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# Good News Department

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## Greeting Card Contest Helps World's Children

(NAPSA)—As part of an annual contest, children throughout the U.S. are encouraged to share their hopes for children around the world.

“Children’s Dreams of Peace” is the theme for the 12th annual Pier 1/UNICEF Greeting Card contest, in which children are asked to put their thoughts into pictures, investing their artwork with love and hope for their contemporaries around the world.

Blossoming artists ages 13 and under are invited to submit greeting card designs. A winner will be chosen from each of two categories: ages 8 to 13 and ages 7 and under. Two grand prize winners will be chosen; their designs will be reprinted as UNICEF cards and sold nationwide at Pier 1 during the 2003 holiday season, with all money raised going to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. In addition, the grand prize winners will each win a trip to New York and \$500.

“We hope that in addition to raising needed funds, the annual Pier 1/UNICEF greeting card contest introduces children to an important tool in life: social responsibility,” says Charles J. Lyons, president of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. “The contest is not only fun and creative, but it is also a way for UNICEF to help children around the world since the sales of these cards bring in millions of dollars.”



**Children’s greeting card designs will help youngsters around the world.**

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Entries must be hand-drawn and received at the home office of Pier 1 Imports by April 11, 2003. Entry forms are available at Pier 1 stores and also at [www.pier1.com](http://www.pier1.com) and [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org) starting March 1, 2003. For store locations or further contest information, call 1-800-245-4595 (TDD: 1-800-754-3251).

Funds from the sale of UNICEF cards support programs that provide lifesaving medicines, vaccines, nutritious foods, primary education, clean water and sanitation and emergency relief for millions of children and women in more than 160 countries.

The largest retailer of UNICEF greeting cards, Pier 1 has raised more than \$18 million from the sale of the cards since 1985. The company is America’s largest specialty retailer of imported decorative home furnishings and accessories.