

Come fly a kite
for



Peace



Sunday, June 11th, 2pm
Mission Bay Playground
(South of the Hilton hotel)

- ❖ Wear Red for **One heart, One world**
- ❖ Music and fun for kids of all ages
(bring your instruments for a "peace jam!")
- ❖ Bring a blanket and picnic if you want
- ❖ Learn about and support the campaign
to establish a Department of Peace

"If we are to teach real peace in this world, we
shall have to begin with the children."

-Mahatma Gandhi



Families & Friends
for PEACE



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San Diego Mom On A Kite-Flying Peace Mission!

Like all moms with young kids, Donna Pinto's life is hectic. Her boys, Skyler, age 6 and Cody, age 3 keep her days busy and her hands full. While grateful to have the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom, Pinto feels she is part of a growing breed of passionate activists. *"In between car pools, play dates and t-ball games, I find myself contemplating deeper issues – those which have a broader impact on my children's and the world's future.*

Pinto recently experienced a tidal wave of compassion tug at her heart. After listening to a speech given by Azim Khamisa, whose only son, Tariq, was senselessly murdered by a 14 year old gang member over 10 years ago, she felt a calling to volunteer for Khamisa's nonprofit organization, TKF, which brings a high impact assembly to at-risk schools and teaches students about alternatives to violent choices when faced with anger, bullying and pressures to join gangs.

With increasing violence in our communities and around the globe, Pinto realized that there was a lot more she could do as a mom to set an example. *"Our children need to learn how to be tomorrow's peace-makers. How will we teach them?"* she scribbled in her journal. This inward questioning lead to a vision...

Friends and Families Flying Kites for Peace will take place at the Mission Bay playground south of the Hilton Hotel on June 11th at 2pm. Pinto's mission is to gather and inspire others to be leaders and set an example for creating a culture of peace for the future of our children. With the global reach of the internet, Pinto intends to expand her vision throughout the world... inviting peace-loving people everywhere to join San Diegans in "Flying Kites For Peace" on June 11th. Amateur musicians of all ages are encouraged to bring instruments for an informal "peace jam" lead by friend and guitarist Thia Muilenburg.

Everyone is asked to **wear a red shirt as a symbol of one heart – one world.** Talk about a photo opportunity! Imagine kids and parents all over the world flying kites in red shirts – all with one common heartfelt prayer... ***peace on earth.***

Pinto also hopes to raise awareness for the campaign to establish a cabinet level **U.S. Department of Peace.** With a Department of Peace in place, countless peace-building projects and nonprofit organizations that effectively reduce violence like TKF will gain much needed support, resources and funding.

I believe there are lots of moms, dads, grandparents and ordinary folks just like me – and I hope they'll join me with their kids and kites on June 11th!