



Dear MAEA Conference Attendees,

We would love to have you and your students involved in our global art initiative! We are a nonprofit, youth arts organization that has been lifting the spirits of children facing challenges around the world ever since 2004. During this school year we will be making art for children in three west African countries:

- In the fall we will create art to honor the courage and perseverance of children in Cameroon whose lives have been severely impacted by an ongoing civil war.
- In the winter we will create art to show support and solidarity for children in northern Nigeria who risk kidnapping by extremists simply to attend school.
- In the spring we will make art to celebrate the strength and resilience of children in Sierra Leone who are striving to overcome the challenges of extreme poverty.

We can match you with any number of children and email you photos like the following, which show their names, ages, favorite colors, three positive words to describe themselves, and a future goal.



Next, your advanced students (who are capable of capturing a realistic likeness) can create portraits to honor each child's unique identity and personal story. Meanwhile, your novice students can create uplifting artwork centered on their three positive words, aiming to support their sense of confidence and self-esteem. Then, you can mail all the finished artwork to us, and we will deliver it to the children!

Please see memoryproject.org/participate to learn more about the process, instructions, and costs. We very much hope you'll join us, and please get in touch with any questions or if there is anything we can do to help your students participate. Thank you and enjoy your conference!

For a kinder world,

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