

## History

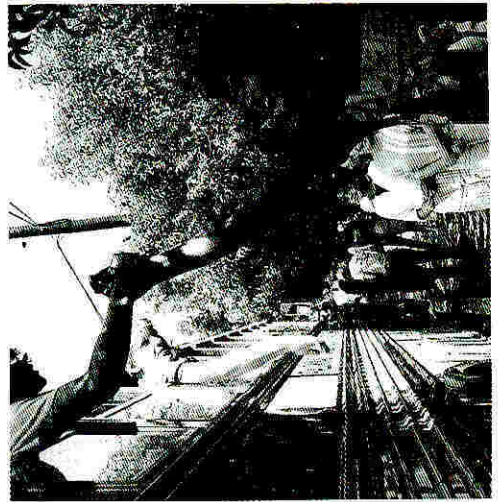
Hands Across the Border is an offspring of a bicultural experimental project initiated in 1981 in the communities of Palominas, Arizona and Arizpe, Sonora, Mexico. The program caught on quickly, generating interest from schools, families and the media.

In the mid 1980s, an executive director and certified facilitators were hired to coordinate the multifaceted program. Five years later, a sister foundation, Manos a Traves de la Frontera (MATF) was established in Hermosillo, Sonora. In 1993, HATB initiated its first tri-lateral exchange program to include Canada, and today the foundation is exploring exchange possibilities worldwide. More than 4,000 students now participate in HATB programs.

## Endorsements

HATB programs are endorsed by:

- Arizona State Board of Education
- Secretaria de Educaci3n y Cultura de Sonora
- Arizona School Boards Association
- Arizona School Administrator's Association (Superintendents Division)
- Arizona / Mexico Commission
- Governors of Arizona and Sonora



*Friends clasp hands to say good-bye as the American students prepare to leave Mexico.*



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