A message from our general secretary

This December, I was hosting an open conference call to share the work of the American Friends Service Committee when a young man asked for a chance to speak. Born in Somalia, he had fled to a refugee camp in Kenya at the age of ten. He grew excited as he shared how his life had been changed by the trainings AFSC provided for him when he was young and how the whole atmosphere of the camp had been transformed. Twenty-one now and living in Nashville, he wanted to find us, to thank us, and to encourage us to do more trainings, not only in Somalia but in the U.S. as well.

In my travels, I’ve met hundreds of people, young and old, who are touched by AFSC’s work every day. Through them, I have seen the transformation that begins when nonviolence replaces violence, when those who have resources share with those who have none, and when first a few people, and then many, come together to work for a better future.

The 2012 annual report is a testament to this transformation; a glimpse of what is possible when committed, hopeful people the world over dedicate themselves to peace. Thank you for being part of this community and for your part in making this work possible.

Yours in peace and service,

Shan Cretin
Our mission

The American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker organization that promotes lasting peace with justice, as a practical expression of faith in action. Drawing on continuing spiritual insights and working with people of many backgrounds, we nurture the seeds of change and respect for human life that transform social relations and systems.

Destiny Elliot and Keanan Greene join a discussion on the human right to marriage. Youth in the D.C. summer program made over 900 calls to Maryland residents in support of the Maryland Marriage Act for gay couples. The law was passed last fall. Washington, D.C.
The American Friends Service Committee envisions a world in which lasting peace is possible—peace built on a foundation of justice, community, and equality; peace achieved through active nonviolence and the transforming power of love.

We believe that peace is possible when conflicts are resolved without force or coercion, when governments and institutions are fair and accountable, when economic development reinforces community well-being, and when people have access to the basic resources they need. We see peace in the effort to heal from past harms, in the decision to welcome and respect those who are different, and in the recognition that we are all mutually interdependent, each holding a genuine interest in the common good.

One challenge in working for peace is the common belief that war is necessary and that violence can be a valid instrument of justice. In fact, history shows that nonviolent resistance is more effective than violent revolution in bringing about regime change and ending even repressive military occupations. In everyday human relations, too, nonviolent strategies work best.

In the following pages, you’ll find examples of AFSC’s work for peace in 2012, drawn from each of the regions of the world where we work: Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and the United States. In each of these places, experiments in compassionate accompaniment, nonviolent resistance, and transformative love are unfolding. May they inspire your activism and renew your faith in the practical possibility of peace.
Previously, we did not help each other.... It was as if the community did not want me. The various activities that we realized progressively brought us closer and together and now we feel more relaxed and relatively secure. In my absence the people around me feed my child and I also take care of other people’s children when their parents are not around.

—BEATRICE MUSAVYIMANA, PROGRAM PARTICIPANT, BURUNDI
Africa: Ending cycles of violence

For years, I worked on economic development in Africa. But whatever we would do would be wiped away by war and violence. Now we work to prevent imminent violence, help communities cope with violence that exists, and help communities heal.

—DEREJE WORDOFA, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, AFRICA

AFSC’s programs in Africa support communities in solving their own problems nonviolently. Together with local people, governments and institutions, we help women and men learn marketable skills, develop alternatives to violence, create jobs, and nurture community well-being.

In Burundi, AFSC helped almost 4,000 vulnerable people, most of them women, develop income-generating activities. They bought livestock, planted crops, and started a host of small businesses, making life better for their families and communities. At the same time, we supported more than 30 organizations in working on a national poverty-reduction plan. To promotes national healing in the wake of civil war and ethnic cleansing, we also convened crucial meetings to launch a truth and reconciliation process, set to begin in 2013.

Young men and women coming of age now in Somalia have never known a time without civil war. In fact, many have been the victims or instruments of violence. AFSC prepared young people for employment and trained dozens more to be ambassadors for peace, reaching 2,000 students in area schools with peace building activities. We also partnered with local organizations to support 170 young adults in undertaking projects to improve conditions in their communities.

