York City

Dec. 4: "Awesome" ~ Aarti Bhavariya - Vadodara, Gujarat, India

Nov. 29: "Congratulations on your tremendous success and good works" ~ Lisa Kirchner, New York City

Nov. 25: "Thank you so much....It was exactly what I needed to know! Perfect timing :)" ~ Paola Munda - Palermo, Sicilia, Italy

November 9: "thankful to you for all your support and kind heart for me and my family....thankful to you to encourage me, to step forward....I am struggling hard to uplift our poorest of the poor students.....thankful to you for the kind support and love for these children.....I have learned a lot from jazzforpeace.org in these months.....faithful for this event in Pakistan" ~ 2015 Jazz for Peace Grant Recipient Aamir Sindhu, Founder, New Life Ministries - Pakistan

Nov. 4: "Congratulations for your organization Jazz for Peace. Well Done!!!" ~ Ramón Farrán - Madrid, Spain

Oct. 31: "Enjoyed learning of this wonderful Jazz organization and work!" ~ Bob Vandivort - Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Oct. 30: "I have seen the video and I am very impressed with what Jazz For Peace is all about." ~ Doug Sides, Canterbury, England

Oct. 28: "we can't percept the speaking English....Nevertheless we can percept and understand your beautiful jazz music.....Great jazz for Peace on the Earth."  
~ Sergey Stepanov - Ukraine

Oct. 23: "grateful for the video that I watched... it's really great and I cannot wait to learn what it takes to secure the grant courtesy of Jazz for Peace." ~ David Kimani, Nairobi, Kenya

Oct. 22: "I love Jazz and I really want to salute the amazing inspirational work that Rick DellaRatta & Jazz for Peace is doing for humanity around the world and making a difference in the lives of millions in need." ~ Bremley W B Lyngdoh, Consultant at United Nations Development Programme - London, England

Oct. 19: "...there surely should be more of these events, not only in Finland but in the region as well." ~ Pekka Pylkkanen, Scandinavian Saxophonist & Jazz for Peace™ Artist Grant Recipient - Helsinki, Finland

Oct. 1: "You taught us a great lesson . We salute your philanthropic vision. We are very eager to see you soon next year." ~ Gopal Joshi, Andrew J. Wild College - Kathmandu, Nepal

Sept. 25: "If the world was allowed to vote for president, Rick DellaRatta would win in a landslide!" ~ Surendra Shakya, EduVision - Nepal

Sept. 17: "This is amazing.....Please let me know how I can network with you further to accomplish my dream and help others to make and get on the path to accomplish theirs." ~ Lala Smith, San Francisco, CA

Sept. 12: "great work !!!" ~ Friederike Brück - Berlin, Germany

Sept. 10: "Absolutely wonderful...!!!" ~ Ralph Hedges, Director, Chopin Piano Academy - Hawaii

Sept. 7: "I must say I am blown away! What a great project." Mark Buselli, Director of Jazz Studies at Ball State University - Indianapolis, Indiana

Sept. 6: "the video was reviewed and it was so fantastic.....you're doing a great work to people in the world" ~ Josephine, Vision of hope Isaac & Joan foundation - Uganda

Sept. 3: "Congrats and thank you, for the work you are doing to introduce and use jazz to help with outstanding causes around the world!" ~ Michael Shirtz, Jazz Education Network - Lakeside, Ohio

Sept. 3: "what you offer is exactly what our project need in this moment." ~ Juan Manuel Sanchez Aristizaba, Colombia

Sept. 2: "Great work indeed! Doing it for real!" ~ Bruce Mack, NYC

Sept. 2: "Awesome opportunity." ~ Victoria Golden - San Antonio, TX

Sept. 1: "Jazz for Peace is absolutely incredible!" ~ Jane West - Tampa, Florida

August 31: "I am very excited about the Jazz for Peace grant program. It is exactly the infusion of support and hopefully funding I need to expand the Jazz education program" ~ Michael Marcus - Bellingham, WA

Aug. 30: "watched the video and I must say, I am deeply impressed by all the good work you did and the outcomes are astonishing" ~ Clemens Grassmann - Boston, MA

