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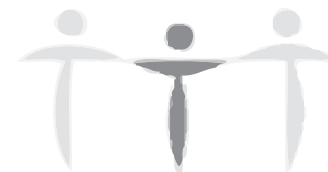
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OUR Mission

Global Children's Organization (GCO) helps heal children and young adults and allows them to find hope through our programs and summer camps where they play safely and explore creative ways to peacefully resolve disputes while living in diverse communities.

What We Do

By enabling children to rediscover the joys of childhood, while building trust and respect, GCO programs—both domestically and abroad—have helped thousands of children since 1992 exchange hate for love and form cross-cultural friendships. Through summer camps, mentoring, arts and healing and conflict resolution training, GCO has created effective violence prevention strategies for children of multi-ethnic backgrounds led by diverse and caring staff and volunteers. GCO takes children out of their immediate environments, beyond the circumstances of their lives, to a safe place near their homes. There, the children live and play without fear and gain tools for reconciliation that help them make new choices and cross divides of ignorance, hate and fear.

In 2009 in Bosnia and Herzegovina GCO partnered with Abraham's Vision (AV), a conflict transformation organization, and together held a joint program with GCO young adult Bosnian volunteers and AV Israeli and Palestinian university students. This was a program of discovering mutual potentials and exchanging experiences and ideas for building a better future. Based on this experience and our work with children, this year we are moving from giving children hope to giving them voices as young adults. Together with Abraham's Vision we will try to create from survivors a new generation of world leaders.

PROGRAM Giving Children Hope



Since 1993, GCO has held summer camps for war-traumatized children from the Balkans and gave them respite from war and violence through different programs such as arts and healing, personal solutions to conflict and finding common ground by interacting with other children who were previously perceived as enemies.

Since 1998 we have transformed our program to help the process of overcoming mistrust in the post-conflict environment. Through the encouragement of GCO's US and Balkan volunteers, programs have been developed to repair the broken connections suffered as a result of war and intolerance. Over the years more than 2000 children have become a part of the GCO family.



PROGRAM Starting Conversations



Through working with suspicious young adults locked in their own narrative we will, by using different techniques, move them into a mode of active inquiry, acceptance, and appreciation of the other's points of view and then from there to create a collaborative environment to create a shared goal. With these techniques participants will learn that they don't lose themselves through appreciating others but rather to appreciate and respect different opinions.

