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Lynda Cohen and Gabriela Pickett during the opening reception of the Missing Peace Art Space, September 5, 1009.

The Board Members of the Unitarian Fellowship for World Peace unanimously voted in favor or renaming the Center for the Study of Child Development to ***The Lynda A. Cohen Center for the Study of Child Development***. The motion introduced by Dr. William Mosier during the August meeting was approved in recognition of Linda's life-long dedication to improving the lives of young children in the Miami Valley.

Lynda was an adjunct professor of early childhood education at Wright State University and a past president of the Dayton Association for Young Children. For thirty years she served as director of early childhood education at the Dayton Jewish Community Center in Trotwood. She was a well-known and widely respected early childhood consultant, presenting at local, state, and national conferences. Lynda originated "One Monday Morning" as an interactive cultural series that had entertained thousands of pre-kindergarten aged children for over twenty years.

Lynda understood the importance of enhancing children's lives through art. She once said: "When I see an artist drawing with young children there is a contagious happiness in the air and that makes me happy."

The Unitarian Fellowship for World Peace wishes to keep the memory of Lynda Cohen alive as an inspiration to all those who are committed to working with young children. We strive to continue her mission of preparing young children for school success by providing them with psychologically healthy and developmentally appropriate environments. The Center was dedicated to her during the International Day of Peace Celebration on September 21 2010.