



Celebrate EveryMother's Day

Return Mother's Day to its original meaning
as a day to promote peace in the world

Mother's Day was originally "Mother's Day of Peace." It was conceived as a day to encourage women to rise up and work for peace. In 1872, Julia Ward Howe, author of the lyrics to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, was horrified by the ravages of the Civil War that claimed the lives of countless mothers' sons. She suggested that a day be set aside each year when mothers could grieve their losses from war and join together to build a world that is nurturing, safe, and compassionate for their children and future generations.

EveryMother's Day is a group of women in Sherborn, Massachusetts, and we wish to return Mother's Day to its original meaning. Thousands of women and children in areas of the world devastated by war are mourning the deaths of the husbands, fathers and sons they loved and depended on, and are themselves dying from injuries, starvation, disease, and the aftermath of warfare. As women and mothers, we are deeply saddened. Perhaps you are too.

Give a Mother's Day gift that really counts

Please join us as we stand on the brink of yet another war that could have devastating implications for people the world over. In honor of the special women in your life, please donate some or all of the money that might otherwise be spent on a Mother's Day gift to a humanitarian organization committed to relieving the suffering brought on by war.

We have identified several well-respected humanitarian organizations that are working toward these ends. Please visit our Web site and download our EveryMother's Day Pledge Card so you can let the women in your life know that you honored them with a gift that really counts.

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Meeting human needs is the foundation of true security—
both personal and global. Please give the gift of compassion