

Building a more spiritual and caring neighborhood



A community empowerment program

Sponsored by the Baha'is in your neighborhood

All activities and classes are FREE

Religion must be the cause of unity



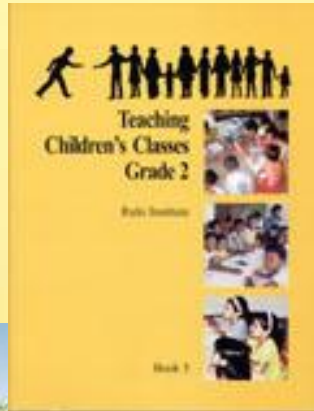
(Bahá'u'lláh) sets forth a new principle for this day in the announcement that religion must be the cause of unity, harmony and agreement among mankind. *If it be the cause of discord and hostility, if it leads to separation and creates conflict, the absence of religion would be preferable in the world.*

‘Abdu’l-Bahá, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 454



Children's Classes Ages 5-11

FREE Classes open to all



This is a systematic program of empowerment. It is hoped that these classes will provide a means for developing attitudes and spiritual qualities that will bring them closer to God.

The classes combine different activities that will encourage memorization, songs, the arts and team building activities.

Virtues building such a morality and trust to nurture a more united neighborhood.



Junior Youth Groups

Ages 12-14



The primary function of a Junior Youth Group is to serve as an environmental of mutual support for its members, one which they can develop the spiritual perception and patterns of thought and behavior that will characterize them as servants to humanity throughout their lives.

Weekly meetings consist of:

- Study materials that develop powers of expression while encouraging spiritual and intellectual excellence
- Plan and carry out service projects while putting into practice the concepts discussed during study
- Engage in artistic activities
- Participate in recreational and sports activities
- Explore different cultures through crafts, history, music and cuisine.

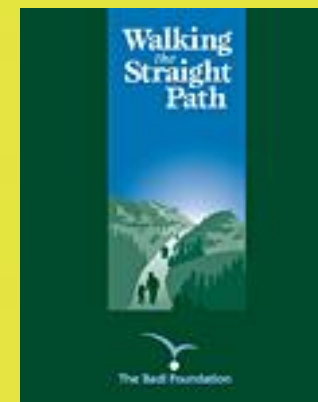
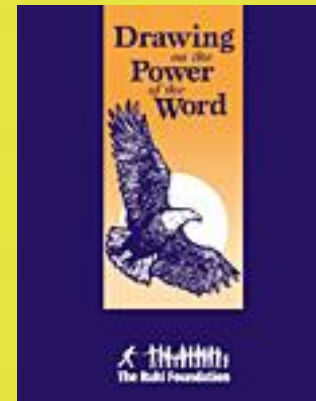
The Curriculum used:

- Assist Youth to recognize the moral issues underlying everyday decisions
- Improve Youths' ability to express thoughts and observations
- Identify the moral implications of speech and action.

Junior Book Studies

- **Training**
- Reflections on the Life of the Spirit (*Book 1*)
- Junior Youth Groups (*Book 5*)

- **Curriculum**
- *Breezes of Confirmation*
- *Glimmerings of Hope*
- *Walking the Straight Path*
- *Thinking About Numbers*
- *Learning About Excellence*
- *Observation and Insight*
- *The Human Temple*
- *Drawing on the Power of the Word*
- *Spirit of Faith*
- *The Power of the Holy Spirit*





Home Devotionals



A time to pray together and bring out that spirit of taking care of each other. A community that prays together stays together.



Bring your own prayers or share some you will find on our coffee table.

Refreshments and small snacks are provided.

No donations are accepted.



Home Study Groups



Adults engage in study of the power of prayer and the Life of the Spirit. Unlock the key to inner meaning and happiness.



Home Firesides



Come and be part of a home discussion group that talks about topics of general interest. Some of them might be on Life after Death, the Power of Prayer, Peace and Justice, Meditation, Health and Healing, the impact of the Arts and Music on our soul and many more.

