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**Subject:** Request for Consideration To Participate in a Project to Promote World Peace and Understanding

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**Attachments:** Richard\_Steckel\_-\_Shared\_Joys\_and\_Sorrows\_1.pdf (60K), Richard\_Steckel\_-\_Shared\_Joys\_and\_Sorrows\_2.pdf (86K)

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Several years ago the Volunteers of America Colorado Branch played a small part in a photographic project to increase worldwide peace and understanding between cultures through pictures showing similar moments in the religious life of individuals and families experienced across contrasting religious traditions, e.g. Christian, Jewish, Muslim. This project received a prestigious award from the United Nations.

Now the man behind this project, Richard Steckel, has asked us again to participate in a similar but different project. You may remember that Richard was at a former point in his career, the CEO of the Children's Museum in Denver and went on to be widely quoted and read as part of an extensive international consulting career in non-profit management.

Now he is working on a new project entitled Shared Joys and Sorrows, with a similar theme and goal to the one in which we assisted. This time he has identified a list of events that happen in the lives of most individuals and families across all cultures. His belief is that photographing these simple events (e.g. loss of a first tooth, first day of school, loss of a grandparent) and showing the human dimensions of how we live our lives it will become apparent that whether we are Christian, Jewish or Muslim, we are in most ways the same. The project if successful at depicting these universal moments will promote more tolerance and understanding between religious groups. Certainly an admirable goal at any time but especially during this time.

Please review the attached information which was provided by Richard Steckel including the list of events he would like to photograph. See if there is a way that your family could participate. In addition to the wonderful feeling of participating in an effort to support world peace and understanding you would receive a set of beautiful photographs taken at the time. Richard has told me that some families are so happy with the process of highlighting and celebrating through photography a special moment in the life of their family that they have volunteered to be photographed for more than one event.

If you are interested you can contact Richard directly using the phone number and e-mail address he has provided. If you choose to participate it will be a relationship between you and Richard Steckel and his colleagues. Volunteers of America will not receive any benefit or recognition, only the good feelings of having assisted in a worthwhile project with worldwide impact.

Thank you for your consideration. Dianna

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