



Purpose

- ❖ Founded on August 3, 2011, the Alliance exists to promote peace among people experiencing conflict by building bridges through the vehicle of oral health.
- ❖ It uses the unique ability of the academic community, in partnership with public-private entities, to create opportunities that foster mutual respect, understanding and tolerance among all.

Peace is our gift to each other. – Elie Wiesel



Principles

- ❖ We focus on what unites, not what divides.
- ❖ We are united by the common language of oral health and the virtues of respect and tolerance.
- ❖ We believe the oral health community can create understanding and collaboration among its members living in areas of conflict.
- ❖ We believe we can serve as a model for other professions to create more communities of tolerance.

To jaw-jaw is always better than to war-war.

– Winston Churchill



Partners

- ❖ The Alliance is a global community of 55 partners:
 - ❖ 32 dental schools
 - ❖ 10 companies
 - ❖ 7 non-governmental organizations
 - ❖ 2 supporting organizations
 - ❖ 9 individuals

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. – Mother Teresa





Programs

- ❖ *Alliance sites—Projects where Alliance members can collaborate to promote understanding across borders through oral health*
- ❖ *Bridge to Peace – Cultural exchange opportunities for dental students and faculty from areas of conflict*
- ❖ *Tree of Peace – A sculpture erected at dental schools to demonstrate solidarity*
- ❖ Leadership and advocacy training programs
- ❖ International collaborative research



