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Our mission

AFSC 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.



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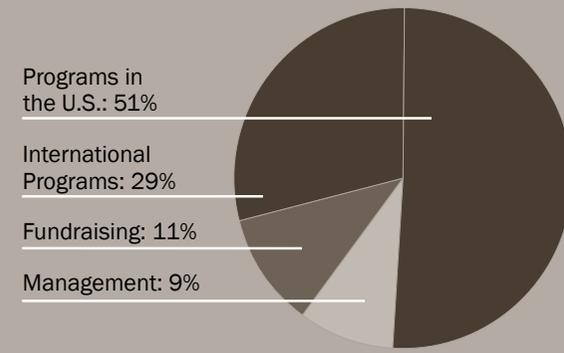
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Peace is more than the absence of war

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) was founded in 1917 by Quakers who recognized that war could never lead to peace. During and after the two world wars, they drove ambulances, fed starving children, and helped Europe rebuild, for which they were recognized with a Nobel Peace Prize in 1947.

AFSC has been working for peace ever since, partnering with communities worldwide to address the root causes of violence and build foundations for a better world.



Peace must be built on a foundation of justice in which...

- Every person is valued, respected, and included as an equal.
- All have access to basic resources—water, food, and shelter.
- Governments and institutions are fair and accountable.
- Economic development provides jobs with dignity and promotes community well-being.
- Conflicts are addressed without force or coercion, in ways that promote healing and reconciliation.

AFSC works to lay this foundation with courageous partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and communities across the United States. We hope you'll join us!

The transforming power of love

Everyone—every single person—has the potential to be a peace builder and a change maker. AFSC helps create opportunities for all people—young and old, from any race, religion, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, or background—to unlock this potential within themselves.

We work on a wide range of issues, supporting innovative, locally led approaches that demonstrate the power of communities to solve problems creatively and nonviolently.

We often serve as a bridge between community members, grassroots activists, and policymakers, helping people make connections, learn from one another, and find common ground.

As a Quaker organization, we regard no person as our enemy, believing that everyone has the light of the divine inside them. This leads us to work, too, with people and institutions with whom we disagree, recognizing their potential to become allies over time.

