House of Hope
VISION SCHOOL

Every Child a Peacebuilder: Fundraiser Guide 2026

House of Hope Vision School

Introduction

Thank you for joining our **global movement for peace**. Palestinian children dare to dream. They dream of peace — and with it, the freedom to play, the chance to heal, the courage to hope. At House of Hope, those dreams take root in classrooms of love and safety, where peace is nurtured every day.

Last year, you made two big things possible. Your gifts kept our Peace and Justice Curriculum in classrooms, helping children heal from trauma and learn nonviolent communication. And you helped our Family Peace and Justice Education Program grow to one more school, so more families could become circles of peace.

This year, we rise again. Palestinian children and families face growing hardship in the West Bank, living daily under the weight of the Occupation. Together, we are building a circle of Peacebuilders — Palestinians, Americans, and Europeans — united to raise $45,000 to keep our teachers teaching and give students a hot lunch, so children can heal, learn, and imagine a more just future.

Together, we proclaim: **every child is a peacebuilder.**

How to use this guide

The purpose of this guide is simple: to make your outreach easy, clear, and effective.

When you invite your friends, family, or community to give, the most powerful tool you have is **your brief personal message**. This guide will help you write and share it.

Inside you'll find:

- Templates you can copy and paste into WhatsApp, social media, or email.
- Tips for keeping your message short and heartfelt.
- Real quotes from teachers, founders, and staff to inspire or strengthen your message.
- Quick answers so you can respond with confidence when people ask about House of Hope.

Getting started

Set up your Raisely page

1. Go to the campaign page [insert campaign link] and click **Sign up**.
2. Create your account and set a personal goal.
3. Add a photo (your I'm a Peacebuilder selfie works beautifully) and a sentence or two about why you're a Peacebuilder. A sample story is already there for you to edit.
4. Copy your page link and start sharing. Use **My Dashboard** to see who has given, so you can thank them.

Get your I'm a Peacebuilder selfie

Email a photo of yourself to Thea at tlavin@supportinghouseofhope.org. We'll send it back in the I'm a Peacebuilder frame, ready to post and to use on your Raisely page.

Fundraiser tips

A few quick tips to help you succeed as a Peacebuilder fundraiser:

1. **Know the big goal.** This campaign is more than a fundraiser — it's a movement. Together, we're raising $45,000:
    - $35,000 to keep Peace and Justice Education in House of Hope classrooms, including teacher salaries and school operations

- $10,000 for a hot lunch one day a week for students, January through June and September through December 2027

2. **Set a personal goal.** Every dollar brings us closer. You might aim for $250, $500, or $1,000 — whatever feels right for you.
3. **Share in different places.** Post on Facebook or Instagram once a week, send at least one short email, and text a few friends personally on WhatsApp. Add your I'm a Peacebuilder selfie. Personal outreach makes the biggest difference.
4. **Thank your donors.** Always thank people right away. A quick text, a tagged post, or a short message means a great deal and encourages others to give.
5. **Stay connected.** You're not doing this alone. Reach out anytime to Supporting Hope's Executive Director, Thea, at tlavin@supportinghouseofhope.org.
6. **Keep the timing in mind.** Our 10-day Every Child a Peacebuilder fundraiser runs from Tuesday, December 1 (Giving Tuesday), through Thursday, December 10.

Your 10-day sharing plan

When	What to do
Before Dec 1	Set up your page and tell a few close friends it's coming
Tue Dec 1 (Giving Tuesday)	Send your first personal messages and post your selfie with your link
Thu Dec 3	Thank your first donors publicly and share a teacher quote
Mon Dec 7	Post a halfway update: how close you are to your goal
Wed Dec 9	Send a personal reminder to anyone who hasn't given yet
Thu Dec 10	Last call: "Today is the final day. Will you join me?"

How to ask for a donation

The #1 reason people give is because someone they know asks them to. A short, personal message — just a few sentences about why peace matters to you and why you support House of Hope — can be the spark that inspires a gift. Keep it simple, keep it real, and always end with a clear invitation: "Will you join me with a donation?"

