



## VISION

All youth and children have inherent value and deserve the opportunity to thrive in a way that changes their world for the better forever. We will make this a reality. We work to see children and youth around the world thrive by offering hope, love and opportunity through a global community of experts.

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How we do what we do:

1. Education and Leadership
2. Physical Health
3. Emotional + Spiritual Health
4. Partnerships

## GET TO KNOW US!

Hands Offering Hope began its work in Mexico after a group of people who loved the specific area of Lazaro Cardenas, Quintana Roo, came together and saw an opportunity to empower young people for a better future. In 2015, that team started the Youth Leadership Institute. Over the last 6 years we have graduated 80 students from our Institute, 78 of those students have finished or are on track to finish high school this year. 35% of our students have reported as currently enrolled in University while another 40% have reported specific plans to attend University within the next 12 months! We have 0 teen pregnancies or early marriages among our graduates. In a recent survey, our students reported an increase in confidence, a better understanding of how to make decisions for their future, and a stronger support system than before entering the Institute.

## HOW WE DO THIS

Hands Offering Hope launched our programs with one big vision in mind: to change the future of communities in Mexico by unlocking the potential of young people.

This vision has driven our model and informed our growth. Today, we run six programs that each create a ripple effect of transformation in the community. And we believe that this is only the beginning.

- **The Institute**—an intensive summer program that introduces students to their potential, their goals, and themselves. They participate in courses covering everything from health to art to marketing to English taught by expert instructors around the world.
- **The Michael Lotito Fellows Program**—a second-year program for graduates of the Institute that goes deeper into career training, business planning, and skill building.
- **Institute Junior**—a non-residential program for elementary-aged students that focuses on English language education through art, sport and music.
- **Leadership Clubs**—year-long, student-led clubs that operate out of local high schools. Alums of the Institute lead these student groups and teach their classmates the lessons that they learned over the summer through training, service, and social events.
- **Women's Collective**—an international network of women that rallies around our female students, encouraging them to pursue their goals and challenge the societal expectations to which women and girls in Mexico are often held.
- **The Winter Conference**—a three-day leadership conference featuring a wide range of speakers and instructors that gives Institute alumni the opportunity to introduce their friends and classmates to Hands Offering Hope.

Out of these core programs, we have built relationships with local leaders, including teachers, school administrators, government officials, doctors, parents, and more. By starting with young people, we have also had the opportunity to connect and serve adults through a variety of initiatives, including:

- Medical training
- Physical fitness
- School curriculum development
- Leadership training

All Hands Offering Hope programs are driven by our desire to educate, empower, encourage, and create experiences for the next generation of leaders as we equip them to serve and transform their communities.