The Face of Philanthropy

Drawn Together

Children make a mosaic of petals in a California school. The event is the brainchild of John Aaron, an artist in Arlington, Va. He has rallied several dozen groups worldwide to hand out blanks of petals and ask sections of partners, friends, and family to paint petals for people ages 3 to 118 and ask them to create depictions of peace.

But not all of the gatherings are organized as simple petal paintings. In the past two years, Aaron has organized dozens of events in the United States and around the world, including one at the University of California, Berkeley, where participants created a large mosaic of petals for the United Nations.

Aaron says that his goal is to "draw" together people from all walks of life to create a message of peace. He says that he hopes to see "a world where all people live in harmony and peace".

"I am inspired by the power of art to bring people together," he says.

Aaron plans to continue to organize events and is hoping to expand the reach of his project even further.