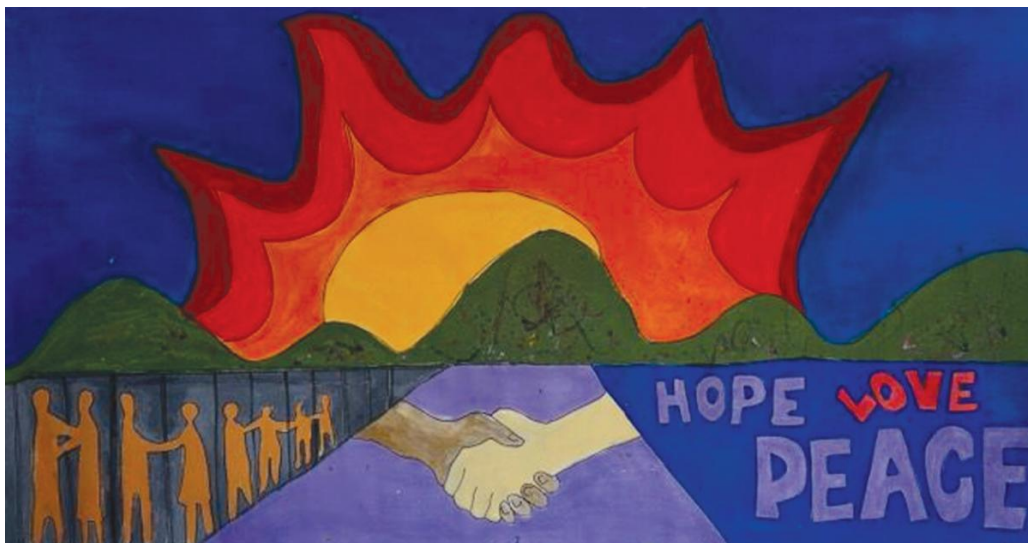


# Celebrating INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2021



Dear Friend,

I hope you have had a moment to look through the International Day of Peace packet recently delivered to your mailbox. The story of Loai, which was included, is one of hundreds of **stories about alumni** who are creating Positive Peace every day.



## WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF POSITIVE PEACE?

Also inside the packet is a colorful postcard with a Vision of Peace created by American, Israeli and Palestinian teens during the Hands of Peace Summer Program. You can keep this postcard as a reminder of their aspirations or fill in the back of the postcard today with your own vision in words or drawings. Then take a picture of it and email to Deb Lawrence, [dlawrence@handsofpeace.org](mailto:dlawrence@handsofpeace.org). As we celebrate International Day of Peace today, Sept. 21, and for the rest of the week, we will post them in social media to encourage others to visualize the world they want to see.

## 2022 SUMMER PROGRAM

Hands of Peace is looking forward to welcoming new Hands to Chicago and San Diego for the **Summer Program, July 6-25, 2022.**



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*I have taken lessons I learned during my summers to heart. They are the background against which I paint my dreams of the future.*

**EMILY - 2015, 2016 ALUMNA**

While many from this year's Summer Program Launchpad will be returning, there are still openings for more 15-16-year-old American, Israeli and Palestinian teens to participate. We are also looking for host families. Pass along the brochure from your packet to a potential Hand or host or **[email Site Director Alicen Roberts](#)** for more information.

## HOW YOU CAN EMPOWER YOUTH

Next year, the new Hands will embark on a journey of personal transformation. That journey will continue with alumni education preparing them to become agents of change in their communities. This is my vision of peace – a network of individuals with the tools and connections necessary to affect change in their communities, to advocate for human rights, and to lead compassionately and courageously.



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*Dialogue is a way of bringing people from a place of not having any hope to a place where they see the human being on the other side and feel there's a chance to make peace.*

**NOAM - 2011, 2012 ALUMNUS**

Please consider a donation to give Hands and Alumni a chance to become part of the solution to the challenges they see every day. Through Sept. 30 your donation will be matched, with \$10,000 remaining in the matching fund. **[Double your donation](#)** by making a gift today. If you would like to make a gift by check or through a donor-advised fund, please mail to the address below.

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Peace, Salaam, Shalom,



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