Aug. 26: "Great heart! Great demonstration of love. As a pastor, I am sometimes awe-struck by witnessing acts of true love. I visited your website and spent quite a bit of time...I was moved by everything" ~ Don Wilson, St. Louis

Aug. 18: "Wow...wonderful" ~ Elisabetta Albanello - Bern, Switzerland

Aug. 13: "Words cant really explain the excitement you brought to my organization.....I have watched the videos and i deemed it very necessary and important to partner with your cause" ~ Sylvester Atitsogbe, VARAS - Ghana

August 13: "Fantastic!" ~ Shannon Wallace - Phoenix, AZ

Aug. 12: "just watched the video and honestly I can say that what you are doing is great..!" ~ Spiros Deligiannopoulos, Ministry of Education - Greece

Aug. 12: "Very informative video!" ~ Tom Borum, "Rudy & the Bluefish" - Washington, D.C.

July 25: "Awesome!" ~ Alex Torres - Albany, NY

July 23: "Great job!" ~ Mike Edwards, Philadelphia, PA

July 22: "No words can express, no act of gratitude can relay, no gift can represent what your love and support have meant to many. Your work is excellent even here in Kenya." ~ Grace Kimari, Kenya

July 18: "Amazing way to get grants and funding. This is truly a noble cause." ~ David Ochieng, Kenya

July 16: " Amazing, great work. May God grant you strength and resources to continue this exciting work." ~ Rose Nana, Kenya

"Happy to learn about the organization.I can see you have been to Kenya a couple of times,thanks for walking the talk." ~ Susan Awuor, Kenya

July 15: "Wow! Thank you for sending me the information. I am so impressed with Jazz for Peace and Mr. DellaRatta! I have been looking over the website and information for hours. I keep thinking of the possibilities..." ~ Payton Andrews - Wilmington, North Carolina

July 14: "This is an inspiring mission to help people all over the world without discrimination be blessed on the good work. What a wonderful organization" ~ Andrew Momanyi, Kenya

"I love Jah bless you soul, for this Amazing work, so kind. i want to work and play music for this cause...With people like Rick DellaRatta Africa will have a chance, better yet the world will have a better way out. through music. God Bless us all." - Eritaj Kayanou - Port-au-Prince, Haiti

"saw the video its so good" ~ Stanley Ndawula - Uganda

July 13: "Great stuff" ~ Grace Testani, NYC

"Excellent video....Keep up the good work!" ~ Janet Schmidt - Lincoln, Nebraska (commenting on Jazz for Peace Live in Uganda - <https://vimeo.com/121222131> )

July 12: "Saving Lives" ~ Burt Danet - Manhattan Beach, CA

July 11: "wonderful" ~ Raoul Adomon - Abidjan, Ivory Coast Africa

July 10: "Highly appreciable program! Wish to be a part of such great activities."  
~ Anees A. Razmee, Evolution of Integrated Spiritual Awareness - Kolkata, West Bengal, India

July 1: "Keep up the wonderful work you are doing for peace!" ~ Daniel Lubiner, NYC

July 1: "I appreciate what you're doing and accomplishing." ~ Betsy Hatfield - Executive Director, Preservation Kentucky

June 25: "this is amazing....great work." ~ C.B. Whyte, NYC

June 24: "Nice!!!" ~ Ivone Ferreira - Novara, Italy

June 23: "You have done some powerful work around the globe" ~ Mark Kerback - Performing Arts Consultant, San Francisco, CA

June 23: "video was great" ~ Charmaine Neville, New Orleans

June 22: "...you guys are doing great things..." ~ Loris Holland, Producer - NYC

June 22: "Good video!" ~ A-Louise Ali - Newark, NJ

June 19: "I think it is amazing that Jazz for Peace is willing to accept a small organization like ours and to help us grow our base of support. They are willing to come along side us, to guide us through the process--so that we can have the income we need.....we finally have help!" ~ Peninah (Peggy) Blumhagen BSN, MA - Kansas Tick-Borne Disease Advocates, Inc.