In Hatcliffe Extension in Zimbabwe, displaced people have been living in temporary shelters, without electricity or running water, for years. In 2012, 82 men and women received training in practical, marketable skills through AFSC. As a result, they can now buy food, pay for health services—even build permanent homes. In addition, 129 participated in savings and loan groups, saving money together, helping one another launch businesses, and, in the process, overcoming deep divisions to establish new friendships.

Women like Beatrice Musavyimana are learning new skills, taking on leadership roles, and generating income for their families. Bujumbura, Burundi
Asia: Beyond lines that divide

In Asia, obstacles to peace range from inadequate access to basic resources to tensions based on national, ethnic, and religious differences. AFSC works with partners in Cambodia, China, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea), Indonesia, and Myanmar to improve conditions and promote peace.

Without good planning, commercial investments and development activities can worsen existing conflicts. To address this problem, AFSC partnered with Chinese policy advisors and a multinational team of peace builders to develop a new toolkit for evaluating the impact of development activities before tensions escalate.

In Myanmar, where barely 50% of children finish grade school, AFSC completed a three-year pilot program to train monastic schools in holistic, eco-friendly approaches to child-centered education. The program focused on 40 schools, but has already been replicated in 20 more, strengthening the efforts of 296 educators who serve 20,000 of the country’s poorest children.

In the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea), where adverse farming conditions make food security a fundamental concern, AFSC helped farmers recover from damaging summer floods. We also brought 27 North Korean farm managers, scientists, government officials, and policy makers together with counterparts from other countries for multiple training activities.

Overcoming fear and anger on both sides, our Cambodian partners have built lasting relationships with Thai peace advocates. Following a border war that lasted from 2008 to 2011, they worked together to broaden public support for lasting peace between their two countries.

In Indonesia, where religious intolerance has been on the rise, a diverse network of young people acted to reduce hostilities and uphold democratic ideals. Not only did they hold vibrant public events in Aceh, Yogyakarta, and West Timor, but they also advocated for change at the national level.
Latin America and the Caribbean: Transformation at the roots

AFSC nurtures social transformation in Guatemala and Haiti by supporting youth in embracing nonviolence and by training people to respond to root causes of disputes. Violence is pervasive in Guatemala’s urban neighborhoods, permeating the daily lives of youth and their families. In Haiti, violence adds to the overwhelming challenges faced by urban communities in the wake of the 2010 earthquake.

Camps set up to accommodate earthquake survivors have become permanent fixtures in Haiti, bringing an atmosphere of deep insecurity and violence. Near Port-au-Prince, where 18% of Haiti’s internally displaced population lives, students in a local school learned strategies for preventing and resolving conflict, with support from AFSC. In Croix des Bouquets, dozens of young people participated in efforts to promote peace in their neighborhoods. And when asked to mediate conflict in the camps, AFSC trained dozens of community leaders so that they could build networks of people dedicated to “transforming conflict at the roots.”

In Guatemala City, where youth are at high risk of joining gangs, AFSC helped 784 indigenous youth in four urban neighborhoods embrace peace instead. Not only did they develop leadership skills and explore civic engagement, but they also learned to cope with social exclusion and violence in their daily lives. We also brought trauma healing workshops to 30 indigenous youth in prison, helping each of them develop a personal life plan they can use when they are freed. The workshops significantly reduced conflict within the prison and gave young people a chance to heal and imagine a better future.

In addition, AFSC brought peace practitioners and institutional leaders from Peru, Chile, Nicaragua, Mexico, Cuba, and Brazil into dialogue with one another. The resulting explorations will help inform work on the Mexico-U.S. border in years to come.
The Middle East: Investing in dreams of peace

We dream with our feet on the ground.
—A SAYING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN GAZA WHO BELIEVE A PATH TO PEACE CAN BE FOUND

In the Middle East, AFSC continues to work for just and lasting peace in which both Palestinians and Israelis have equal rights, including the right to self-determination. We engage Palestinian, Israeli, and American youth in transforming the systems that sustain violence in the region, including the economic investments rooted in Israel’s military occupation of the Palestinian territories.

For nearly a decade now, Palestinian youth have been discovering their own potential for peaceful leadership through an AFSC-sponsored Public Achievement program conducted in partnership with organizations in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and the Gaza Strip. In 2012, the program gave 698 young men and women the chance to design and implement projects to improve their communities. Our model was also adopted by the Palestinian Ministry of Education and two Gaza university partners (Al Azhar and Al Quds Open Universities).

