

**AROUND THE SGI-USA
PRINCETON DISTRICT JOINS COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
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Wet pavement, soggy turf, gray skies, and a sea of umbrellas were the order of the day at this year's Communiversity events on April 15. Communiversity, an annual street fair and international festival jointly sponsored by Princeton University and the town of Princeton, N.J., was a truly festive affair in spite of gray skies, wet pavement and soggy turf. Exotic foods, exhibits of international dance and culture, face painting, craft making, rides and games filled the campus and streets adjacent to the University. In addition, an abundance of exhibits of a more serious nature were presented by student and community organizations.

An exhibit with the theme, "One Person Can Make a Difference" was based upon the SGI-USA youth division's Victory Over Violence project. Skye Flusser, a member of Princeton District and a sophomore at Princeton University, spearheaded SGI-USA's first-time participation in the event. With their collective determination, the young members succeeded in completing the entire presentation in one week's time. Art student Joslyn Leslie worked long hours to complete the "Quest for Peace" poster. Others helped to create the "One Person Can Make a Difference" signboard; they collected brochures and publications for display, and organized the staging of the exhibit.

Scores of passersby who visited the SGI exhibit learned about its philosophy of constructive humanism and the efforts that the SGI is making for world peace. They were encouraged to contribute to the exhibit by creating a handprint that was placed on the "Quest for Peace" poster. On each handprint they wrote their thoughts on how they could contribute to a peaceful and constructive society.

Both the members involved and the people they talked with were encouraged by their participation in Communiversity. Reflecting on her experience, Takako Sze, said, "I think the district youth division members have been really waiting for this kind of activity. Skye's strong determination gave us the spark to work together and to express our unique capabilities. Talking with everyone, I really felt that so many people are looking for this Buddhism. Success is all up to the action we take."

Joslyn, who had put in much behind-the-scenes effort towards Communiversity, remarked, "I felt like I was part of something beautiful here at Communiversity because of everyone's sincere and undaunted spirit."