June 17: "awesome video" ~ Shahbaz Pasha - Delhi, India

June 15: "This was really helpful." ~ Thomas Hutchings, NYC (in response to our Next Step located at <http://jazzforpeace.org/afterwatchingvideo.pdf> )

June 2: "wonderful" ~ Claudia Wedl - Austria

June 1: "Congratulations on your success" ~ Ron Sanfilippo, Boston

May 28: "awesome!" ~ Linda Sweet - Schenectady, NY

May 28: "awesome video...Thank you...for helping so many people." ~ Raquel C Paxton - Pacoima, CA

May 21: "wonderful" ~ Sammy Lutomia, Global Youth Groove - Boston

May 21: "thanks for the jazz for peace foundation. I'm grateful for people with the talent to play so beautifully well and accomplished (who) takes the time to bring a foundation to the forefront of a new generation" ~ Beverly Keys, Plattsburgh, NY

May 20: "This is spirit-lifting." ~ Patricia Herlevi, Bellingham, Washington

May 18: "I've watched the video and now I understand how Jazz for Peace works. Wonderful! What a Joy that brings to many many people...Maybe apart from my apply, I could do some work or support for the organization, I would love to!" ~ Hans Schoon - Netherlands

"Being a musician myself, and coming from Japan, I feel strongly devoted to the idea of combining jazz and world peace." ~ Shinichiro Kamoto- Tokyo, Japan

"I just love this whole concept! Fabulous!!!" ~ Yoko Kitajima, Tokyo, Japan

" We both watched the video and were really impressed over the philosophy of this organisation, and also how these events were put together. Really impressive!" ~ Olli and Arja Pylkkänen, Helsinki, Finland

"I think that jazz for peace is an amazing initiative and shows that music, and especially jazz, is a universal language that breaks down borders" ~ Melanie Scholtz, Cape Town, South Africa

"Jazz For Peace is a serious, and fantastic attempt to stand for the most important things in the world: humanity, helping people and the arts!" ~ Mike del Ferro, Amsterdam, Netherlands

May 12: "I am really amazed about the things you are doing!!!" ~ Glaucus Linx, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

May 12: "impressive documentary. We look forward to partnering with you" ~ Mrs. Elizabeth Owusu- Nsiah, Millennium Child Support Group - Ghana

May 11: "Very impressive." ~ James Weidman, NYC

May 9: "It's wonderful" ~ Teri Roiger - Woodstock, NY

May 8: "very proud of your work all over the world" ~ Elliot Emmanuel Agripah, Ghana

May 7: "great" ~ James Migwi, Filmmaker - Kenya

May 7: "this is the best idea and project that I have ever seen for a positive movement of humanitarian awareness with results. Albert Einstein was a great humanitarian and stated that music was one of the most important vehicles for all humanity. I am certain he would be very proud and thankful to you." ~ Jim Robitaille, Boston

May 6: "very informative. Very straightforward" ~ Ava Brown, NYC

May 2: "I think what you are doing is wonderful." ~ Christina Conti, Philadelphia, PA

May 1: "Congrats to Rick and his great organization....I watch all the videos....your work is wonderful. I'm very impressed." ~ Grace Testani, Artistic Director, Grace Notes Music - NYC

April 28: "What an incredible resource." ~ Cj Shearn, New York Jazz Workshop

April 28: "I have viewed the video it's pretty remarkable" ~ Mike Montoni - Ontario, Canada

April 24: "Great, great work!...meaningful...Very heart-centric, truly impressive. You...are a rare breed." ~ Lisa Sherman , NYC

April 24: "truly awesome and very inspiring." ~ Nicci Canada - Charlotte, NC

April 20: "your video is amazing... will help to raise funds..for our Organization.....it teaches us on how to love the poor marginalized communities, love and equal respects, gender balance, creativity and innovation and various

strategies on how to combat poverty and other social problems that hinder our life progression. Congratulations.....We will continue to pray for your amazing and interested work you are doing in this world to support the poor.” ~ Majaliwa Mbogella, CCDO - Tanzania

April 17: “inspiring...I sincerely believe in your organization, and couldn't possibly find a better way of approaching art, education and working towards peace and equality, than what I have seen here” ~ Pekka Pylkkanen, Finland

April 14: “VERY IMPRESSIVE..You are a doing the greatest service you can for the world with your talent..” ~ Steve Love, Love Productions - NYC

April 13: “great work!” ~ Dwayne Aikens Jr., WELO - Oakland, CA

April 13: “I learned a lot from the video....This is a vision to make a change that impacts the world as a whole.” Yvonne Redmond - Baltimore, Md.