AFSC developed new partnerships to reach over 180,000 people opposing military/national service in Israel. In a festival and through new media tools, hundreds of youth joined us in taking an active stand for peace. We’ll continue working with partners in Israel to expose the human, economic, social, and political price of militarization while also working in the United States to raise awareness of the impact of U.S. military aid to Israel.

In 2012, AFSC’s board reaffirmed its “Principles for a Just and Lasting Peace in Palestine and Israel” and united in support of the We Divest campaign started by Jewish Voice for Peace. Across the U.S., AFSC trained 85 students from 12 college campuses in basic organizing, advocacy, and campaign planning skills and educated them about issues in the Middle East. Their work on the divestment campaign contributed to financial services giant TIAA-CREF’s removing Caterpillar Inc. from its portfolio of socially responsible investments.
Connecting communities and global institutions

AFSC’s community-based work is complemented by several programs that bridge gaps—both between those working on similar problems in separate settings and between ordinary people and the institutions that affect their lives.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY

AFSC’s Office of Public Policy coordinated national advocacy for better federal spending choices, including reductions in military spending, greater tax fairness, and investment in real human security. We arranged for young people, immigrants, and others affected by matters under debate to meet with members of Congress. We helped unify faith leaders responding to U.S. policy toward Israel/Palestine. We also partnered with the Friends Committee on National Legislation to begin articulating a comprehensive, Quaker values-based vision for U.S. engagement with the world.

DIALOGUE AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Dialogue and Exchange Programs offer rare opportunities for key leaders and peace builders to exchange ideas about creating more peaceful conditions in their communities. Plans for a truth and reconciliation in Burundi, methods for analyzing conflict in Latin America, and strategies for nonviolent change in Israel/Palestine were among the efforts strengthened through these exchanges.

QUAKER UNITED NATIONS OFFICE

The Quaker United Nations Office in New York (QUNO) continued its leadership around peace building and prevention of violent conflict. During 2012, QUNO staff could be found in Accra, advising on a reconciliation workshop; in Geneva, presenting on the past, present, and future of U.N. peace building; in London, convening the heads of Quaker service agencies to discuss common concerns; and back in New York, hosting discussions with representatives of conflict-affected countries about prioritizing peace in the U.N.’s next set of development goals.
United States

In the United States, a pervasive culture of violence stands as a primary obstacle to peace with justice. Beliefs run deep that security depends on coercion and violence, that resources are scarce, that immigrants are to be feared, that crime should be met with punishment, and that corporations have a “right” to profit at public expense.

But the truth is different. Nonviolence works. It’s not only courageous, but recent research shows it’s the most effective response to oppression and conflict. The U.S. can fund programs that create jobs and address essential human needs. Immigrants revitalize cities and economies. Harm is best met with healing. And governments are accountable to people, not corporations. Alternatives exist. We just need to make different choices.

AFSC implemented 46 programs across the country in 2012, from locally focused initiatives to campaigns with national and international reach. Together, these programs are helping to transform unjust conditions and restore faith in the practicality of peace.

**Peace as a National Priority**

Bring the troops home. Reduce military spending. End tax breaks for the wealthy. Invest in real human security. These messages were at the heart of AFSC’s campaigns for peace in 2012. Through art exhibits, community dialogues, state resolutions, and public events, AFSC made the case for ending war and cutting a bloated military budget to free up resources for job creation and community needs.

An AFSC-initiated ballot initiative in Massachusetts calling on Congress to reduce military spending and fund human needs passed by a 3:1 margin among one million Massachusetts voters. Youth nationwide produced videos for the second annual “If I had A Trillion Dollars” film festival, sharing their ideas of what would be possible if the U.S. stopped spending trillions on war. In conjunction with NATO’s 2012 Chicago Summit, AFSC co-sponsored a counter-summit for peace and justice attended by 300 people from 24 states and 12 countries. Media outreach around that event promoted peace as a national priority to an audience of 167 million people.
FEWER HOMELESS, MORE GOOD JOBS

With poverty reaching its highest level in decades, AFSC addressed fundamental issues of economic security in 2012. More than 2,000 vulnerable people received clothing and household goods through the Material Assistance Program in Cambridge, Mass. One hundred new homeless vendors were employed selling Street Spirit, AFSC’s economic justice newspaper in San Francisco. Dozens of families held onto their homes, thanks to community organizing efforts that forestalled foreclosures in Massachusetts and Georgia. And advocacy efforts in New Hampshire and West Virginia helped protect statewide safety net services benefitting thousands of low-income families and children.

