

CEA's Transforming Lives Network Gets \$20K Boost from The Prem Rawat Foundation

The Correctional Education Association (CEA) was recently awarded \$20,000 from The Prem Rawat Foundation (TPRF) to fund Words of Peace programming on its Transforming Lives Network (TLN). TLN has been broadcasting TPRF's "Words of Peace" series as part of its regular programming since Fall, 2007. Linda Pascotto, President of TPRF states, "I have been very touched by the comments from inmates on four continents who have spoken about the hope and new perspective they have found from watching *Words of Peace* in their correctional facilities. Recognizing the positive impact that Prem Rawat's message can have, I am happy that The Prem Rawat Foundation can contribute to making it more available to inmates and staff of facilities in the United States." John Holt, of the Words of Peace Prison Network (WPPN) says, "Since TLN began broadcasts of Words of Peace, a steady stream of letters has been received from offenders throughout the nation, requesting more information and expressing appreciation for the programs. We are very encouraged by this response and have begun working with Directors of Education, teachers and administrators to help provide further printed and audio visual materials to students who want to learn more and develop their understanding." This award marks the first time TPRF has funded such a project. An important part of TPRF's mission is to help people most in need by providing nutritious food and clean water. The Prem Rawat Foundation was created in 2001 by Prem Rawat, and has a dual mission of bringing his message of peace to people around the world and providing essential humanitarian aid to those in need TPRF partners with other humanitarian organizations to bring food, water and rapid disaster relief where it is most needed. TPRF has provided millions of free hot meals to people in Africa, Asia, the Americas, and the Middle East. All initiatives funded by TPRF are supported by the generosity of donors throughout the world.

The Transforming Lives Network delivers over 6500 hours of correctional education and staff training, including post-secondary education each year, to hundreds of prisons and juvenile detention centers in six time zones. From its uplink in Richmond, California, TLN broadcasts 20 hours a week of Words of Peace programs to its subscribing facilities, and hopes to expand these offerings to include programs in Spanish. Stephen J. Steurer, Ph.D., CEA Executive Director, remarks, "CEA strives to build TLN into one of the nation's best resources for inmate education and staff training. We are so pleased TPRF has stepped forward to support our efforts."

The Correctional Education Association, founded in 1945, is a nonprofit, professional association serving educators and administrators who provide services to students in correctional settings. Learn more about the Correctional Education Association online at <http://www.ceanational.org>. For more information about The Prem Rawat Foundation, please visit <http://tprf.org>.