April 3: “incredible.....I truly laud your efforts and the impact that your work is creating,” ~ Tanda Godwin Ade - Cameroon, Africa

April 1: “inspiring” ~ John Ndegwa, Kisima Imarisha International - Kenya

March 31: “Congrats on all you do for others!” ~ Ashley Holmer, Red Sweater Project - Portland, Oregon

March 26: “you’re Amazing with all the things u do and have done!” ~ Tina Hightower - Charlotte, NC

March 20: “Awesome!” ~ Wanda Brandon, Certified Grant Writer - Shreveport, Louisiana

March 14: “verry nice!” ~ Roxana Poena, Sincretix - Bucharest, Romania

March 13: “I have to say that I haven't heard or seen anything so impressive and powerfully effective...around the world.” ~ Pandeli Lazaridi - Exec. Director, Lazarideus Voice Academy of Sound and Music - San Diego, CA

March 13: “wonderful...keep up the good work!” ~ Veronica C. Minier, Memphis

March 13: “very fantastic” ~ Azadeh Jaberli - Iran



March 10: "Fantastic!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" ~ Zérró Santos - São Paulo, Brazil

March 9: "Congratulations! " ~ Tracey L. Beeker - Washington, D.C.

March 7: "I want to congratulate you on the incredible work you are doing.....May your efforts in this regard become even stronger and more widespread as time moves forward. ~ Rick Reid, Actor - NYC

February 27: "amazing. Congratulations." ~ Mark Peterson, NYC

Feb. 26: "Awesome!" ~ Carrie LeBlanc - Sheridan, California

Feb. 19: "we find the presentation in this video clear and interesting" ~ Oumar Couli, Rosa Parks Foundation - Paris, France

Feb. 18: "Great work and great video" ~ Mikey Adam Cohen, San Diego, CA

Feb. 18: "your organization is making a great contribution to the hearts and minds of people throughout the world." ~ Michelle Coltrane, Los Angeles, CA

Feb. 16: "veryyyyyyyyyyy great work" ~ Bechir Selmi, Ministry of Youth - Tunisia

Feb. 16: "Great" ~ Celia Rowe - Robinsonville, Mississippi

Feb. 10 "amazing work" ~ Barret Germain, AFM Local 85-133 Scotia, NY

Feb. 10: "Quite an accomplishment" ~ Jon Montgomery, Bridge Across Prod. - Cape Coral, Fla.

Feb. 8: "just watched....outstanding!!!" ~ Stacy Anmarie, Washington D.C.

Feb. 6: "Amazing" ~ Melissa Grayson, Music Consultant/Fundraising Specialist - Nashville

Jan. 29: "Impressive....Please tell us more about what you would like us to do for you and Jazz for Peace here in China." ~ Ssicy Lo - Shenzhen, China

Jan. 28: "Great Video" ~ Toro Orero, San Francisco

Jan. 24: "WONDERFUL" ~ Ptah Brown - Yarmouth, Massachusetts

Jan. 23: "awesome" ~ Nicole Jackson - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Jan. 22: "I was impressed...would love to...contribute" ~ Minerva Smith, Boston

Jan. 21: "very impressed" ~ Kristine Massari - Bloomfield, NJ

Jan. 16: "very cool video" ~ Francoise Voranger, Hybrid Movement Company - Brooklyn, New York

Jan. 15: "to the whole team of JAZZ FOR PEACE, I am really happy with your beautiful work you have done everywhere in the world" ~ Ndiaga Mbaye, Senegal

Jan. 14: "very interesting cause mate!" ~ Silvio Canargiu, Capoterra, Sardegna, Italy

Jan. 12: "Very noble cause & excellent work to present it." ~ Stan Stolarski, NYC

Jan. 11: "so nice to hear and to share such feeling of humanity from different culture" ~ Ali AHAMED, Western Sahara

Jan. 10: "you have a great program" ~ Charli Glenn, Columbus, Ohio

Jan. 9: "I watched the video and I really admire and appreciate what DellaRatta and Jazz for Peace are doing, for peace, and for jazz, too , it resonates with my views-not just musical- in many ways." ~ Ferdinando Argenti - Methuen, Massachusetts