In New Mexico, eight out of nine graduates of AFSC’s farmer training program succeeded in sustaining traditional farms, setting the stage for expansion of the program, and at the same time promoting greater food security throughout the state. AFSC supported West Virginia miners in lobbying for and securing new mine safety legislation. We also supported taxi drivers in Chicago in organizing a work stoppage that emptied the holding area at O’Hare Airport and prompted public hearings on fare increases.

STANDING BY IMMIGRANTS

Workplace exploitation, human rights abuses, unjust detention policies, and inadequate paths to citizenship were among the problems faced by immigrants to the United States this year. In response, AFSC provided more than 7,000 immigrants with training on their rights as tenants, residents, and workers. We helped undocumented workers report violations of labor law and conduct public campaigns to recover stolen wages. We provided legal assistance to more than 1,000 people struggling to navigate the complexities of immigration and detention systems. And we advocated for humane immigration policy reform.

In Dayton, Ohio, we celebrated a decision by city councilors to pass an innovative economic development plan called the Welcome Dayton Plan. The plan recognizes immigrants’ historical role in launching businesses and revitalizing cities, and it seeks to attract them to the city and support their success. AFSC was instrumental in developing the plan and will be one of many partners in its implementation in years to come. Other cities, such as Tucson, AZ, are already imitating this model.

AFSC also joined a lawsuit challenging the federal government’s restrictions on our First Amendment rights to engage in “coordinated advocacy” with Muhammad A. Salah, a U.S. citizen, unjustly labeled a “Specially Designated Terrorist,” under draconian anti-terror legislation. Though acquitted of terror-related charges by a U.S. jury, the U.S. continued to severely restrict him, including making it illegal to advocate on his behalf. The lawsuit prompted his removal from the list after 17 years of persecution.
**ENDING ABUSES IN PRISONS**

The United States imprisons the highest percentage of its people in the world. Private prison corporations are invested in prison expansion, “tough on crime” legislation, and immigrant detention, but they are far less motivated to prepare prisoners for successful reintegration into society. The use of prolonged isolation in many U.S. prisons amounts to torture, while severe overcrowding is an issue in others.

AFSC’s highly publicized report on the state of private prisons in Arizona provoked questions about private prisons within the state and nationwide. The report revealed millions of dollars in cost overruns, contracts for new beds when prison population was declining, glaring breakdowns in security, and questions about the role of campaign contributions in state decisions to privatize. Private prison expansion was sharply curtailed in Arizona as a result of the report.

In California, AFSC was an amicus in a case resulting in a federal court decision requiring severe prison overcrowding to be relieved within two years. We also worked to end the use of solitary confinement by holding a statewide conference on torture in Pennsylvania, opening lines of dialogue with corrections staff, and challenging justifications for the practice nationwide.

AFSC also demonstrated the power of alternative approaches. In Baltimore, AFSC’s Friend of a Friend mentoring program served 165 male prisoners, 75% of whom were at high risk of lock-up for violent offenses or institutional infractions when the program began. Less than 10% were at risk upon completion of the program, and the recidivism rate for participants released was zero.

**A BETTER FUTURE**

Sometimes a better future begins with an honest look at the past. The first truth and reconciliation process between native tribes and a U.S. state was launched in Maine in 2012, after years of groundwork by AFSC and partners. The commission will focus on forced assimilation through the removal of native children from their homes, with goals of helping communities heal and improving public policy for today’s youth.

