Poetry of Mattie Stepanek Comes to the Carter Library
Mother of Late Child-Poet to Read From “Just Peace”

Atlanta, GA. – When Mattie Stepanek died of a rare neuromuscular disease in June 2004, he was only 13 years old. Yet during that all-too-short life, Mattie was a poet, best-selling author, peace activist and a prominent voice for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.


On Wednesday, March 15th, Mattie’s mother, Jeni Stepanek, will read from “Just Peace” and discuss her son’s message of hope. The lecture and book-signing with be at the Carter Presidential Library at 7:30 p.m. It is open to the public at no charge.

Jeni Stepanek
“Just Peace”
Wednesday, March 15th
7:30 p.m.

“Just Peace” includes personal email correspondence between Mattie and President Carter, along with never-before-published prose by Mattie. The book explores Mattie’s concept of the world and his vision of all people as a unique mosaic of gifts. His message is clear: peace grows from the choices we make, in our attitudes and in our habits.

A portion of the proceeds from “Just Peace” will be donated to the MDA Mattie Fund for medical research.

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