



## 24 Years Of Building Peaceful Communities at the Intersection Of Social Justice, Education and the Arts To Foster Healing



### THE GENESIS PEACE HUB

Already functioning virtually, our new physical space will convene, incubate, catalyze, and accelerate all our peacebuilding activities. Its mindful design as a circular economy will help sustain itself.

- Continues our vibrant array of arts and culture programs.
- Scales our educational offerings to include expanded leadership and vocational training along with more internships.
- **Research Incubator** - for academic studies on creativity and leadership with our joint university research partners at University of Pennsylvania, DePaul, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, and Stanford University School of Medicine Center for Compassion and Altruism.
- **Over 60 community partnerships** - this vibrant ecosystem of social justice, human rights, arts, education, media, and environmental sustainability organizations will help us take community issues and peacebuilding to the policy level. (See [www.gatc.org](http://www.gatc.org) for details)

#### New Features:

- **Social Entrepreneurship Center** – incubates social impact businesses and spins them off the Peace Hub as for-profit entities managed by the community for the good of the community. They each give back 20% to the Peace Hub.
- **Teaching Farm** - generates working solutions for food justice, public health, access issues, and nutrition while pioneering agricultural innovation. The farm will also source the Peace Hub and surrounding communities.
- **Sports and Social Change Program** - large-scale sports offerings teach leadership and team building via sports/leagues.

#### The Re-Imagined Footprint:

In the face of COVID's staggering impact further exacerbated by escalating violence and inequities worldwide, what has emerged is the need for a re-imagined Genesis Peace Hub writ large. The Genesis Peace Hub will be physically situated in the US, Europe, Africa, and Oceania.

- Berlin, Germany will be the main European site with a satellite in Normandy, France at The Normandy Institute.
- Kumasi, Ghana will be the main African site with a satellite in Mauritius.
- The US and New Zealand will have one site each.

"The Making of a Peace Hub" Podcast shares our unfolding journey (Debuts in 2024)

### GENESIS ACADEMY SUMMER INSTITUTE

15-20 Students from Chicago, Other Parts of the US and the World All from Areas of Conflict

Welcoming the sixth cohort, this program now draws 15-19 year old students from over 37 countries with an applicant pool that has more than quintupled in size and continues to grow.

They live and learn together in four curricular areas:

- **Heroes and Human Rights**
- **Music and Peacebuilding**
- **Environmental Sustainability**
- **Peace Journalism**



Genesis mural - Bedford Park, IL

(These four programmatic areas will grow into peacebuilding and leadership trainings on the Genesis Peace Hub.)

The students meet with thought leaders, activists, and artists, and participate in an array of experiential learning opportunities and field studies to examine forces that come into play in cycles both perpetuating and dismantling conflict. With the arts thread throughout the program, students work to explore their individual voice, collective humanity, and the daunting issues we all face here, across the US, and as a global community. (See [www.gatc.org](http://www.gatc.org) for featured faculty)

Please visit [www.gatc.org/media](http://www.gatc.org/media) for media showcasing the Genesis Academy Summer Institute from WBEZ (Chicago's local NPR station) and the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. From The DR Congo to N. Ireland, Pakistan, Cambodia and beyond, our **Genesis Graduate Web Portal** will showcase the graduates' ongoing leadership and global impact on our troubled world.

### OUR VISION

A world where cross-cultural artistic expression and collaboration serve as a catalyst for interethnic dialogue and innovation, global understanding, healing, and world peace. Education and social impact business development sustain and further those bridges while nurturing global leadership. Together, we foster a just world for all, honoring our collective humanity.

**89%** OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION GOES TO OUR MISSION With your support - we can continue the challenging work of using the arts and education to facilitate cross-cultural understanding and world peace by scaling up pilot models to sustainable global initiatives. Your gift can help Genesis inspire artists, educators, youth, and business leaders to find a new voice and role to move humanity forward.

### PEACE HUB STRATEGY TEAM:

**Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall**  
Global Education Thought-Leader and Founding President of the Illinois Math Science Academy

**Nick Mautone**  
Hospitality Guru, Former Restaurateur, Author

**Stacy Keach**  
Actor

**Jean AbiNader**  
VP Policy, American Task Force on Lebanon (ATFL)

**Wendy Sternberg, MD**  
Genesis Founder & Executive/Artistic Director; Physician

**Ian Parr**  
President, ICCS International Genesis Sports & Social Change Program

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& Others...

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### SOUNDS OF HEALING

Multicultural musical experience for and about healing includes Saffron Caravan collaboration with youth talent that are Genesis Academy Summer Institute graduates. Includes two Chicagoland blues and jazz legends.

*Sounds of Healing Performance on Capitol Hill for the US Congress, June 2023  
Inviting our Nation's Capitol into A Conversation for and about Healing*

In 2020, during the pandemic we orchestrated a 33-person creative collaboration including, 31 artists from 17 countries, and reached over 10,000 people virtually in over 35 countries.

- **World Premiere** live, in-person at the **Chicago's Adler Planetarium** (June 2022).
- Programs for at-risk youth and families/refugees from Chicago's SW side, June 2022 in Jackson Park; June 2023 for those from **Marillac St. Vincent Family Services** and **After School Matters**.

Companion roundtable programs with marginalized youth on Chicago's SW sides, refugees, elder communities across the US, and others deepen conversations for and about healing. Our lyrics competition helps participants self-actualize through a creative process.

