

Dear National Diversity Collaborative, Inc. Friends, Family, Team Members & Supporters,

We work with organizations to create long-term and sustainable cultural change to support inclusive environments. We're partnering with Jazz for Peace to raise money for this initiative.

Jazz for Peace is a phenomenal organization that has already awarded over 850 grants worldwide. It works through Jazz concerts to raise funds from a variety of sources. A component of this special Grant funding process is to expand our reach by creating a VIP list of supporters. On behalf of our CEO, Dr. William White and our team, I invite all of your friends, family, colleagues, and supporters to become a special VIP with **exclusive perks and amenities** at the event by the Jazz for Peace foundation. **Take a look at all the ways you can benefit [here](#).**

The National Diversity Collaborative is currently applying for this grant with Jazz for Peace to hold an event at a convenient and appropriate venue in Washington, DC at a date chosen by us in the month of October, 2021. The funding from this Jazz for Peace event would allow us to make a much larger impact on diversity and inclusion in our communities throughout the United States. Please take a look at the short introductory video and VIP perks that we are offering you and your favored guests as well as one of Jazz for Peace's previous events located [here](#).

Please do two things for us: 1) watch the video and 2) send a comment about the video to srucker@nationaldiversitycollaborative.org.

Here is my comment: "Music is the great equalizer. Jazz for Peace elevates this by providing a forum for bringing people together from all cultures to celebrate similarities. Jazz for Peace is a gift of generosity and a vision for a strong future. Thank you to Rick DellaRatta for his dedication and for the opportunity to raise funds for the National Diversity Collaborative and other nonprofits in the aims of fueling peace. (See sample comments at <https://jazzforpeace.org/comments.pdf>)

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Rucker, Secretary, Board of Directors, FACHE - National Diversity Collaborative, Inc.
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BELOW IS THE NDC VIP INVITE TEAM LIST OF NAMES & COMMENTS. If you are a friend, family member or supporter of any of the people listed below we look forward to adding YOUR name and comment to this list and welcoming YOU and your accompanying guest(s) to receive all of the perks and amenities that will be offered to you as a VIP GUEST OF HONOR of this historic event!

Rosa Burnham, DEL, SHRM-SCPA ~ Jazz for Peace - What a wonderful way to build a bridge to cultural oneness!

Charles Becknell, Ph.D. ~ Thank you, Jazz for Peace, for using your wonderful talents to help others.

Jeff Conley, BS ~ Jazz for Peace's promotion of unity and peace across cultures is in alignment with the mission and goals of the National Diversity Collaborative.

Jazz is about being in the moment - Herbie Hancock The "moment" is now for unity & peace.

Ken Davis, DEL ~ I have heard nothing but good things about this program. Looking at the information I fully support Jazz for Peace.

Terrell Gray, DEL ~ As an executive in Silicon Valley, I have observed how music brings diverse people together. We must continue to use joyful platforms to unite and solve cross-cultural conflicts. Jazz for Peace leads by example - sharing their extraordinary talents to help raise funds for others. Thank you!

Lee Jackson, MBA ~ Thank you, Rick DellaRatta, for supporting our National Diversity Collaborative efforts with your remarkable talent.

Kristine Jones Pasley ~ I am so encouraged by Jazz for Peace's initiatives to bring peace and support to good causes.

Londa Justus, BS ~ Thank you, Rick DellaRatta, for supporting the National Diversity Collaborative's initiative through Jazz!

Min Liu, Ph.D. ~ Jazz for Peace used music to bring people together to solve and support community building and common understandings.

Terry Phillips, MSSL ~ Jazz for peace... what a wonderful idea to raise money and gain visibility for our cause. This is just what NDC needs to meet our objectives to achieve "respect for the individual" in all we do as residents of the United States of America.

William Reid, J.D., Ed.D. ~ Let us celebrate peace, love, diversity, and inclusion with the support of Jazz for Peace.

Del. Ruth Rowen, MA ~ I am always happy to see people using their talents to support good causes - Thank you, Jazz for Peace for being a leader in sharing talents.

Susan Rucker, DHA, FACHE ~ Music is the great equalizer. Jazz for Peace elevates this by providing a forum for bringing people together from all cultures to celebrate similarities. Jazz for Peace is a gift of generosity and a vision for a strong future. Thank you to Rick DellaRatta for his dedication and for the opportunity to raise funds for the National Diversity Collaborative and other nonprofits in the aims of fueling peace.

