

FACES of CHANGE



Hello Friend,

This year, as Hands of Peace celebrates 20 years of empowering American, Israeli and Palestinian youth to become agents of change, we celebrate the amazing generosity of our Hands of Peace community.

From Giving Tuesday to the end of 2021, we raised almost \$300,000, including generous matching gifts. We not only met a \$10,000 match from Board Chair Wayne Andersen for Giving Tuesday. We also met the \$50,000 match from Don and Ellen Clark for year-end.

Wayne has been involved with Hands of Peace since the beginning and is father of 2009 Hand MK. His family hosted Summer Program participants for 10 years. Don and Ellen have generously supported Hands of Peace for 17 years, both financially and with the ever-popular tickets to the Chicago Blackhawks for the Benefit auction!

These and other long-time loyal donors were joined by over a dozen new donors. We'd like to give special thanks to those who became Peace Partners (monthly donors) for the first time. We invite you to join them with a gift of your own.

SUPPORT YOUTH PEACEBUILDERS

Thanks to generous support, we will be able to offer tuition sponsorships to 40 Hands for Summer Program 2022. For three weeks in July, a total of 85 youth in Chicago and San Diego will embark on a transformative journey in dialogue with "the other," seeing perspectives through the eyes of someone they may have called "stranger" or even "enemy," learning how to listen with courage and empathy.

90% of our funding comes from individuals and small family

foundations committed to growing our thriving network of peacebuilders — now more than 700 alumni strong — advocating for equality, freedom, and justice around the world.

A purple rectangular graphic with the title "Breaking Bread" in white cursive script at the top. Below the title are five small, square, white-bordered portrait photos of diverse individuals. At the bottom of the graphic, the date and time are listed in white text: "Sunday, January 16" and "Sunday 10 pm I/P, 2 pm CST, 12 noon PST".

Breaking Bread

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Eager to welcome all the Hands arriving this summer are new faces on the Hands of Peace team. Join [Hamze Awawde](#), Palestinian Regional Manager; [Emily Kenward](#), Chicago Site Director; [Ayala Shalev](#), Jewish-Israeli Regional Manager; and [Melanie Stanek](#), San Diego Site Director, for [Breaking Bread](#), an opportunity to get to know them and their stories on January 16, 10 pm I/P, 2 pm CST, 12 noon PST. This virtual conversation will be moderated by [Rana Haddad](#), a 2003 Hand and long-time Regional Manager for the Palestinian Citizens of Israel delegation.

[REGISTER FOR BREAKING BREAD](#)

We enter this pivotal anniversary year with our eyes wide open to the challenges posed by political and cultural divisions in Israel, Palestine and the U.S., COVID's impact on families and the economy, and the dangers posed by misinformation. But we are confident that, working from the ground up, tapping into and expanding the energy, skills and connectivity of youth, peace is not only possible in our communities and around the world, it is inevitable.

Thank you, Toda Raba, Shukran,



Scott Rasmussen
Executive Director
Hands of Peace

P.S. I invite you to join me and Vice-Chair Debby Fosdick on the Hands of Peace Multi-Narrative Tour of Israel/Palestine, Sept. 12-22, with an optional extension to Jordan. [Go here for more details.](#)



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