**World tour artist-in-residencies (2024-2026)** – Details at [www.gatc.org/sounds-of-healing/](http://www.gatc.org/sounds-of-healing/)

- US Sites in **DC, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Nashville** with programs on college campuses.
- **Normandy, France** for the **80th Anniversary D-Day celebrations** (June 2024).
- **Germany, Austria, UK, Brazil, Ghana, Rwanda, South Africa, Mauritius & Morocco.**

Visit [www.gatc.org/media](http://www.gatc.org/media) for media showcasing the Sounds of Healing from WBEZ's Vocolo and Reset. Sounds of Healing CD is on sale for this holiday season. Help Genesis bring the gift of healing!

### SAFFRON CARAVAN

Our multicultural professional music ensemble exemplifies our work of arts diplomacy by uniting artists from Iran, Afghanistan, Cuba, Morocco, India, the Middle East, Europe, Brazil, Venezuela, and the US for cross-cultural collaborative performances, music education, and roundtables on music and peacebuilding.

**Saffron Caravan demonstrates how the arts offer an ideal creative and neutral environment in which artists and audiences can set aside their differences, break down barriers, and work together to find their common humanity. This sacred, shared space provided by GATC enables the respectful contribution of both individual and collective voices and talent to artistic expression.**

A sacred shared space provided by GATC for dialogue, exchange, breaking down barriers, and working together to share their common humanity while respectfully contributing both individual and collective voices/talent to art. Saffron Caravan performed and delivered music education programs across the US (Washington D.C., Chicago and San Diego) and internationally in Morocco, the Middle East, and Bosnia. Their extended artist-in-residencies in Chicago impacted **1,000+** of Chicagoland's at-risk youth and families as well as **refugee youth**. They performed in conjunction with the **Chicago Council on Global Affairs' Forum on Global Cities** and **WBEZ Worldview's 25th anniversary** with a program at the **DuSable Museum of African American History** (a Smithsonian Museum).



Javier Saume Mazzei (percussion), Aaron Bensoussan (vocals), Badi Assad (guitar/vocals) & Haytham Safia (oud)



### WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SALON

How Can Women's Leadership Shape the 21st Century? A Moveable Feast of Critical Conversations

Resuming with dates & locations – TBA

Features Mary Ann Ahearn, NBC 5 News Anchorwoman, US Secretary, Deb Haaland (Native American - Pueblo of Laguna), Dr. Fumi Olopade, University of Chicago Center for Global Health Director, and others.

### NEWSWORTHY GENESIS HIGHLIGHTS

#### Task Force on Violence and Public Health

Our new working task force leverages the expertise of our interdisciplinary thought leader team to create and implement a multi-year strategy and actionable roadmap out of the Genesis Peace Hub. Data science research partners will help us study our tangible impact. (No direct medical services.)

**Genesis' Sounds of Healing artist-in-residency program in Normandy, France** will be part of the **D-Day 80th Anniversary** celebrations. We are very proud to be collaborating with **General Patton's Granddaughter, Helen Patton**.

Genesis is working with **Dorothea de la Houssaye, Founder & Executive Director of The Normandy Institute** for an ongoing series of Genesis' artistic, leadership, and peacebuilding education programs in Normandy.

On the invitation of, Dr. Professor Katarina Adams Genesis' Founder Sternberg created and is teaching a course at **HTW Berlin University on Place-making for Peacebuilding**. Dr. Adams will be a panelist at the 2024 Women's Leadership Salon which will be remounted in Berlin.

Genesis was a recipient of a **Healing IL Grant** from the **Chicago Community Trust**.

**SHURE** donates their recording studio and production for our **Sounds of Healing CD** after marketing the program worldwide. They are also sponsoring and hosting Sounds of Healing, the CD, and the lyrics competition. **The CD drops this year!**

**DePaul University Genesis Chapter** activated with the leadership of 2019 Genesis Academy Summer Institute graduate Safiyah Simpkins, (DePaul 2024).

#### ARM THEM WITH INSTRUMENTS

Genesis' humanitarian program brings gently-used instruments and professional music education to at-risk youth living through conflict.

- Instruments distributed to beneficiaries on Chicago's SW side, refugee youth, and international sites in Morocco and Israel/Palestine.
- Chicago's JLW Instruments donates distribution warehousing space. NYC's Courier Network Inc. contributes all international shipping pro-bono.
- SHURE's 600+ Chicagoland employees will participate this year.

#### GENESIS PEACE EMPOWERMENT FUND

Genesis' successful evacuation of our 2016 Genesis Academy Summer Institute graduate from Kabul, Afghanistan prompted more opportunities to help others. We created this fund to raise critical financial support and awareness for educational programs, healing initiatives (not direct medical services), and paid internships/job opportunities.

#### MEMORIAL FUNDS

##### The Harold Ramis Legacy Fund

In memory of Genesis' beloved Board Member of eight years, this fund is being used to create a Genesis Peace Hub Film and Theater Program on Comedy and Conflict Resolution.

##### Mohammad Arif Noorzai Memorial Sports Fund

In memory of Herat University (Afghanistan) Professor, Soccer Coach, and Rotary Peace Fellow in Genesis ED's cohort who was destined for teaching on the Genesis Peace Hub, but tragically had his life cut short by the Taliban.

##### Edwin Rosen Art Trust Bequest

Chicagoland's renowned artist, the late Edwin Rosen donated 325 paintings as a bequest to Genesis. Proceeds from the painting sales benefit the Genesis Peace Hub and Summer Institute arts programs. (May 2024 event details TBA)