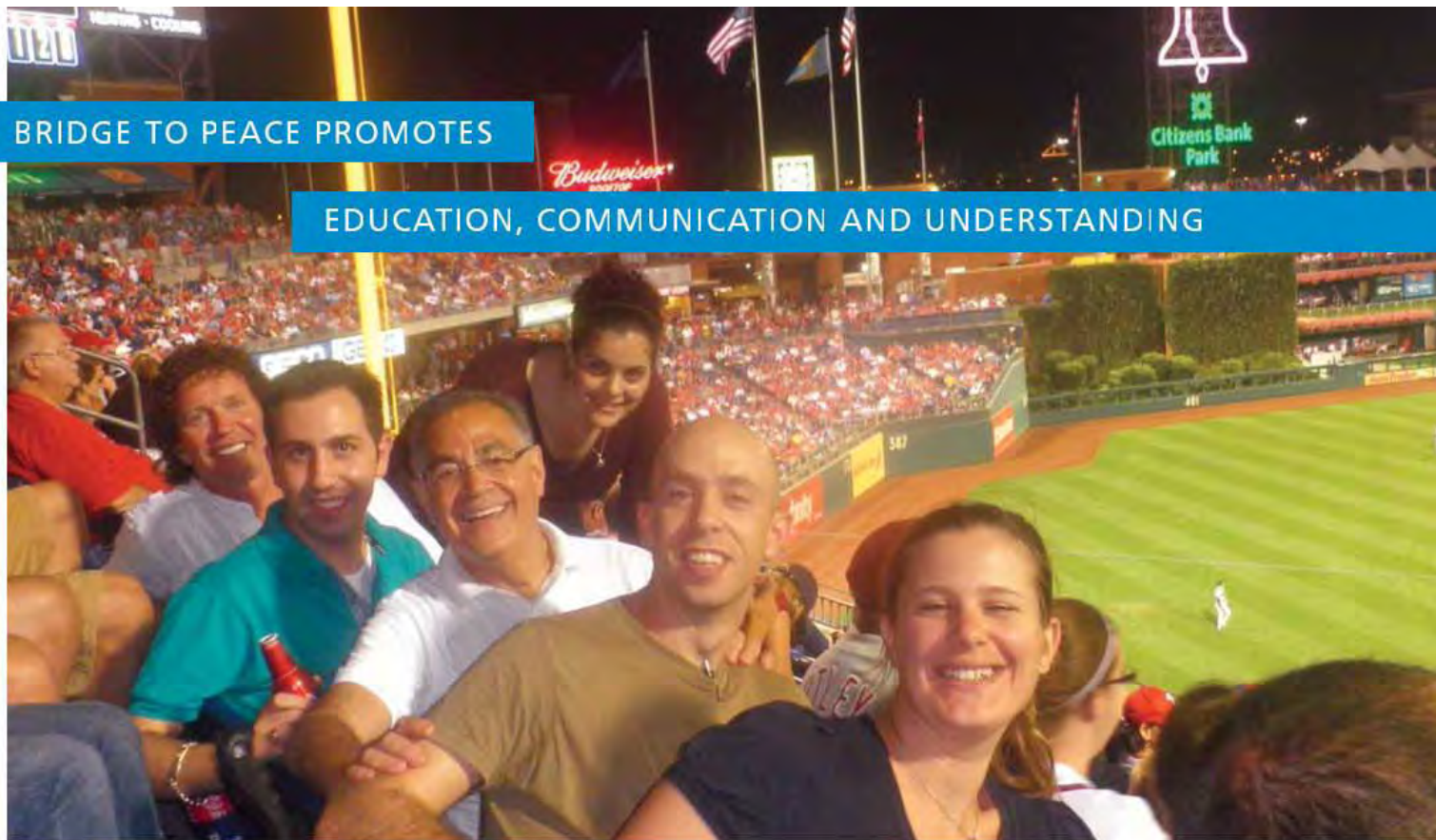


Two Israeli and Two Palestinian
Dental Students Formed Lasting
Friendships in 2013 Through a
Bridge to Peace Project



Bridge to Peace

(Hadassah Hebrew University, Al-Quds University,
Temple University)



Students enjoy a night out at a Phillies game with Temple Dental Alumni. Pictured left to right are: Dr. Joseph Roberts, '83, Hanna Nazi, Dr. Harold Yaffee, '70, Shereen Bahader, Hazav Dadosh, and Rotem Rosenblatt.

Alliance-Affiliated Project Sites

Members can collaborate in participation in Alliance Projects:

- **Dental Wellness Trust: Cape Town**
After training at the Highlands House Elderly Care Home, volunteers will work in dental clinics in the townships and assist in tooth brushing programs.
- **Africa Mercy Dental Program, West Africa**
While living on a Mercy ship with others from around the globe, volunteer professionals will provide care in on-land dental clinics.
- **Turkish Alliance for Oral Health Center/ Jordanian Alliance for Oral Health Center**
Professionals will provide oral healthcare to Syrian, Kurdish, and Armenian refugees living in camps in Turkey.
- **Available Product from Premier Dental Products**
Premier Dental Products is offering discounted Enamel Pro[®] Varnish products with application training for members' projects.

Plans

❖ Promote peace by enrollment in the Alliance

- ❖ Increase partners in peace
- ❖ Training for leadership/tolerance and understanding
- ❖ Additional Oral Health and Peace promotion projects in areas of conflict and inequity
- ❖ *Bridge to Peace Centers* where Alliance members host students and faculty from areas of conflict to develop understanding and tolerance through oral health and dental education diplomacy

*It is not enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it.
And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it. –
Eleanor Roosevelt*



Future Possibilities

- ❖ Create rapid dental response teams for International Relief Organizations
- ❖ Serve as a model and provide consulting services for other professions looking to spread peace in their community

It always seems impossible until it's done. – Nelson Mandela



Membership

- Benefits – Members are able to participate in:
 - Training for Leadership/Tolerance and Understanding, with travel supported by the Alliance when needed
 - Alliance-affiliated volunteer clinics where Alliance members can send their students and faculty to work with other Alliance members and global volunteers in providing dental care in areas of conflict
 - Participation in Bridge to Peace Centers where Alliance members host students and faculty from areas of conflict to develop understanding through oral health and dental education diplomacy



Membership

- **Dues** (US dollars adjusted by Purchasing Power Parity index or may be waived)
 - Universities – \$1,000
 - Non-government/Service Organization – \$1,000 (adjusted)
 - Corporate – \$2,000 + Sponsorship of Alliance events
 - Supporting – \$1,000
 - Individual – \$150
- **Expectations**
 - Commitment to the purpose of the Alliance to promote peace and well-being through oral health and, independently of any political agendas, work to foster, create, and sustain collaborative relationships in order to bring about harmony among people
 - Work to develop and participate in, and in the case of corporate members, support Alliance projects



Alliance Website

(<http://alliancefororalhealthacrossborders.org>)

- Additional Information and History
- Description of the Members
- Leadership Training Videos
- Information about Alliance-Affiliated Projects
- Application for Membership



Next Alliance Events

- Boston, Massachusetts, USA
 - Meeting of the ADEA and IADR
 - March 10, 2015; a symposium and training on skills for Leadership and Engagement in Dialogue
 - Reception for Alliance Ambassadors, Members, and interested organizations
- Bangkok, Thailand
 - Meeting of the FDI in September, 2015
 - Alliance Symposium and Reception
- Other Events
 - December, 2014 Al-Quds University 10th Anniversary Scientific Program