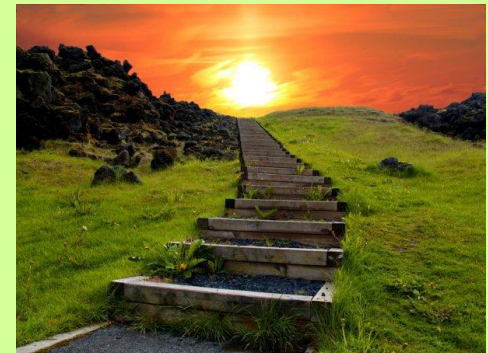




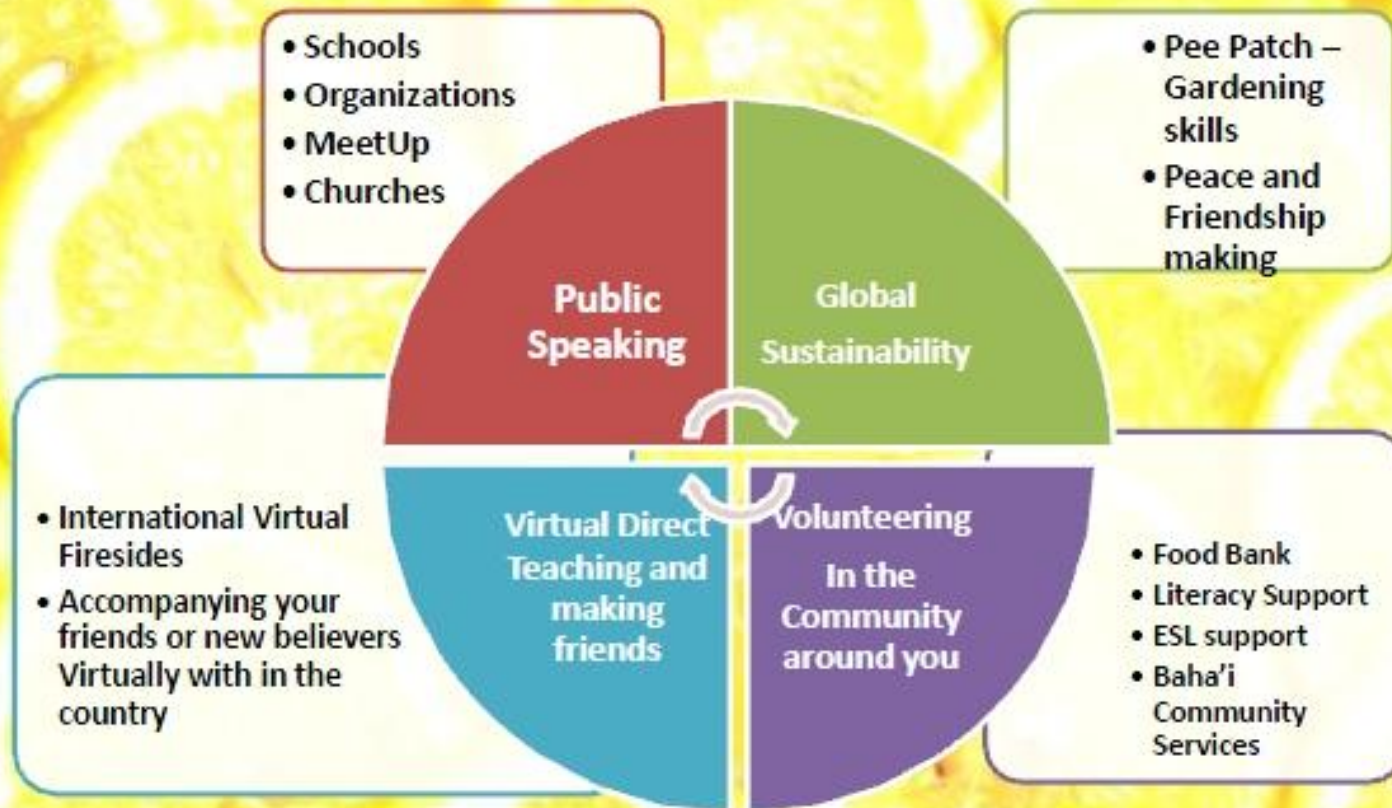
Peace begins at home

We are walking a path of service that changes our life and our community at the same time, using spirituality and morality in real ways. Our method is to study, act, reflect on our action, and learn as we go. Thousands of other groups around the world are also using these materials to learn how to bring about the betterment of the world. All involved in this educational system consider themselves as treading a common path of service--supporting one another and advancing together. All come to see themselves as active agents of their own learning.

