

MOMENT OF TRUTH CAMPAIGN



ELL participants meeting with Raquel Saraswati and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion office for a workshop on self-care and resilience. Photo: Raquel Saraswati/AFSC

“The service committee’s work over the last 100 years for peace and equality across borders can help us understand how to ease ... suffering and build a better future.” –Bishop Desmond Tutu

Supporting immigrants in Colorado

AFSC uses advocacy, convening, research, and community organizing to transform unjust conditions. In Colorado, our immigrant rights program organizes two groups that help immigrants and allies develop as leaders. Together, they have shown how effective those approaches can be in combination. Coloradans

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Implementing our strategic vision

Two years ago, we launched our Moment of Truth campaign to raise funds for the implementation of AFSC’s 2020–2030 Strategic Plan. The response has been inspiring.

Loyal supporters like you are helping us build on an extraordinary legacy of work for peace and justice in communities around the world. Our initiatives respond to local conditions and needs. They also focus on much needed systems change. While the work looks different in different places, it is connected by a common commitment to building a more just, peaceful, and equitable future.

New youth program launches

Young people have been a critical part of the American Friends Service Committee since our earliest work with conscientious objectors

in World Wars I and II. We are incredibly excited to share that thanks to early contributions to this campaign, we have launched a new program to foster youth leadership. The first youth cohort of our new Emerging Leaders for Liberation program is already putting their learning into action in their home communities. Each participant is designing a project to address an issue they care about. For example, one is working on a podcast about abolition that will feature guest speakers and help people plug in to local movements. Another is creating an online hub to connect people experiencing housing and food insecurity with local resources.

for Immigrant Rights (CFIR) is comprised of allies who leverage their privilege to build broad support for immigrant justice. Not1More Deportation groups in Denver and in Fort Morgan are comprised of folks working to stop their own or a family member’s deportation.

Members of these groups meet bi-weekly, creating an active network that can mobilize quickly as needs arise. They have researched where people facing deportation can find support upon arrival in another country. They have also helped people access vital information following wildfires.

Together Not1More and CFIR members have also collaborated with more than half a dozen other coalitions to advocate for policy changes. This close collaboration has helped transform conditions for immigrants in the state. Examples include improving access to legal representation and protecting the rights of agricultural workers.



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Focus on Burundi

In the 1990s, a civil war in Burundi claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people and displaced many more. Today, AFSC collaborates with nine local partners and three other international organizations on the Building Bridges in Burundi Program. The initiative has supported tens of thousands of Burundians in healing from the traumas of war, resolving tensions, and rebuilding a sense of community. As one example, women and youth from different backgrounds are supporting each other in building small businesses and economic resilience. Together, they are helping to reknit the fabric of their communities and lay the foundations for lasting peace.



AFSC's Building Bridges in Burundi Program supported Burundian communities in rebuilding their communities after years of conflict.
Photo credit: AFSC Burundi

Building and sustaining for the future

AFSC has been supporting courageous, transformative work for 105 years. We hope to be here, supporting successful movements for change, for 100 more. The Moment of Truth campaign is about building the resources to sustain our efforts well into the future. We're asking our supporters to think with us about how to do that, and the response has been tremendous.

Already, we have gratefully received commitments totaling more than \$30 million toward our \$50 million goal. About half is to support current work, half is in long-term commitments to lay the groundwork for the future.

Connect with us

If you have not already joined this effort, a member of the gift planning team or a volunteer on the campaign committee would be pleased to speak with you. Reach out to Emily Clarke at DonorLiaisons@afsc.org to get the conversation started.

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