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IN 3 WAYS

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1 VOLUNTEER

- ✓ If you align with the Renaissance Kids Mission
- ✓ If you like working with kids in a creative environment
- √ If you have building experience
- ✓ Interested in driving kids with transportation needs

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MATERIALS

HELP US to establish short and long term relationships with Corporate Sponsors in varied disciplines:

- Education
- Architecture and Art
- Technology and Engineering
- Construction

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GIVING

Please help us plant the seeds of hope that will grow and become a symbol of peace tomorrow.

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WHO WE ARE

Renaissance Kids aspires to provide a fun array of creative hands-on projects through which children learn together about the architecture of cities, buildings and places. All activities center on gaining understanding of people, history, culture, sustainability, design concepts, the architect's tools, construction, materials and more!

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COMMUNITY BUILD

Built with kid hands!

PROJECTS









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THIS YEAR'S **BUILD PROJECT**

(ages 13-16)



In honor of Renaissance Kids 10th anniversary, this year's build project is our most powerful project ever! The 2017 Renaissance Kids' build project will be a "Peace Garden". This garden will include larger-than-life sculptures representing

the beauty and richness of an immigrant population, called the USA.

The sculptures will be placed in the community in dedication to *Ibrahim Parlak* for his loving and caring community minded service in Southwest Michigan. The process for its design and making will reflect a community of people who will no longer be whole if any of its members were wrongfully deported.

This image represents the ideas children will work with this year as they develop designs, master plan, and seek approval for location(s), materials, and costs. ONE pedestal remains empty to bear witness, the figures are burdened, and have holes in their hearts, but there is colorful art inside that represents perpetual hope.



A garden of hope to stand for freedom.

The Peace Garden will be a permanent installation dedicated to **Ibrahim Parlak** and symbolic to all as a reminder of the meaning of freedom and the value it brings to all who seek it.

Ibrahim Parlak was raised in a small village in southern Turkey called Sakarat, which translates to "wild horses." Ibrahim learned to cook from his mother, who fed the family of twelve for years without the benefit of electricity. Good cooking was the norm in his village. Ibrahim came to the United States in 1991, choosing to live here because of the freedoms we enjoy. As he has said "When you don't grow up with freedom, it is only an idea. When I found a place where it actually exists, I wanted to live there." Living first in Chicago, and later in southwest Michigan he worked a series of jobs related to food service until he was able to start Café Gulistan in 1994.

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Learn More About Ibrahim

- Ibrahim Parlak





Created, designed and planted from the hands of children from the 2017 Renaissance Kid's Summer Camp build.

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