A better future also depends on the embrace of peace and justice by the very young. Across the country in 2012, AFSC helped young men and women develop their capacities, and they, in turn, helped change conditions in their communities. We saw this kind of change in the determined efforts of West Virginia youth who completed AFSC’s mentoring program and became the first in their families to finish high school. We saw it in the courageous leadership of undocumented youth in California, eager for a path to citizenship to pursue their dreams. It was in the gardens planted by urban youth in Los Angeles, the projects undertaken to reduce racism in Seattle, the human rights initiatives by youth in Pittsburgh and D.C., the planning of new peace projects in St. Louis, and the countless hours of service by youth in communities across the country.
Students from Lincoln High School prepare the ground for a new garden. In 2012, nearly 100 urban youth worked on peace gardens, improving access to fresh produce in their neighborhoods and developing their own leadership potential in the process. Los Angeles, California.
2012 financial information

For the twelve months ending September 30, 2012*

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If you would like to see the audited financial statement, visit afsc.org/finances.

If you have questions about AFSC’s finances, please contact Mark Graham, director of communications, at ask@afsc.org.

*Totals reflect rounding
AFSC Meeting/Church Liaison Program

AFSC initiated a new Meeting/Church Liaison Program in 2012. The program offers a direct connection between individual Quaker meetings/churches and AFSC and offers substantive ways for AFSC and Quaker congregations to partner in working for peace and justice. If your meeting or church would like to participate, please contact Lucy Duncan at friends@afsc.org or 215-241-7062.

FRIENDS MEETINGS WITH A LIAISON

Bellington Friends Meeting
Berkeley Friends Meeting
Bethesda Friends Meeting
Bloomington Monthly Meeting
Boulder Monthly Meeting
Bridge City Friends Meeting
Buckingham Friends Meeting
Celo Friends Meeting
Central City Monthly Meeting
Charlotte Friends Meeting
Chesnut Hill Meeting
Chico Friends Meeting
Colorado Springs Meeting
Columbia Friends Meeting
Concord Friends Meeting
Cookeville Friends Meeting
Davis Monthly Meeting
Durham Monthly Meeting
Evanston Monthly Meeting
Fairfield Friends Meeting
Farmington Friends Meeting
Fort Collins Friends Meeting
Freedom Friends Meeting
Harrisburg Friends Meeting
Heartland Friends Meeting
Inland Valley Friends Meeting
Lancaster Meeting
Little Britain Friends Meeting
Madison Monthly Meeting
Monongalia Monthly Meeting
Monterey Peninsula Friends Meeting
Mountain View Meeting
Mountain View Meeting
Multnomah Friends Meeting
New Garden Friends Meeting
New Garden Friends Meeting
Oakland Worship Group
Omaha Friends Meeting
Orange Grove Friends Meeting
Oxford Friends Meeting
Palo Alto Friends Meeting
Patapsco Friends Meeting
Penn Valley Meeting
Pima Friends Meeting
Rochester Friends Meeting
Rockland Friends Meeting
Sacramento Friends Meeting
San Jose Monthly Meeting
Sandy Spring Friends Meeting
Santa Fe Monthly Meeting
Savannah Monthly Meeting
Seaville Friends Meeting
South Mountain Friends Meeting
State College Friends Meeting
Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting
Syracuse Monthly Meeting
University Friends Meeting
Urbana-Champaign
West Richmond Friends Meeting
Westbury Friends Meeting
Westfield Friends Meeting
Winston-Salem Friends Meeting
Woofter Friends Meeting
Worcester Friends Meeting
Wrightstown Friends Meeting

SUPPORT FROM FOUNDATIONS AND ENDOWMENTS

FY12 INSTITUTIONAL AND FAMILY FOUNDATIONS GIVING $25,000 OR MORE
Marguerite Casey Foundation
Chino Giennega Foundation
Conservation, Food & Health Foundation, Inc
The Ilse, Charles and Peter Dalebrook Fund
Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst (EED)
Friends House Corporation
Otto Haas Charitable Trust
Sarah & William Hambrecht Foundation
IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey
The James Irvine Foundation
Johnson Family Fund
W. K. Kellogg Foundation
Kids in Need of Defense
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
McCune Charitable Foundation
Merck Company Foundation
Nararo Foundation
Quaker-Hilfe Stiftung
Seattle Foundation
Sites Foundation
State of Maryland
State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety
Towards Sustainability Foundation
United States Department of Agriculture

