

Jon Bon Jovi Sponsors a Bridges of Peace "Help a Child Through a Soldier" Drive at Fanclub Show

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March 4, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- Sayreville, NJ - Jon Bon Jovi and his Backstage with JBJ fan club sponsored a Bridges of Peace - "Help a Child through a Soldier" Drive at his private fanclub concert which was held at the Starland Ballroom in Sayreville, NJ on February 23, 2009. Thanks to the generous support of Jon Bon Jovi, Matt Bongiovi and the fan club, the drive was a huge success.

In an effort to encourage the fans to donate an item, Jon Bon Jovi donated a personal item of his to be raffled off to the winner. Our winner Katrina Van Horn won a black Dolce and Gabanna V neck shirt owned, worn and signed by Jon Bon Jovi.

Bridges of Peace received many thousands of items from the fans which filled an entire U-Haul truck from soccer balls, toys, sports equipment, art & school supplies and more.

The Jon Bon Jovi Drive had Bridges of Peace volunteers packing for several days all the wonderful gifts for the children of Iraq.

The total ended up being about 60 very large boxes from the very generous fans...sending their Bon Jovi LOVE throughout the world!

The boxes were shipped on the next day to U.S. soldiers who are a part of Sgt. Robert Bruce's Civil Affairs unit who are currently stationed in Iraq. Bruce returned home in mid November after spending one year in Iraq. He is a Sayreville police officer and a Bridges of Peace Board of Director since 2004.

Bridges of Peace extend their thanks to Jon Bon Jovi, Matt Bongiovi (who oversees the fanclub) & all the fans at BackstageJBJ for all their generous support with the Help a Child through a Soldier Drive. The Bongiovi family are Sayreville natives and were happy to support the local organization.

"By everyone's participation, we are able to build Bridges of Peace together. We look forward to the soldiers receiving the gifts and giving them to the children. We hope it brings them happiness as I really feel all children deserve happiness in this life." states President Diane Eleftheriades.

A Documentary type video on this Drive has been posted on Youtube. Visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4k3LnQCWj0> to see "JON BON JOVI Sponsors a Bridges of Peace Help a Child Through a Soldier Drive at Fanclub Show". Some of the music featured in the video include "Toys for Peace" which was cowritten for Bridges of Peace's Drive Project by the Legendary Artist Pete Seeger and Folk artist Ray Korona.

Bridges of Peace is a Sayreville, NJ based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Their Help a Child through a Soldier Drive campaign was started in 2004 in Sayreville, NJ collecting items for children of war to be sent to our US soldiers stationed overseas who then distribute them to the children. The project's goal is to help a child in need and to bridge relations between the US soldiers and the local people.

"Bridges of Peace is an inclusive organization and invites everyone to get involved" says Vice President

Karen Bailey Bebert.

Since it's inception, the project has grown nationwide through it's website citing drives that have taken place in Iowa, Illinois, Texas and New Jersey. Bridges of Peace invites USA families and organizations to help BUILD BRIDGES OF PEACE.

To Learn how you or your organization can run a drive, please visit Bridges of Peace at: www.bridgepeace.org for "How to Run a Drive" directions.

Bridges of Peace Mission

To raise awareness for peace and love through music and the arts;

To help children whose lives have been adversely affected by war and poverty;

To support other 501(C) 3 charities to help those whose lives have been adversely affected by conflict and poverty.

Bridges of Peace is an inclusive organization that invites everyone to get involved with it's mission. Our mission is a simple one: to open hearts through a strong message of love. Our goal is to build Bridges of Peace between people through our charity projects and music and the arts. We invite volunteers to sponsor drives by collecting items for children to be sent to our U.S. military in war torn countries who distribute them to the local children.

Bridges of Peace staff is all volunteer. All money is used to further our mission.

Bridges of Peace is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Public Charity Organization.

Working to Build Bridges of Peace between all people - One Life at a Time

PHOTOS & VIDEO

Hi-Res Photo 1 Link: <http://www.bridgepeace.org/images/BJDrive1>

(Pictured L to R - Karen Bailey Bebert VP, Sgt. Robert Bruce, Matt Bongiovi, Diane Eleftheriades Pres., Marianne Riscoe)

Hi-Res Photo 2 Link: <http://www.bridgepeace.org/images/BJDrive2>

(Sgt. Robert Bruce gives thumbs up to Bon Jovi fans donating items)

YOUTUBE VIDEO ON DRIVE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4k3LnQCWj0>

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