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Hello Friend,

It has been a long and challenging year for Hands of Peace and for all of us. But I am looking to the coming year with **hope**. Why? Because of you, and the **love** and optimism you demonstrate by believing in the the power of youth.

In 2020, we have been listening to and learning from our alumni and community. You offered creative ways not only to persevere, but to help our youth grow as leaders and peacebuilders through dialogue, education and action.

Yes, there are ups and downs. Yes, there are many challenges. But our alumni, and you, have made a lifelong commitment to **peace**. As Noam, a Jewish- Israeli alumnus says, "When things are worst, that's when you need dialogue the most."

In one of the ongoing Coffee Conversations I've set up to connect with alumni, Najil, a Palestinian Citizen of Israel asked, "What can I do to heal divisions and build community?"

Hands of Peace is designing a 2021 Virtual Summer Program Launchpad for incoming Hands and skillbuilding workshops to help Najil and other alumni do just that. One simple step you can take is to **make a donation** -- large or small -- to cultivate this network of courageous, compassionate and constructive young leaders.

As I embark on my journey as Executive Director, thank you for your commitment to empowering American, Israeli and Palestinian youth as agents of change. They give us all hope.

In peace and gratitude,



Scott Rasmussen
Executive Director
Hands of Peace

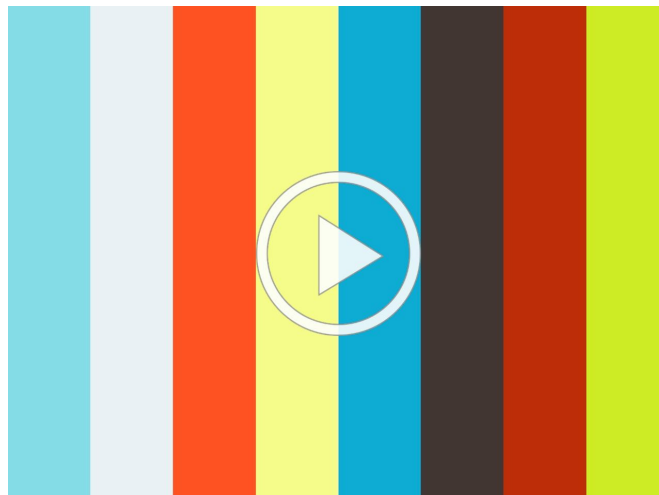
P.S. Good news -- the recently passed COVID Relief Act allows you to deduct up to \$300 (\$600 per couple) in charitable donations even if you don't itemize. And a Matching Gift will double your gifts up to \$30,000, thanks to two generous donors.

Donate online - gifts matched up to \$5000

Another way to give is to join alumni Hannah and Noam as Peace Partners by joining the [Monthly Giving Circle](#). Monthly giving enables you to space out your donation and helps us plan for the future.



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