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## **ANNA KENNEDY**

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MADRE and Anna were born in the same place, Nicaragua, during the US-sponsored Contra War. The hospital she was born in received its first ambulance because of MADRE, the same year she was born. Orphaned, Anna was adopted and moved to New York, where her parents were friends of MADRE. She grew up in NYC and then went to George Washington University where she studied International Affairs. After college, Anna worked for 4 years at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as a Criminal Justice Officer, focusing on human trafficking. While there she co-organized a UN mission to Gulu, Uganda where they conducted art therapy with former child soldiers and then held a successful UN benefit featuring that art. Her work was instrumental in establishing a UN trust fund for victims of human trafficking. Since leaving the UN, her focus has been on her art and most importantly raising her daughter.

Anna's writing has appeared in t "Letters from Young Activists: Today's Rebels Speak Out."

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