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Stories of work from around the region



November 13 Day of Action

On Monday, November 13, people across the United States will visit the district offices of their senators and representatives to honor the dead and demand an end to the mass killing of people in Gaza. Congress votes to send billions of dollars to Israel to buy even more bombs -- already more than 10,000 people have been killed in less than a month, including over 4,100 children.

Join AFSC in demanding a cease-fire now, humanitarian access to Gaza, and no tax dollars for war crimes. [Register to host or attend an event here](#). For AFSC resources on Gaza and Israel, please click [here](#).



From the Twin Cities to Kenya: Brynne goes to Africa

In September 2023, Brynne Crockett (above left), AFSC Healing Justice Program Director in the Twin Cities, joined AFSC colleagues from around the world at a Youth Program Network Gathering in Kenya. In this [interview](#), Brynne shared about that experience. She also encourages everyone to support AFSC’s Healing Justice work in the Twin Cities by donating via through the annual [Give to the Max](#) on November 16.



AFSC band propels Second Look legislation in Michigan

In Michigan, AFSC is leading a large coalition supporting people serving long sentences. We’re urging lawmakers to adopt [Second Look legislation](#) that would allow judges to reexamine a person’s sentence after they’ve served ten years. And now, AFSC Michigan has a band, A2L, to back it up! One member is Cozine Welch (above), a statewide organizer. He’s a poet, songwriter, educator and editor who served nearly 20 years in prison before his release in 2017. Cozine shares [his thoughts about the band](#).



Quakers in Des Moines join hundreds of others to call for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Iowans call for ceasefire, contribute to AFSC's Emergency Response for Gaza

Young Friends in Iowa are playing an increasingly key role in the movement for a ceasefire in Gaza. On November 9, Friends organized a congressional visit with Rep. Zach Nunn's staff in Des Moines. Earlier that week, Quakers joined hundreds of others at a third rally in Des Moines, which included donations for AFSC's Emergency Response for Gaza. See [photos](#), [video](#) and [TV coverage](#).

Come work with AFSC!

November 15 is the application deadline for the [Chicago Peacebuilding Program Director](#) position. Applicants for the [Midwest Regional Finance and Office Associate](#) position have until December 1. The latter can be based in Chicago, the Twin Cities, Ypsilanti, MI or remotely, with Midwest locations preferred. Please share about these openings with your networks.

Short takes

AFSC alum Greg Coleridge writes about [corporate rule and campaign finance reform](#) while alum Brant Rosen shares his latest [thoughts on Gaza](#)....AFSC is part of a coalition in Atlanta working to stop Cop City. Beginning November 14, we're hosting a [webinar series](#) exploring the parallel struggles of this effort.... Some good news -- millions more kids will get [free school meals](#)!....Give by November 20 to take advantage of AFSC's largest match of the year! Your [gift for peace and justice](#) will be 100% matched up to \$500,000.

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