Jan. 2: "very interesting" ~ Joanna, Hybrid Movement Company - Brooklyn, NY

Jan. 2: "WOW!!!!...This is amazing. I love the video and what you are doing. how can I get my newly formed nonprofit linked up with you?" ~ Genesis Liu, KSAP - Hackensack, NJ

Jan. 2: "Mucho coolness...inspiring reality grown of spiritual awareness" ~ Lloyd David Lieberman - Port Jefferson, New York

January 1, 2015: "This is powerful..." ~ Carlos Jimenez, Bronx, New York

Dec. 26, 2014: "watched the video and...so excited about working together" ~ June Panagakos Podagrosi, Child's Play Touring Theatre - Chicago

Dec. 25 - "Great video and i love the cause!!" ~ Michael Frick - Ft. Myers, Fla.

Dec. 25 - "WOW Jazz For Peace is Amazing!" ~ Joseph B. Escobar, Summer House Orphanage Foundation - West Palm Beach, FL

Dec. 22 - "Your story is quite inspiring." ~ Barbara Abramowitz, Certified Grants Management Specialist, Nonprofit Finance Specialist, New York City

Dec. 22 - "very impressive" ~ SAINT CHARLES, Solar Music Group - San Francisco Bay Area

Dec. 19 - "Wonderful!" ~ Carlos Alberto Laguilon - Argentina

Dec. 11 - "Your work is wonderful" ~ Yael Acher-Modiano, New York City

Dec. 9 - "Great video and it is wonderful how it helps fund other causes/ artists." ~ Gina Mills - Kansas City, Missouri

Dec. 8 - "The video was amazing wow" ~ JAH PEACE  
Motivational & Inspirational Speaker, District of Columbia Public Schools

Dec. 8 - "Very cool!" ~ Malia Rideout - Kailua Kona, Hawaii

Dec. 8 - "very interested in your program..." ~ Vinx De'Jon Parrette - Professor, Berklee College of Music

Dec. 7 - "your organization is fascinating, and I'm very impressed with the success that you've had." ~ Jonah David, Chicago

Dec. 7 - "Amazing" ~ Adir Habany, Israel

Dec. 5 - "very good job, Congrats!!!" ~ Makis Ablianitis, Greece

Dec. 4: "Nice Work" ~ Michael Levine & Juke Joint Jazz, Amherst, MA

Dec. 3 - "Wow, I'll make sure to share this." ~ Emer Mae Butler, Johannesburg, Africa

Dec. 3 - "It's GREAT!!" ~ Gustavo Buscamante, Colombia

Dec. 1 - "Wow! What an amazing mission." ~ Emily O'Hara, Social Innovation Advocate

Nov. 29 - "i am happy...very nice video" ~ Ndiaga Mbaye, Senegal

Nov. 29 - "watched this video...Great work, respect." ~ Radovan Milićević, Director at Civic Action LINGUA, Kraljevo, Serbia

Nov. 28 - "You have done and are doing some great things!" ~ Gina Mills, Kansas City

Nov. 26 - "I have viewed the video...its a great work...i have seen many projects global you are really a great organization to the disadvantaged communities worldwide." ~ Kayongo Christopher - Executive Director at Hope Children's Centre, Uganda

Nov. 25 - "Congratulations my friend!!" ~ Guillermo Caro, Co-Founder of OurMark - People Doing Good, Argentina

Nov. 24 - "I watched it i really love what you are doing...it's always better to give and help people in this world because you never know what life may bring tomorrow...keep up the great work" ~ Mark Bistany - Musician & VP, Linius Software, Los Angeles, CA

Nov. 24 - "Beautiful job. Congrats!" ~ Didinho Haddad. Sao Paulo, Brazil

Nov. 24: "This is wonderful moment to see what you do to help people who are living with poverty diseases.This is why i need to partner with my Organization to help vulnerable communities in Kenya . God bless your work." ~ John Mwanga , AT.FAMICA Kenya

Nov. 22 - "This is wonderful and now I know exactly what you do to contribute to humanity." ~ Diane Urban, 2014 Nominee Medal of Excellence for International Peace and Human Rights.

