



**HANDS OF  
PEACE**

# MISSION



*“People don’t get along because they fear each other. People fear each other because they don’t know each other. They don’t know each other because they have not properly communicated with each other.”—Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# GOALS





# First Three Phases of HOP

1. First Year Summer Program:  
Dialogue and building bridges
2. Second Year Program:  
Leadership development and  
personal growth
3. American and Middle East Alumni Program:  
Ongoing dialogue, education and leadership  
development.





# Program Participants



“If our parents and the older generation had the chance to do what we are doing now then everything would have changed.” - Hands of Peace participant

# Programming





# Five Phases of Dialogue





# Educational Value



# In Their Own Words

*"I came to HOP with my own set of assumptions and my own version of the truth. What I found was that what I knew was only one small slice of the truth."* —Jessica, American participant

*"Hands of Peace gave me the chance to raise up my voice and talk with confidence. It gave me the motivation to get back home and start working on myself and on others towards peace and a better future."* —Rawan, Palestinian Citizen of Israel

*"I didn't think I was going to become a friend with an Israeli participant but, after I got to know them, I became friends with all of them."* —Ahmad, Palestinian Participant

*"I will take Hands of Peace with me to everywhere I go, every experience I will have, and every way I will choose."* —Ilor, Jewish-Israeli participant



# Alumni Program



*This November over 60 Middle East alumni will meet to continue their journey across cultural, religious, emotional and physical borders.*



# Long-Term Impact



Shira, Jewish Israeli 2003 “Hand” and 2004 XL

Shira learned from Hands of Peace how narratives were an integral part of the peace process, reaffirming her decision to become a journalist. She currently works at BBC News Middle East bureau in Jerusalem.

# Community Involvement



Hands of Peace is made possible through the generosity and support of our community. A huge thanks to our religious partners, supporting organizations and volunteers who take these youth on their peacebuilding journey.

# San Diego Connection

- 48 participants in San Diego each summer, including local youth
- 30 Host Families of all religions
- 200+ Volunteers
- Over 1,000 people engaged in HOP (includes Farewell Banquet, Cultural Cooking Night, Religious Services, Afternoon Programs)
- Religious partner organizations include Temple Solel, Muslim Community Center, Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and Christ Presbyterian Church





# THE ROTARY CONNECTION

**Rotary & HOP share common values of service, world understanding, peace and goodwill.**

**Rotary**



- District 5340 has awarded a District Grant to HOP for the last four years.
- Numerous clubs have supported, including but not limited to: Encinitas Coastal, Encinitas, San Diego Coastal, La Jolla Golden Triangle, Del/Mar Solana Beach and La Mesa Sunrise. The program is also supported by three clubs in the Chicago area.
- We are working towards a Global Grant and a strong model with the Pathways to Peace committee.

# THE ROTARY CONNECTION

- Rotarians serve as host families, volunteers during the Summer Program and year round, and in leadership positions with this program.
- Rotary clubs also serve lunch, engage with the teens and attend events throughout the three weeks while the teens are here.



Encinitas Rotary members cooking at the annual summer beach bonfire during the 2018 program

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- 1.) Become a **host** family
- 2.) **Volunteer** your time and talent
- 3.) **Encourage** a teen to apply
- 4.) **Attend** HOPEducation events
- 5.) Consider **support** as a club:  
contribute to the district grant or  
sponsor a participant for the  
summer program



For more information please visit: [www.handsofpeace.org](http://www.handsofpeace.org)