Andrew Schneider, J.D. ~ I am grateful to Jazz for Peace for supporting the National Diversity Collaborative.

Sonia Zamanou, Ph.D. ~ Inspired to see that Jazz for Peace is providing much needed grants to very worthy nonprofits. Such an amazing cause and an opportunity that cannot be missed.
Thank you,

William White, Ph.D. ~ Wow! What great examples of truly making a positive difference all over the world. Jazz for Peace you are amazing. Thank you, Rick DellaRatta, for your vision and action. You have proven that you are "your brother's keeper" no matter where your brother or sister is in the world. As we witnessed, jazz music has achieved great stature throughout the world. This indigenous American art form is truly unique music. Jazz contains the ideal balance of individual expression and collective cooperation creating harmony and peace which parallels our highest democratic ideals and aspirations. I personally view jazz as a unifying force, bringing together in harmony cultural, religious, ethnic and economic differences. It has been said that jazz "reflects the highest levels of human artistic expression and is inspired by the widely diverse experiences and peoples that comprise our collective cultural identity." This is a perfect fundraiser for The National Diversity Collaborative, as the electronic and digital messages about collective cultural identity are reinforced by the harmonic sounds of jazz. The time to make a difference is now! I am excited about the possibilities. Thank you jazz for peace for showing us what's possible.

Tanya White-Woods ~ What a surprise to learn of this unique and generous program! Corraling America's jazz genre to reach across the generations and the varying cultures and ethnicities to affect change and inspire community growth is awe-inspiring. Jazz offers a venue to celebrate the individuality of its performers and celebrates the uniting of that individuality toward one goal. By its very nature, jazz is a celebration of diversity in its purest form making it a wonderful partnering organization for the National Diversity Collaborative. We support Jazz for Peace and we encourage everyone to learn more about the program and to offer support in whatever means possible.

Jason Webb ~ Jazz For Peace brings together diverse cultures, experiences, and thoughts through a mutual love of music. In addition to its social causes, its education series exposes young people across the United States to jazz and promotes music and arts education in schools. At its heart, Jazz depends of dissonance and the resolution of that dissonance to find repose and relief. I can think of no better metaphor for our desire to bring peace to this world.

Glenn White ~ I can't wait to attend the first fundraising concert lead by Jazz for Peace and Rick DellaRatta.

Joseph Bundy ~ Thank you for using Jazz to support mankind.

Josephine Murray ~ Part of peace is bringing people together. Rick DellaRatta and Jazz for Peace support peace by bringing all types of people together for sharing the joy of music.

Willa Neal ~ Living in Washington, DC provided the opportunity to experience a broad range of entertainment. Jazz tends to bring together the most diverse groups of people for mutual enjoyment. Jazz for Peace has hit a home run for fund-raising. Thank you, Rick DellaRatta.

Rev. James Reid ~ There is nothing more glorious than serving peace and justice through God-given talent.

Angela Bryant ~ Thank you for providing a platform to bring together diverse populations to share in the common joy of music.

Lacy Watkins ~ The more I learn, the more I confirm that interpersonal relations are key to successful personal, organizational, and national success. There is no better time than the present to confront and solve diversity and inclusion conflicts. Thank you, Jazz for Peace, for elevating the human condition.

Debra Neal ~ Jazz for Peace and Rick DellaRatta are perfect examples of why music still belongs in school curriculum. Bringing people together through music to resolve problems has been known to be effective for centuries.

Aaron White ~ I grew up as a young person with a older parent. Jazz has always been the center of my life. I am honored that Jazz for Peace touches our lives by sharing, talents, and passions for peace and justice. Thank you, Rick DellaRatta.

Glen Harris ~ As a chemist, it is all about bringing the right elements together. Jazz for Peace helps to brings all the right elements for successful collaboration and problem solving through sharing the gift of jazz.

Miss Milan Bryant ~ College has awakened a spirit in me that appreciates the talent and love I have for art. Watching Jazz for Peace perform only deepens my appreciation and love. Thank you, Jazz for Peace for awakening the spirit in me and others.