

Fresno Center for Nonviolence

July 2021:
It's the summer of our
past middle age.



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Saturday, June 12th we celebrated our birthday at The Wolk Garden, COVID-19 precautions were observed. Despite the virus scare we had a wonderful turnout, and we thank all that attended. Thanks to Mike Rhodes who was able to record the speech given by Zeiad Abbas Shamrouch, Executive Director of the Middle East Children's Alliance at our 29th anniversary celebration for the Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Go to this site: https://youtu.be/_0hGiwmlqVQ For more information contact Mike Rhodes at mikerhodes@comcast.net

From Gioia Frank, who helped run the Silent Auctions,

"The Anniversary went really well. I could feel people's joy at life returning to a kind of normal and being able to connect with others. I'm so glad Pat [Wolk] let us carry on with the event even though she was called out of town. The Silent Auction was much fun, and I had some wonderful helpers. There will be a little more money coming in since some winning bidders left before the end. That money will go into the Center's account associated with the Ebay/Etsy project. All the unbid-upon items which I brought home will be part of the Ebay/Etsy project, and I can sell some of them on Ebay and locally. Some of the donors who are WILPF members are hoping we can save those items for the WILPF Silent Auction. I'd like a copy of the program if one exists. Thanks to everyone for all the help.

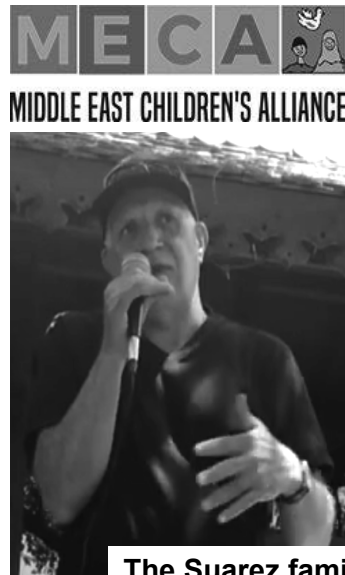
* = Pictures by Mike Rhodes



* Rita Bell, (below) is the interim President of the Fresno Center for Nonviolence was also the MC.



Christine Barker CEO (below) of FIRM was there to accept the award. Picture from Facebook



* (above and to the right) Zeiad Abbas Shamrouch, our guest speaker with the Middle East Children Alliance (MECA)



The Suarez family: (Going L-R) Wearing No. 7 Kaepernick shirt, brother Phoenix, father Gabriel, Mother Chrystal Cabrera, (bottom right-hand side) Malachi. Photo taken by Missy McKai Cartier.

* Brandi Nuse-Villegas (L) represented for Dez Martinez.

Way of Peace Award Recipients

Youth Way of Peace Award: Malachi Suarez - - a 4 graders at Polk Elementary School. He wants to make the world a better place. At age 10 has already become a social activist. He wants to change the name of his school after learning that James Polk is rated the 8th most racist President Malachi says *"It is important that schools be named after people of color who made significant contributions to this community so that we can see ourselves in a positive light. We can achieve great things when we believe they are possible."*

Adult Way of Peace Award: Desiree Martinez -She created Homeless in Fresno on April 10, 2015, after many years of without a home to show others what is really going on in the streets of Fresno regarding homelessness. She opened the door for herself and others to learn more about needs that are being unmet among the homeless and led me to create six outreach projects that take place throughout the year. What is important that it is not always about the food. It is about communication and rehumanizing our chronically homeless and helping our less fortunate.

Organization Award: Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM) - to build communities of hope with New Americans. Located across the street from the Summerset Apartment complex, FIRM is committed to holistic and comprehensive support of refugee communities in Fresno through Wellness, Literacy and Learning, Community Building.

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Wednesday, July 14th
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This month's exploits on the radio will be hosted by Josh Shurley who may have as his guest Paul Gilmore of Fresno City College regarding the historical exploits about Bastille Day and its linkages to modern day liberation movements. For more information call on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at (559)237-3223 or check our website at www.centerfornonviolence.org