

HANDS OF PEACE



Dear Friend,

I am delighted to announce Melanie Stanek as the new San Diego Site Director, bringing a unique combination of skills, experience and vision to **Hands of Peace**.

This year, Melanie was introduced to Hands of Peace through a 6-month internship working on Summer Program Launchpad, the local San Diego program Raising Youth Voices, and developing an alumni Mentoring Program.

An international educator and graduate student in Peace and Justice at the Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego, Melanie holds a Bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Holocaust studies from The College of New Jersey and a TEFL Certificate from the Center for Applied Linguistics.



For the past seven years, Melanie has worked in education and nonprofit settings, including leading recruitment for ArtBridges, a youth development nonprofit in Tennessee, and as a Peace Corps volunteer cultivating cross-cultural relationships and emotional resiliency in schools in Madagascar.

In 2012 Melanie spent six months studying at Ben-Gurion University in Be'er Sheva, Israel, where she learned about the conflict from multiple perspectives. Melanie starts November 29.

We will soon say goodbye to Site Director Alicen Roberts. Alicen did fantastic work for us this year in managing Summer Program Launchpad and Raising Youth Voices. Alicen will continue in her role through November 24. We will miss her!

The Chicago Site Director position is open and is [posted on our website](#).

2022 SUMMER PROGRAM

Like many of you, I am looking forward to the Summer Program in Chicago and San Diego next year. As I write this our Regional Managers are actively recruiting Hands to join our Summer Program Launchpad participants at the in-person Summer Program in 2022 in Chicago and San Diego.

Applications are now open

for American, Jewish Israeli, Palestinian, and PCI participants (ages 15-17), plus Chaperones and Host Families. We are also looking for volunteers to help us with meals and Farewell Celebration planning. Please consider serving on one of these committees or helping us plan for the 20th Anniversary Benefits in May 2022.



Please fill out this [volunteer application](#) or contact dkutlow@handsofpeace.org, (760) 492-1623.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom,

Executive Director
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