Nov. 20 - "I salute you this day. After watching the video, I have realized that you are what we need." ~ Douglas Rugano, Kenya

Nov. 19 - "Gr8 work, I luv it." ~ Roger 'Jah-D' Guthrie - Suhndrae MUzik - Melbourne, Florida  
Nov. 18 - Great video!!! We are very interested!!! ~ Amery Jean - Artists United for Haiti Inc.

Nov. 14 - "I like your contribution to humanity...very inspiring." ~ Joe Di Marco - Sony Music Entertainment

Nov. 13 - "the video and message is clear and done in great taste!" J.J. - JJ's Music Scene, East Orange, NJ

Nov. 13 - "I just sent the video to my VP and this was exactly what we had in mind!" ~ Sheryl Denise Landry, Atlanta, GA

Nov. 10 - "Very Nice" ~ Stacy Wilson, Washtone Media, Dedham, MA

Nov. 6 - "Just watched your video and want to commend you for all that you do." ~ Carmela Rappazzo, NYC

Nov. 5 - "It's wonderful" - Dahal Samuel Gbaa - Netherlands

Nov. 4 - "very interesting and empowering." ~ Kristal Pineros, Vienna

Nov. 3 - "I have watched the video twice and its simply amazing....our humanitarian projects requests are becoming more and more increasing and we believe that with Jazz for Peace...we will be able to achieve this goal." ~ Penjo Baba, Cameroon

Nov. 3 - "watched the video....now I understand... Well Done!" ~ Maxim Micheliou, Founder of Design 4 Music, Lithuania

Oct. 31 - "incredibly proud...for this initiative. It's amazing and so giving!" ~ Rachel Z Hakim, New York.

Oct. 27 - "to you and your team...your works are magnificent" ~ Mang'ana Boniface - Tanzania

Oct. 26 - "John is well know for the work he does. I admire his tenacity (for) making the unknown known. I look forward to working with him in the near future assisting me with grant funding for VCHFoundation.org." ~ Vilma Walker, Executive Director

Oct. 21 - "FABULOUS!" ~ Donna Stevenson - Legacy Performing Arts, Inc. Philadelphia, PA

Oct. 20 - "About the video: it was very inspirational and warmed my heart to see that this organization really helps people in need all over the world. After this, I want to get involved even more than what I was previously planning." ~ Shekar Ramaswamy, Bay Area, CA

Oct. 14 & 15, 2014 "This is a terrific video. Jazz for Peace offers a breakthrough approach to build cross-cultural connections and friendships between people from Sierra Leone and the United States. With the tremendous needs of the Ebola Crisis in Sierra Leone and other West African countries, and important organizations such as B-Gifted Foundation, health security and peace can come at last. I endorse the efforts of these two organizations to come together in partnership to drive social change." ~ Nancy Deyo, Deputy Director, WomenStrong International"

"WE WANT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL WHAT YOU ARE DOING FOR PEOPLE IN THE WORLD" ~ ABDERRAZAK BEN HAMMOUDA, ADDVO PRESIDENT, TUNISIA

"It is a great conversation of the heart and soul. The video says it all." ~ Sylvanus S Murray. Tanzania

"Jazz for peace is a real communication and connection between people. I feel so connected with other people I saw in the video who share the same feelings of hope" ~ Sheku Syl Kamara Belgium

"Jazz for peace is the best way to ....shares love with people in remote communities." ~ Mohamed Dabo Freetown

"After watching Jazz for peace video I gained an appreciation of the special love people can render through their creativity and talents. As an artist it helps me to believe in my dreams and feel we were taken seriously as artists, musicians." ~ Lustin Jay, Freetown

"The real true beauty of Jazz for peace music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and Rick and all the musicians, are great messengers." ~Margaret Greene UK

"Waoh! I see Jazz music and the band as some sort of superhero! They change the lives of real people and share real emotions." ~ Lindsey Sherwin

"The idea of Jazz for peace is to bring together one of the finest Jazz musicians who represent a voice of the voiceless and oppressed and can connect the world with each other in music for peace. Jazz for peace music concert brings all people together like one family, and through their songs they try to harmonize everyone and each other." ~ Lamin Syl Kamara

"This is truly incredible fundraising I in love with the video will love to be part of it." ~ Kate Cumming NY

