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The Hawaiian culture and spirituality, as well as the many other cultures and their spirituality that call Hawai'i their home, live in harmony. There is a peaceful and healing quality to these islands; and because of these qualities, **ALOHA PEACE HOUSE (APH)** was founded in Hawai'i in 2003.

APH is a community-based grassroots organization whose main purpose is to restore and bridge relationships between youth in communities in conflict, initially focusing its intentions upon the Jewish and Muslim communities in Hawai'i and Israel/Palestine through integration and emergence within the Hawaiian culture.

APH's purpose is being achieved through the **Aloha Quest 2008 Program**, which brings youth from the troubled land of Israel/Palestine to Hawaii to experience the healing of this land and address issues of tolerance and peace through nonviolence training, *ho'oponopono* and organic leadership. After learning the skills needed to define the root causes of injustice and intolerance, the empowered youth return to their homes with the confidence and determination needed to transform their homeland towards peace and prosperity.

The participation of the Hawaiian youth in the Aloha Quest Program enriches the outcome of the learning experiences for the Israeli/Palestinian youth and their communities. It is a symbiotic experience for the Hawaiian youth who also benefit from participation. Hawai'i, known for its unique and conducive environment, the Hawaiian culture and spirituality (*mana*), and the power of the *aina*, acts as a working model for national and global change towards peace.

APH House is realizing its vision through land donated by the **New Moon Foundation (NMF)**, youth programming in conjunction with **The Kohala Center** and NMF, and affiliations with **The Center for Attitudinal Healing**, the **Hawai'i Forgiveness Project**, and **World Learning Forum (WLF)**.

Through its partnership with WLF, APH has the operational support for the Aloha Quest 2008 Program, a pilot project that brings six Palestinian and six Jewish youth aged 14-16 to Hawai'i. The pilot program is an extremely powerful and innovative vehicle for the transformation of the long-term conflict using non-violent methods to resolve differences at a personal level as the first step towards changing the larger situation.

To support cultural understanding among the youth of the Middle East, please contribute to APH by making checks payable to the **Hawai'i Center for Attitudinal Healing**, a 501(c)(3) organization that receives tax-deductible donations on behalf of Aloha Peace House.

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