Template 1: WhatsApp or text

> Hi friends 💕,
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> Peace is so important to me — especially now, when so many Palestinian children are growing up surrounded by Occupation and war. As House of Hope teacher Nadia Emtair says: "I hope they learn that kindness is not weakness, and that gentle words carry great power."
>
> House of Hope is a Palestinian-founded and led school, where visionary peacebuilders are raising the next generation with love and nonviolence. I'm fundraising to keep their teachers teaching and to give students a hot lunch. Will you join me with a gift today? Every donation makes a difference. 🕊️
>
> [insert donation link]

Template 2: Social media

> Peace isn't just an idea — it's something we can teach and live. That's why I support Palestinian children at House of Hope, a Palestinian-founded and led school in the West Bank. As House of Hope co-founder Milad Vosgueritchian says: "Nonviolence is the path of the soul."
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> House of Hope's teachers are planting seeds of healing and dignity through trauma-informed education. I believe every child is a peacebuilder, and I'm fundraising so these children can keep learning peace — and share a hot meal at school. 🕊️
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> ✨ Please join me by donating through my fundraiser: [insert donation link]

Template 3: Email

> **Subject:** Every child is a peacebuilder 🕊️
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> Dear friends,
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> Peace matters deeply to me — and I believe every Palestinian child deserves the chance to grow up safe, loved, and free. That's why I'm raising funds for House of Hope Vision School in the West Bank.
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> House of Hope is Palestinian-founded and led by visionary peacebuilders who believe nonviolence can transform lives. Nadia Emtair, a Peace and Justice Education teacher there, explains why this work matters: "to protect the beauty inside the child and preserve the humanity that defines childhood."
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> Your donation will keep this safe space open, sustain peace and justice education, and give students a hot lunch at school.
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> 🌟 Please give today through my fundraiser: [insert donation link]
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> With gratitude, [Your Name]

Template 4: Short post

> Peace is so important to me — especially now, when so many Palestinian children are growing up surrounded by Occupation and war. House of Hope, a Palestinian-founded and led school, is raising the next generation with love and nonviolence. As teacher Nadia Emtair says: "Most of all, I hope the children grow strong no matter what difficulties they face, but without harming anyone."
>
> I'm fundraising to keep peace and justice education going and give students a hot lunch. Will you join me with a gift today? 🕊️
>
> [insert donation link]

✂️ Super-short plug-and-play messages

- "Every child is a peacebuilder. Help me keep teachers teaching and hot lunch on the table at House of Hope: [insert your Raisely link]"
- "'Kindness is not weakness, and gentle words carry great power.' — Nadia Emtair, House of Hope teacher. Join me in supporting House of Hope: [insert your Raisely link]"

- "A House of Hope teacher hopes her students 'grow strong no matter what difficulties they face, but without harming anyone.' Stand with them: [insert your Raisely link]"
- "Childhood is not a privilege; it is a right. Join me in supporting House of Hope: [insert your Raisely link]"
- "Peace begins in the classroom. Help me support House of Hope: [insert your Raisely link]"

Thank-you messages

Private (text or email):

> Thank you so much for your gift to House of Hope! 🕊️ You're helping keep teachers teaching and hot lunch on the table for Palestinian children. It means a lot to me.

Public (tag them in a post, with their permission):

> Thank you, [Name], for standing with House of Hope! Every child is a peacebuilder. 🕊️

House of Hope voices

At House of Hope, peace is not just an idea — it is lived every day in our classrooms, our playgrounds, and our community. Teachers, parents, and students carry the vision of nonviolence in their words and in their work. Their voices testify to the hope that grows even under Occupation.

You are welcome to borrow these quotes in your own messages.

> "House of Hope is more than a school — it is a sanctuary of healing, hope, and possibility in the heart of the West Bank." — Milad Vosgueritchian, Co-Founder, House of Hope Vision School & Kindergarten

> "Nonviolence is the path of the soul." — Milad Vosgueritchian, Co-Founder

> "Our mission is to plant seeds of nonviolence in children so that peace can grow in this place of Occupation." — Milad Vosgueritchian, Co-Founder

> "When children feel safe, they can finally be children again — laughing, learning, and playing." — Samar Halabia, Elementary Teacher

> "Our children need more than ABCs — they need love, attention, and to know that they matter." — Raghda Ayoub, Kindergarten Teacher

> "Through music and stories, our children discover their voices — voices that say, 'We are children, and we have rights.'" — Manar Wahhab, Co-Founder

> "Our children have the right to live in freedom and dignity." — Khitam Abdul Hamid, Social Worker

> "Despite what our children see outside in these difficult circumstances, we try to give them hope for a better tomorrow. No to violence. Yes to love and peace." — Jamila Jafal, Primary School Director

Nadia Emtair, Peace and Justice Education Teacher

> "I deeply believe that education is not only about academic achievement, but also about nurturing compassionate, respectful, and peaceful human beings."

