

The Anne Frank Wall Project

"I want to go on living, even after my death."

Anne Frank

What is the Anne Frank Wall?

As many of you know, we are presently studying the diary of Anne Frank. A few years ago, I came up with a project I called The Anne Frank Wall to provide a sense of closure to our study. I wanted to find a simple, direct way to have students discover how alive her spirit is today throughout the world. I gave them an assignment to get pictures of people holding a copy of her diary written in a language other than English. First, the 'wall' they built shows the power of her teenage writing to become portable--to transcend time and space. Most importantly, her writing demonstrates the strength of the human spirit to rise above and triumph over adversity.

The global version of The Anne Frank Wall: <http://www.annefrankwall.org>

This past summer, I won a grant from National Semiconductor to build a global version of the Anne Frank Wall project. To do so, former student Jon Erickson and I have created a website at

<http://www.annefrankwall.org>.

The wall presently consists of about 150 photos of students and relatives holding copies of her diary in 17 languages taken in 13 different countries. Please visit this first draft of the website to see these photos and share your comments and suggestions with me.

This year's student assignments to help build the wall:

Your children will be the first students to work with people all over the world to build the global version of the Anne Frank Wall project. As in past years, I've asked students to continue to build the wall by bringing in a photo of someone holding a copy of her diary in a language other than the version we read each year in English. I've encouraged them to involve family members, especially if they can provide photos taken in other countries.

This year, I've also asked each student to work with classmates in an activity to publicize our efforts with other groups such as school classes, teachers, booksellers, and various media all over the world and solicit their help.

I'm writing this to you to ask for your help as well in building this global version.

How you can help build The Anne Frank Wall

You can help us in this effort in many ways. Here's a list of areas we've come up with where we need your help:

1. The website is a first draft. We need help from those who know web design.
2. Do you have any contacts with (local, national, or international) media personnel (especially traveling correspondents), teachers, booksellers, human rights, charitable, and religious organizations that could help publicize our efforts?
3. I would like to have business cards made with information about the wall that could be passed out at businesses to those employees that travel frequently so that they can have pictures of her diary taken in other parts of the nation and the world.
 - A. Would you be able to design and/or donate business cards?
 - B. If you work at a business where employees travel frequently, would you help by distributing business cards to those
4. Do you have contacts with the travel industry that could distribute business cards to travelers?
5. Do you have contacts in the cruise industry that could promote building the global wall as an on-board activity for cruise guests?
6. Do you have relatives and friends in other countries that would contribute their photos to help build the wall? We have photos of 17 versions of the over 60 languages it's been translated into. Obviously, we especially would like pictures from countries and languages that are not yet represented. For example, the latest translation is in the Khmer language of Cambodia. Click on the "search" button at our website <http://www.annefrankwall.org> to see a list of the translations and view the photos of the wall.

8. Naturally, if you or your family will be travelling (especially internationally), we welcome any photos you can submit for the w

Please email me if you can help in any of the above areas or if you would simply like to volunteer your time to assist students with their activities. Also, please email me if you have other suggestions for activities to promote the building of the global wall. Hopefully with your help and your student's efforts, we can help continue to celebrate the power of the human spirit to triumph over adversity by helping her realize her dream: to go on living, ev