

# Nonviolent Cities Project

## Joliet

**We, the undersigned, unite in our support and commitment to the below Mission/Vision Statement to cultivating nonviolence and a sustainable just peace in Joliet, in our state and in our nation.**

### **Mission / Vision Statement for Nonviolent Cities Project-Joliet**

#### **The Mission of Nonviolent Cities Project—Joliet:**

- \*To mobilize and envision a Joliet free from violence in all its forms;
- \*To redirect funds and invest in education, training and development programs;
- \*To increase awareness and engagement in nonviolent policies and practices;
- \*To bring together local community organizations and individuals that are committed to a society with a balance of prosperity, security, justice and hope.
- \*To dismantle the structures and systems that lead to violence throughout Joliet and beyond.

#### **Vision Statement:**

As Concerned Citizens of Joliet, we join this national project: The Campaign NV Cities Project, working with Pace e Bene, an independent, non denominational 501(c)(3), organization committed to spreading the power of active nonviolence. Joliet is considered the "Crossroads of Mid-America" and the 3rd largest city in Illinois. And as such a significant city, Joliet would serve as a model to foster a culture of peace and the well-being of all. This has been done in more than 50 cities across the U.S. by building caring relationships among all people within the community through education, resources, and action plus incentives for NV change.

As Concerned Citizens of Joliet, and surrounding communities, we are committed to building relationships and participation by all stakeholders, who have a shared responsibility in creating a culture of peace. And like any PROJECT, it takes vision and persistence, working to build a movement. This PROJECT is committed to the struggle to amplify and enact conflict reducing policies and prevention, intervention and restorative justice solutions which will save lives and money.

It is our Vision that the city of Joliet (and all cities) will create a sort of... **Department of Peacebuilding** ...that would meet regularly and bring together citizen leaders from many organizations that would address the needs of the community and the root causes of violence. This volunteer coalition would address the 2 main questions important to everyone: \*\*\*"Am I safe?" and \*\*\*"Do I matter? And that through this NV Cities Project-Joliet....after much dialogue and working together to find solutions that work...everyone would be able to answer "Yes, I am safe and I do matter."

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