Five Anonymous Foundations

NAMED ENDOWMENTS
Louisa Alger NERO Material Assistance and Clothing Center Fund
Ernest Arbuckle Endowment
John and Elizabeth Baker Peace Fund
Helen Ban Fund for Peace
Esther Bracken Bins-Josephine Baird Fund
John Brock Memorial Fund
Laveda Carpenter Endowment Fund
Richard B. Carter Endowment Fund
Stephen G. Cary Endowment Fund
Nathan Chace and Irene Anthony Chace Trust
Clinard Family Fund for Peace and Justice
Frances F. Conrad Endowment
The Catharine Aldena Crom Fund
Nano Crocker Fund for Global Peace and Justice
Charles, Ilse and Peter Dalebrook Endowment Fund
Harrop A. and Ruth S. Freeman Peace Internship Fund
Elaine and Werner Gossels Family Fund for Quaker Service
Nancy and Peter Gossels Family Fund for Quaker Service
Graetz Fund for Peace and Justice
Anna Grocock Endowment
Katherine B. Hadley Endowment
Vesta Newlin Hansen Memorial Fund
Margaret Miliken Hatch Endowment Fund
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Viola Marple Fund
William and Frances McElaney Trust
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J. Preston Rice Memorial Foundation
Lillian Rosen and Harry Rosen Fund
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G. Mildred Scott and C. Foster Scott Endowment Fund
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Emil and Rose Thielen Memorial Fund
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Welch-Hayes Peace and Justice Fund
Almena Gray Wilde Fund
Ann Yarrow Memorial Endowment Fund

Two anonymous endowment funds
Heike Eubanks: A loyal donor tells her story

AFSC is fortunate to count over 4,000 individuals as longtime, loyal contributors who have been donating for more than 20 years—donors like Heike Eubanks and her late husband Wally. While she normally avoids the spotlight, Heike decided that, for AFSC, she would make an exception and tell her story.

Heike Eubanks traces her pacifist beliefs directly to one horrific childhood experience: the bombing of Hamburg, Germany, during World War II.

Though Heike was a child then, she says that the war and its aftermath convinced her that war and violence are to be avoided at all costs. “We were hungry and shelter was difficult,” she recalls. “We were getting one hot meal a day and that was in school. I think it was Quaker meals.”

After training as a nurse, Heike came to the U.S. on a work visa and eventually met her husband, Wally, in Oregon. They started attending and eventually joined Salem Friends Meeting, where the couple found out about AFSC and made their first gift in 1985. “We had saved some money and started thinking where it would do the most good,” she says.

“I like what AFSC does, programs like in Mozambique, where AFSC helped indigenous farmers, and North Korea, where it’s so important to reach out on a people-to-people basis and make a statement that we’re not all belligerent,” Heike says. “It’s wonderful to see all the good that Quakers and AFSC have done over the years and that so many people have supported that work.”
Ways to support the American Friends Service Committee

The American Friends Service Committee is grateful to the many donors who contribute their resources to lay groundwork for lasting peace. We are deeply committed to honoring their faith and trust through financial transparency and prudent spending. We count on contributions from those who share our values to sustain our commitments to the communities we serve. Your gift to AFSC is a cost-effective, tax-deductible way to help those striving for peace and justice. You can make a gift that supports all programs, or you can designate the work that you would like your contribution to support.

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Make a gift in honor of a loved one’s birthday, an anniversary, to welcome a new baby, or “just because.”

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Pay tribute to someone with a gift in his or her memory.

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A charitable gift of stock completely avoids the long-term capital gains tax, allowing the full value of the asset to be put to use. For more information, please visit our website at www.afsc.org or contact Janice Willis at 888-588-2372 or jwillis@afsc.org.

GIFTS FOR THE FUTURE

Planned gifts can provide you income throughout your lifetime, ensure the future financial needs of loved ones, and help to provide estate tax benefits. For information on the variety of ways you can include AFSC in your estate planning, please visit our website at afsc.org/giftplanning or contact Alyssa Chatten at 888-588-2372 or GiftPlanning@afsc.org.
Appalachian Center for Equality participants Summer and Jimetta outside the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.