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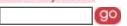


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Do You Have A Wish For The World?

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"I wish for a world where all people are treated with dignity, respect, and equality – no matter who you are or

who you love," Hilary Clinton

wishes.

Hilary's wish is one of thousands of wishes etched onto origami cranes and included in a global holiday project, the Tree of Hope - promoting peace, love, and humanitarianism. The Rainbow World Fund, the LGBT and friends international humanitarian organization, in collaboration with the Japanese



Jane Goodall

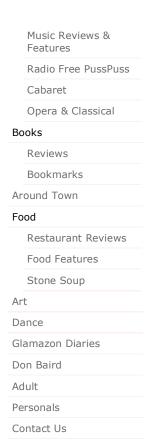
community, created the first Tree of Hope four years ago. The project was inspired by the story of Sadako Sasaki, a child whose journey and death several years after the bomb was dropped in Hiroshima transformed the origami crane into a symbol of world peace. "The Tree of Hope taps into two of our most powerful resources – the human mind and heart – to give individuals a way to join together to express our hopes and intentions for the future of our global community," says RWF founder, Jeff Cotter.

The Tree of Hope lighting ceremony will be at SF City Hall, Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m.

The ceremony will feature special guests actress/singer Rita Moreno, actress Sharon Gless, atomic bomb survivor Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka, The San Francisco Boys Chorus, and singer Veronica Klaus. Over five thousand origami cranes on the Tree of Hope will serve as the backdrop to this free community celebration, including one wish from Courtney Cox Arquette and David Arquette, "Wishing love to all of those in search of it."

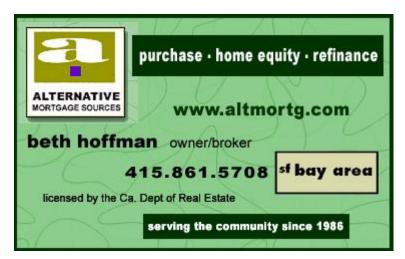
This project has also provided an opportunity for hundreds of local children to join a global community dreaming about the future of the world. Their wishes and others' will be placed alongside wishes from President Barack Obama and Dame Jane Goodall to make San Francisco City Hall's holiday tree a unique and powerful symbol of unity and hope. "A world for our children more just, more fair, and more kind than the one we know now," wishes President Obama.

According to the RWF volunteers and team, the beauty of the Tree of Hope - covered in thousands of cranes, stars, and lights - is the inspiration and unity created by this symbol. Visit rainbowfund.org/tree to send in a wish.



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