



# The Sanctuary School News

*Where heart-based education becomes a way of life*

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*“Every child and young person has a special place in our world. Each has a contribution to make to help earth and all creation.”*

## A New Kind of Education

*"And what do we teach our children in school? We teach them that two and two make four, and that Paris is the capital of France. When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel! You are unique. In all of the world, there is no other child exactly like you. In the millions of years that have passed, there has never been another child like you. Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, the way you move. You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you, a marvel? You must work-we must all work-to make the world worthy of its children." -Pablo Casals*

The Sanctuary School offers an educational program dedicated to the “marvel” of each student. Online courses enable children, teens and adults to develop their creative abilities, academic brilliance and leadership potentials. Emphasis is on kind living, love of nature,

compassionate service and the heart-mind connection. The individual needs of each student are supported and addressed.

Courses offered by the Sanctuary School can be taken by students in independent study or classroom programs, and count as elective credits for students of Laurel Springs School, a K-12 distance-learning program in Ojai, California ([www.laurelsprings.com](http://www.laurelsprings.com)). For more information about the Sanctuary School and its programs, please visit our web site at [www.thesanctuaryschool.org](http://www.thesanctuaryschool.org).

## Openings for Teachers!

If you have experience as an educator and would like to become a Sanctuary School teacher, please contact us at (520) 825-7426 or email [patricia@thesanctuaryschool.org](mailto:patricia@thesanctuaryschool.org). We are looking for creative, nurturing, inspired individuals who have experience working with children, teens and adults.

## Announcing a New Course for Parents, Teachers and Adults:

### *Heart-Based Teaching*

*Heart-Based Teaching*, a 9-unit online course, is a training guide for The Sanctuary School. With the assistance of a mentor, writing exercises and assignments enhance the experience of "Circle Thinking." Lessons prepare and build the capacity for teachers, parents and other adults to support children and teens in the recognition, pursuit and expression of their soul purpose. For more information about this course, visit The Sanctuary School online at [www.thesanctuaryschool.org](http://www.thesanctuaryschool.org) and click on the “Courses” link.

# Sanctuary Sharings....



## Collecting Funds for Animals

Glen from Auckland, New Zealand, holds jars of the money he collected for the World Society for the Protection of Animals. He writes:

“Mum and I went to the eco-show in Auckland and I came across a group of people who showed me what they do in China with the bears and in Spain to the bulls. I was so upset about this and that people like to watch how animals die and bleeding to death. I thought maybe (I) can help to stop these actions.... I just wanted (you) to know that I have collected last month \$97.50 from the money boxes for W.S.P.A. that I placed in a cafe, bakery, and in 2 dairy shops. Feels so good to help save animals' lives.”

## Caring For a Churchyard Wildlife Garden

Christopher from the U.K. writes: “I wanted to let you know about all the work Mum and I are doing at our village churchyard. The church...was built in the 1400's but has been unused since 1935.... The grounds have, until recently, been maintained as a wildlife "garden" by a man who now cannot do the work due to ill-health. I asked Mum if we could do it.... We have cleared a lot of the area, but plan to have wildlife patches as opposed to the whole vast area being all wild plants.... Once it has all been cleared and finished, it will look great and we will be able to let some areas start to grow naturally again to attract wildlife, whilst keeping other areas neat for people to walk around and see the very old gravestones.”

## Comments About *Quest for Life*:

“I especially like the parts of the lessons that ask you about your dreams, your vision for yourself, who you are and who you want to be.... When you are a child and you are asked those kinds of things, it is always couched within a certain framework. But within the context of this course, there is no right or wrong answer - - you are really being given the opportunity to discover who you are or who you would like to be....

“With each lesson, I continue to learn and grow. I look forward to what is to come!”

Susan Hunt, Sanctuary School teacher and *Quest for Life* student, USA

## Sharings from a Student of *How to Live Happily with All Life*:

“I have decided to explore the kingdom of the heart. I know the heart intelligence knows the way....

“I will practice to open my heart wider to contain Mother Earth in deeper form, and help to show others the way of the heart, the Infinite way.... In the heart you are with all life.”

Daniel Udoh  
Nigeria