> "I am grateful for the opportunity to honor and share the values of nonviolence that have always lived in our Palestinian community."

> "Teaching children nonviolence and peace is a great mission and a tremendous responsibility."

> "The philosophy of nonviolence is not just a term or a word. It is action, faith, and a message guided by conscience and humanity."

> "It is like a farmer planting a seed and caring for it until it takes root in the souls of those they meet, spreading outward to those around them and eventually to the whole world."

> "This is why this culture and philosophy are so important: to protect the beauty inside the child and preserve the humanity that defines childhood."

> "Most of all, I hope the children grow strong no matter what difficulties they face, but without harming anyone."

> "I hope they learn that kindness is not weakness, and that gentle words carry great power."

Peace leader quotes you can borrow

> "Nonviolence is the path of the soul." — Milad Vosgueritchian

> "Children don't get traumatized because they get hurt. They get traumatized because they are alone in the hurt." — Gabor Maté

> "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." — Nelson Mandela

> "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." — Nelson Mandela

> "Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education." — Martin Luther King Jr.

Q&A: Quick facts about House of Hope

What is House of Hope? House of Hope Vision School and Kindergarten is a Palestinian-founded school in the West Bank that offers trauma-informed, holistic education for children living under the Occupation. It is the only school in the region built on the principles of nonviolence.

Who are the students? Our Palestinian children attend our kindergarten and primary school (grades 1 to 4). Most live in poverty and grow up surrounded by the Occupation and daily stress, but here they find safety, healing, and the chance to learn in dignity.

What makes House of Hope different? We provide trauma-informed education rooted in Palestinian heritage, Waldorf teaching methods, and peace and justice principles. Students pledge nonviolence every morning, and every lesson is designed to help them heal, grow, and thrive.

What is Peace and Justice Education? It's our trauma-informed curriculum that blends social-emotional learning, emotional regulation, Nonviolent Communication (NVC), and rights-based civic education so children can learn — and live — nonviolently. In practice, students:

- Build emotional regulation skills: naming feelings, body check-ins, breathing and grounding exercises, and calming routines.
- Practice Nonviolent Communication, peer mediation, conflict de-escalation, and restorative circles.
- Learn about human and children's rights, democracy, environmental care, and active citizenship.
- Heal and express themselves through creative arts rooted in Palestinian culture: music and choir, storytelling, movement, drawing, and woodcarving.
- Make a daily pledge of nonviolence and apply these habits at school, at home, and in the community.

What is trauma-informed education? It recognizes that many students carry the emotional and psychological impact of the Occupation and loss. At House of Hope, it shapes how we teach: we create safe, compassionate classrooms, help students regulate emotions, and build resilience so children can fully engage in learning and healing.

What did last year's campaign accomplish? Your gifts kept our Peace and Justice Curriculum in classrooms and helped our Family Peace and Justice Education Program grow to one more school.

Why hot lunch? Many of our students come from families living in poverty. A hot, nourishing meal helps children focus, learn, and feel cared for. Lunches are prepared with vegetarian and chicken options.

Where do donations go? Gifts support House of Hope's greatest needs: $35,000 sustains Peace and Justice Education through teacher salaries and school operations, and $10,000 provides a hot lunch one day a week for students, January through June and September through December 2027.

How does music fit in? Music is central to how we help children heal and regulate emotions. Students sing daily, take music lessons, and perform in our One Love Student Choir. We've also partnered with Berklee College of Music to create Palestine Beats, giving youth an outlet to turn trauma into creativity.

Are donations tax-deductible? Yes. Donations are processed through Supporting Hope, our U.S. nonprofit partner (Tax ID 81-2842786). You'll receive a receipt, and many employers will match your gift.

Where can I donate? Online through your Raisely link. To give by check, make it payable to Supporting Hope and mail it to:

Supporting Hope P.O. Box 551 Danville, KY 40423

All gifts are tax-deductible and directly support House of Hope Vision School & Kindergarten.