- Study
- Reflect
- Act
- Empowerment



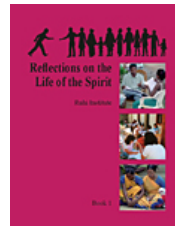
Some Service Project Ideas



Books.... Themes.... Programs

- **Book 1**

- Word of God
- Power of Prayer
- Purpose of Life
- *Share Prayers*
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- *Devotional Gatherings*



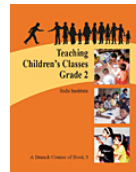
- **Book 2**

- Service
- Spiritual Conversation
- Visiting people
- *Home Visiting*



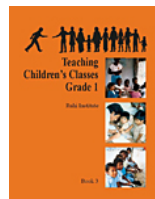
- **Book 3**

- Principles of Education
- Character Development
- Teaching children and managing a class
- *Children's Classes: Grade 1*



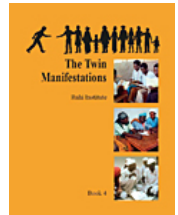
- **Book 3A**

- Reflecting on experience
- Lesson planning
- Classroom management
- *Children's Classes: Grade 2*



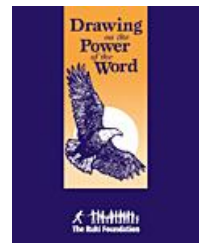
- **Book 4**

- Identity
- The Báb
- Baha'u'llah
- *Sharing the Story of Baha'u'llah*



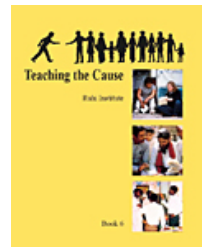
- **Book 5**

- Youth and maturity
- Youth and identity
- Empowering youth
- *Junior Youth Empowerment Groups*



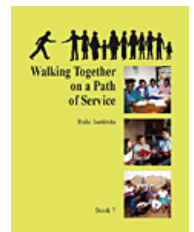
- **Book 6**

- Teaching the Baha'i Faith
- Attitude of learning
- Conversation about the Baha'i Faith
- *Teaching the Faith for transformation*



- **Book 7**

- The courses
- Accompany others & capacity building
- Using the arts & community building
- *Study Circles*





What would YOU like to see in our neighborhood?

- ☐ Children's classes
- ☐ Junior Youth activities
- ☐ Study Circles
- ☐ Home Devotionals
- ☐ Home Visits... because we care

Call us at _____ for further information
such as Location, time and host(s) names. Or contact us
at: _____

Or find out more about us at Bahai.org



List of children or Junior Youth



Name

Address

ph#

Email

Age

Food Allergies :

Liabilities Release:

Medical Issues/ meds to be taken:



Please call me for our neighborhood devotional

	Name	Address	ph#	Email	Available
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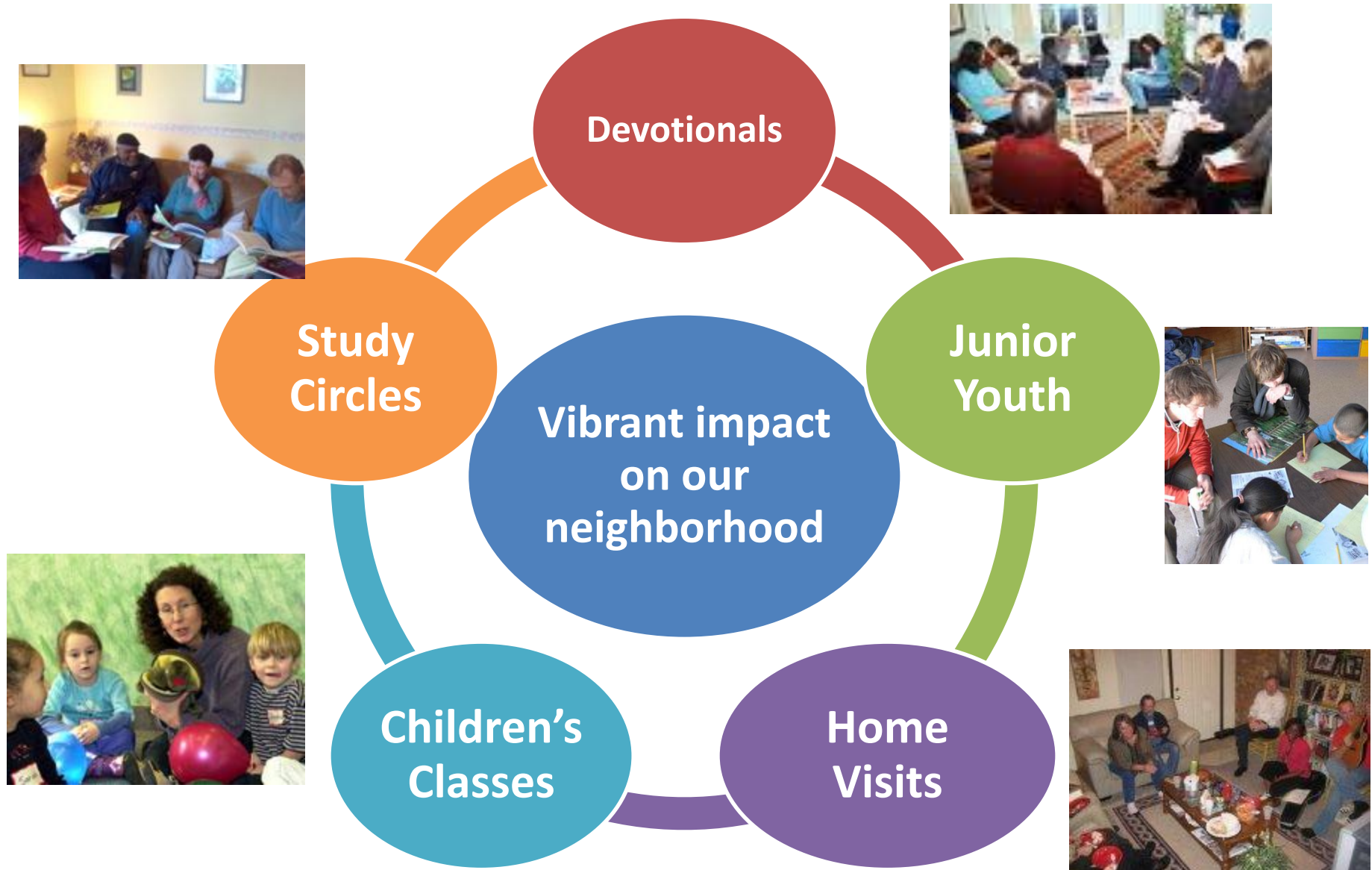
Our devotional is at: _____

Phone : _____ Host Name: _____

Baha'is residing in the neighborhood and their Core Activities

Name	Address	ph#	Email	Core Activity

Building up strength and caring



Overview of the Bahá'í Faith

The Bahá'í Faith is the newest of the world religions. Only recently has the public come to recognize that it is, in fact a major religion - one worthy of study and reflection.

The Bahá'í Faith began in Persia (now Iran) in the middle of the nineteenth century. It was directly preceded by the Bábí Faith, founded in 1844 by the Báb, whose name means "Gate" or "Door". He foretold the coming of a new Prophet of God, just as John the Baptist had foretold the coming of Christ.

In 1863, a distinguished Persian nobleman announced that He was not only the One promised by the Báb, but also the Promised One of all the world's religions, Who would usher in an age of peace for all humankind. His name was Bahá'u'lláh, which means "the Glory of God".

Bahá'u'lláh called upon women and men to give up their prejudices and to recognize the brotherhood of all mankind as children of one loving God. He said the time had come for humanity to unite under a common faith. He revealed a plan for world civilization to be built on a foundation of love and justice.

Among the most fundamental of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings are :

- ❖ There is only one God.
- ❖ All religions share a common foundation.
- ❖ Mankind is one. People of all races, nations, economic groups and religious backgrounds are equal in the sight of God.
- ❖ Each individual is responsible for investigating truth for himself.
- ❖ Science and religion harmonize. Science without religion is materialism – religion without science is superstition.
- ❖ Men and women are equal, like the two wings of one bird.
- ❖ Each child is entitled to a sound, basic education.
- ❖ There is a spiritual solution to economic problems.
- ❖ The world needs an international, auxiliary language.
- ❖ We must establish a universal peace protected by a world commonwealth.

People of all backgrounds, as Bahá'ís, are striving to develop the potential to rise above the division and prejudice of the world to become lovers of mankind.

A prayer for times of sorrow and anxiety



O God! Refresh and gladden my spirit. Purify my heart. Illumine my powers. **I lay all my affairs in Thy hand.** Thou art my Guide and my Refuge. **I will no longer be sorrowful and grieved; I will be a happy and joyful being.** O God! **I will no longer be full of anxiety, nor will I let trouble harass me. I will not dwell on the unpleasant things of life.**

O God! **Thou art more friend to me than I am to myself.** I dedicate myself to Thee, O Lord.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahá'í Prayers, p. 13