WOMEN OF THE NUCLEAR AGE PEACE FOUNDATION

MOMS AGAINST BOMBS

LULU WAYMAN WITH HER MOM, AYDA
From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, “Disarm, disarm! The sword is not the balance of justice.” Blood does not wipe out dishonor nor violence indicate possession...

...let of women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace...

~JULIA WARD HOWE, 1870

In honor of Mother’s Day and the women who have taught us important lessons in our lives, the women of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation speak about why they chose to work for peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons.
“My dream for future generations is a world free from war, conflict and nuclear weapons. I believe, as women, we are often the victims and rarely the perpetrators of war. Too many mothers and children suffer at the hands of politicians making decisions based on their egos. I want to change this and make sure that no more mothers suffer the pain of losing a child in war.”

JOSIE PARKHOUSE
Fierce Nuclear Abolitionist
London, England
“My father took this photo of me and my mom in 1987, just before the U.S. and USSR started working towards nuclear disarmament. Today, tensions between these countries are as high as ever and spending on nuclear weapons are out of control. As a Russian living in the U.S., as a mother of a three year old and as a millennial, it’s my responsibility to advocate for peace and nuclear abolition. Moms give birth. They nurture. It’s time to rise together for humanity’s survival.”

ELENA NICKLASSEN WITH HER MOM, ELENA E. 
Exuberant Nuclear Abolitionist 
Santa Barbara, California
“I believe that as mothers, as women, we are stewards of life. In this unique moment in history our most urgent call is to work for the abolishment of nuclear weapons. The work will require the best of us; courage, persistence, boldness, creativity and boundless love. I believe, without a doubt, we are up to the task. We only need to decide.”

LISA WYSEL WITH CHILDREN IN GUATEMALA
Ardent Nuclear Abolitionist
Montecito, California
I believe when enough of the human race believe in peace, speak it and act accordingly, we will create a peaceful world for future generations. NAPF does just that.

SHERRY MELCHIORRE
Steadfast Nuclear Abolitionist
Carpinteria, California
“My mom always taught me to stand up for what I believe in, even when it was difficult. Sometimes that means getting involved in the battles that you can’t win, but someone has to be there to keep fighting and trying. That’s part of why I work towards nuclear abolition. I believe it is worth striving towards nuclear zero in the world for the safety and sanity of all humanity.”

ALANNA RICHARDS WITH HER MOM, MARY
Awesome Nuclear Abolitionist
Oceanside, California
“He is the reason why we need to eliminate nuclear weapons.”

JILL DEXTER WITH HER GRANDSON, OLIVER
No-nonsense Nuclear Abolitionist
Hope Ranch, California
“My mom’s father was a Hungarian Jew who fled Europe just before the war. In spite of the dangerous and scary world he was born into, my grandfather devoted his life to working for a peaceful future. As a journalist and translator at the United Nations, he specialized in researching safe and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. In my work for nuclear disarmament, I feel closer to my grandfather, my mother, and our family’s legacy.”

SARAH WITMER WITH HER MOM, SALLY
Humble Nuclear Abolitionist
Bonita, California
“My mother, Elsie, who grew up in Germany during WWII, never got over her fear that one day her family would be bombed and all would perish. My hope is that my granddaughter Elsie, (named after my mom), her siblings, and all children of the world may someday look back on the nuclear age with relief and joy that the danger of annihilation has been eradicated.”

CAROL WARNER WITH HER MOM, ELSIE
Hopeful Nuclear Abolitionist
Santa Barbara, California
“I believe in a future where peace isn’t determined by the threat of war. My mother has spent her life teaching me grace, understanding, patience, and kindness. While I’m still learning some of those lessons, I know she’s given me the drive to make a better world. No better world can be reached with nuclear weapons in our arsenal.”

JOY FERGUSON WITH HER MOM, ANN MARY
Hardworking Nuclear Abolitionist
Santa Rosa, California
“While many of us working for peace focus on future generations, I find that the needs of students struggling in the present moment demand my attention. If I do my job well, that will help students shape the future in healthful ways. Then they will lead us. Some of them already are.”

SHARI CLOUGH
Energetic Nuclear Abolitionist
Corvallis, Oregon
“Growing up in a Catholic family, I watched my mother send small amounts of money to different charities. One day we received a request to assist the residents of Nagasaki who had been severely disfigured when my country dropped the atom bomb. As a ten-year-old, I was horrified by the pictures and saddened by the stories of the survivors. What was my responsibility and how could I help prevent such suffering? Many years later I am fulfilling part of this mission by working at the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation for the abolition of all nuclear weapons.”

JO ANN DECK WITH HER MOM, JOSEPHINE
Nurturing Nuclear Abolitionist
Branford, Connecticut
“Here’s the thing. As long as nuclear weapons exist on this planet, no matter how few or how many, we are just not safe. End of story.”

SHARON ROSSOL WITH HER SON, MICHAEL
Persistent Nuclear Abolitionist
Goleta, California
“I’ve been an activist all my life. I’m a pacifist, and I work for peace. War has not solved our problems—in fact, it’s made things worse. If we want our planet to survive, we have to learn to live with one another.”

NANCY ANDON
Feisty Nuclear Abolitionist
Santa Barbara, California
“My mom taught me to believe I could do anything if I put my mind to it. I’m not sure she had the abolition of nuclear weapons in mind, but if she were here today, she’d tell me, ‘Honey, this cause needs you.’ ”

SANDY JONES WITH HER MOM, RUTH
Creative Nuclear Abolitionist
Summerland, California
We are grandmothers and mothers, sisters and daughters, comrades and friends. We are teachers, lawyers, doctors, students, artists, writers, nurses, and chefs.

We are also at risk. So long as nuclear weapons exit on this planet, everyone we love and cherish is at risk of annihilation. Please join us and help annihilate nuclear weapons before they annihilate us.

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