

1000 CRANES BY 1000 PEOPLE

A project of the Japan House at the University of West Florida

This project began November 2006 as part of ongoing origami workshops conducted by the UWF Japan House. The goal was to transport 1000 origami cranes made by 1000 people to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan as a prayer offering for world peace.



"Every time I visited the Park with UWF students and saw the many cranes brought by people from everywhere, I wished to bring one day 1000 cranes. 1000 cranes could be made by one person, family members, friends, classmates, or groups, but I wanted to bring 1000 cranes made by 1000 different people. A peaceful world is everyone's wish. I hope our 1000 cranes will bring our wish for peace to reality." said Shigeko Honda, Director, UWF Japan Center/Japan House.

Students and faculty members of UWF participating in the annual 7-week Summer Semester in Japan program often visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park (photo from 2006).

A wide range of people have made the cranes – children and seniors, students and faculty, and visitors to the Japan House.



Mrs. Columba Bush (L), former First Lady of Florida, made the first crane of 1000

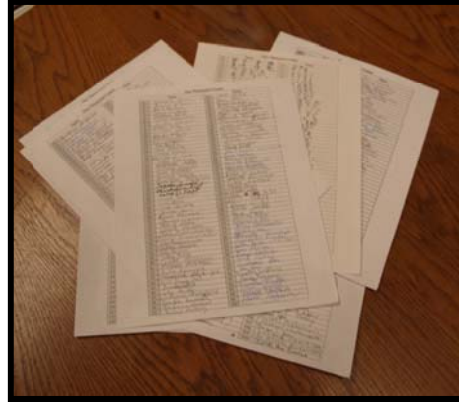
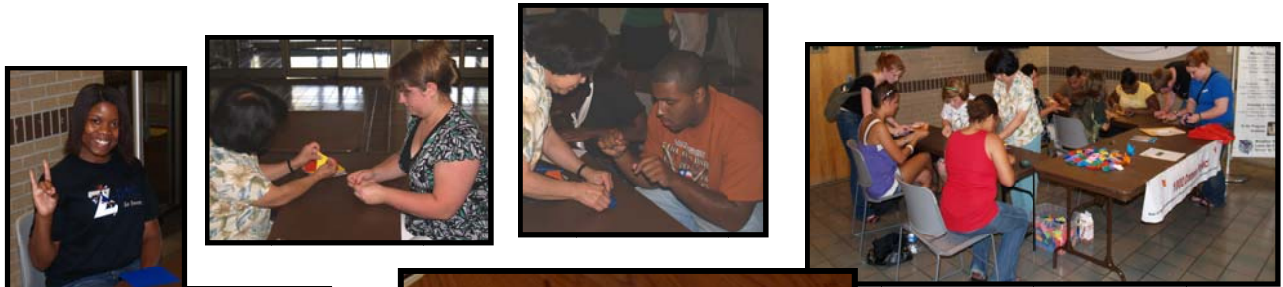


Dr. Judith Bense (L), President, University of West Florida made the 1000th crane

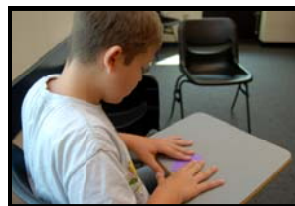
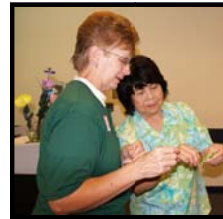
"I was humbled and honored to make one of the first cranes close to a year ago at the UWF Japan House in 2006. I fondly remember the experience and often think of its wonderful objective of advancing the cause of harmony and world peace."

From Mrs. Columba Bush in September 2007

We would like to thank everyone
who participated in the 1000 Cranes by 1000 People



Each of the 1000 people who participated
in the project signed their names



Thank you! The project completed!!



Yachiyo Gunn (L) and Noriko Waits (R), volunteer origami teachers put the 1000 cranes on threads of streamers at the UWF Japan House in September 2008



The 1000 cranes were held by Mr. Steven Leeper (L), Chair of Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and Mrs. Columba Bush (R), former First Lady of Florida



At the Children's Park under Sadako's statue

The 1000 cranes were delivered to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on October 10, 2008 by Mrs. Columba Bush

We would like to thank IACE Travel and Jikei Group of Colleges for helping us make the trip to Hiroshima possible.

The connection between paper cranes and peace can be traced back to Sadako Sasaki, a young Japanese girl who died of leukemia ten years after the atomic bombing of her home town of Hiroshima. Following the ancient Japanese tradition of folding 1000 cranes to make a wish come true, Sadako began making cranes so she would get well. But she died in October 1955, and her death triggered a campaign to build the Children's Peace Monument located at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Today, 10 million cranes from around the world are brought each year to the Monument and offered as prayers for world peace – a world without nuclear war.