"This is truly amazing how jazz for peace can be used as a weapon to help humanity am truly touched with this noble cause". ~ Fredrick Diaz, NYC

"It takes patience and persistence to put together a good music initiative such as Jazz for peace. I wish you every success" ~ Maxwell Adew

"Awesome video very touching". Eddie Lincoln Seattle WA

"After watching the video and saw the Extent Rick and his team can go, I feel Jazz for peace is the last refuge of weary soul. I enjoy the Jazz musicians and their music and I believe anyone listening to them does." ~ Cecilia Greene UK

"It's high time we begin to feel the pain of others and device an innovative approach like Jazz for Peace to help solve them is a great video everyone must watch." ~ Kyle Taylor - Detroit

"Jazz for peace musicians are doing what they're born to do. Through their Jazz songs they have tuned into a purpose of raising support for worthy cause. Their

songs and outreach are really align with such goals. They are setting up funding goals so that their collective vision is an expression of that purpose to make a difference in the lives of others. " ~ Andrew Benson Greene

"Jazz for peace are not only musicians but activist. They feel for people in challenging circumstances. " ~ June Gorman CA USA

Received: Oct. 13, 2014 - "its a great movement. I have liked the video." ~ Wambayo Samuel, Executive Director, Kids Club Kampala - Uganda, Africa

Received: Oct. 10, 2014 - ".....worthwhile and very much needed" ~ De Wayne Williams General Manager, BCRD

Oct. 9, 2014 - "A wonderful video ! Its humbling and Im grateful for grant programs like yours. Thank You!" ~ Helen Demers ~ Soaring Art Therapy, Ontario, Canada

10/08/14 - "Oh, what you do is so noble. Thank you so much..." ~ Rachel Walker - British Columbia, Canada

10/04/14 - "Amazing" Kim Kilesti - Executive Director, The Living Museum.  
10/03/14 - "it (Video) was great!" ~ Ulrike Zillner - Los Angeles, CA

Sept. 30, 2014 - "I watched your youtube video it's nice and touch my heart about the company and the message of you peace that you bring around the world. I really want to say it great your video." ~ Kedar Elion, Africa Cohac manager - Columbus, Ohio

Sept. 28, 2014 - "Mr. De Angelis, thanks for the Video and I applaud your vision and outstanding service to worthy causes and Artist. Many thanks,"  
Ricardo Rose - CEO, RoseGroup Entertainment

Sept. 25, 2014 - "Wonderful" - Dean Lowman - Teacher, Heaven's Reach Ministries

Sept. 24, 2011 - "Rick...that is the heaviest thing i've seen! congratulations," - Leo Traversa - Bassist Extraordinaire



Sept. 24, 2014 - "Great video and great things that you guys do!" - Aries Deng

Sept. 24, 2014 - "Rick congratulations!!!!" ~ Guillermo Caro - Co-Founder of OurMark - People Doing Good

September 19, 2014 - This is great John!!!! Thanks for the send on this!!!!!! ~ Lasana Akachi

September 18, 2014 - "Saw your website and I must say I am amazed at what you have accomplished with this program. Touching the lives of that many people across the planet must have a fantastic lifting effect to your life. Very satisfying indeed! We could use this kind of benefit on the islands as well, especially in the schools.....I would love to be a part of this positive experience." ~ Darryl Pellegrini - Drummer for Amy Hanaiali'i - Hawaii

September 17, 2014 - "Dear Rick, You are truly talented and inspirational. I am so impressed by everything you do around the world." ~ Carissa L. Bozzo, Psy.D.

September 17, 2014 - "I think your organization is fabulous" ~ Kat Gang - Jazz Singer, NYC

September 15, 2014 - "This is brilliant!" ~ Debbie Dean - Performing Arts Professional, NYC

September 14, 2014 - "...awesome video!" ~ Pratima Strong - GIS Analyst, Daytona Beach, Fla.

September 12, 2014 - "Wow, that's outstanding. Great work. Looking forward to collaboration." ~ Daniel Njuki - Executive Director at Genesis Arts Creations, Kenya, Africa

September 3, 2014 - "Very cool video!" ~ Jaqui Rae Stewart - Boston Collegiate Charter School / Club Passim

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