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SUPPORTING ADVOCATES FOR PEACE

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Ai Hoang, left, was one of nine AP Peace Fellows who raised funds for community campaigns in 2016. Ai served in Vietnam with the Association for the Empowerment of Persons with Disability (AEPD), which advocates for victims of Agent Orange. She is seen here with Le Thanh Duc, whose three daughters have been paralyzed by Agent Orange. Ai raised $1,500 for the family.

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Letter from the Executive Director

Late in 2016 I had the privilege of visiting Vietnam, where AP supports a program for victims of Agent Orange. I was accompanied by outreach workers from the Association for the Empowerment of Persons with Disability (APED), our partner in Quang Binh province, and by Ai Hoang, pictured above. Ai was one of 11 graduate students who served as AP Peace Fellows in 2016.

The trip was, for me, an eye-opener. First, it showed me how with a community-based approach can change a debate. Until recently, international responses to Agent Orange have sought to clean up contaminated "hot spots." AEPD, in contrast, focuses on the victims and caregivers like Le Than Duc, and helps them earn a sustainable income. They are proving to be a good investment.

In Vietnam I was also able to appreciate the dedication and skill of our Peace Fellows. Ai's family fled from Vietnam twenty years earlier. But here was Ai returning to the country that had rejected her, determined to help. Ai's family raised $4.500 for three Agent Orange families in 2016.

This is the "AP model" described in this report. Our job is to act as a catalyst and help community-based partners like AEPD to design an innovative campaign. We then deploy a talented graduate student like Ai to turn the idea into a sustainable program that will produce real benefits and – hopefully – real change.

As explained below in chapter 9, we were able to move seven programs forward in 2016 - in Vietnam, Nepal, Jordan, Uganda and Mali. We estimate that 13,080 individuals and family members felt the benefit. We also profiled the exciting work done by Children Peace Initiative Kenya, which mediates between warring pastoralists, and the Women's Reproductive Rights Program in Nepal. In all likelihood, our 2017 work plan will be built around these nine groups.

We were also delighted that Talent Beyond Boundaries secured a major grant from the US Government to develop a talent catalog of Syrian refugees. TBB was launched by AP Board member Mary Louise Cohen with administrative support from AP. We wish them well in the future.

Let me end by thanking the many people who supported AP in 2016, starting with the more than 350 friends who donated to our core program or Global Giving appeals. Karen Delaney, our fellowship coordinator, managed our program with help from 15 hard-working interns. We welcomed Larry Ingeneri and Will Lorie to the AP Board, and again relied heavily on Beverly our accountant, Josh our webmaster, and our quilting friends from the north and south. On a sadder note, we mourned the passing of Francis Xavier, a towering figure in Sri Lanka's human rights movement and a long-time AP partner. He will be solely missed.



Iain Guest, Executive Director

2. 2016 Summary

Supporting Advocates for Peace

The Advocacy Project (AP) helps marginalized communities take action against the root causes of their disempowerment in a way that benefits society as a whole and produces social change.

We do not initiate partnerships, but try to respond to requests – particularly when they come from small groups that lack allies and urgently need to raise their profile. We believe strongly that those who are directly affected by social injustice are best equipped to take action. Information is their first and maybe their greatest need.

AP works through graduate students who volunteer as Fellows for Peace and give generously of their time and talent. We view graduates as a valuable resource and are committed to encouraging international service by students. AP is registered as a 501c3 in Washington DC.

Snapshot of 2016

- **Stakeholders**: AP supported 11 marginalized communities and their advocates.
- **Storytelling**: AP produced 14 news bulletins (12,764 reads), 121 blogs, 1,360 photos (71,816 views) and 22 videos (56,509 views).
- **IT and tech support**: AP trained four "accidental techies" in partner organizations, and created one new partner website.
- **Outreach:** AP assembled three new quilts and displayed quilts at five events.
- **Fundraising**: AP raised $285,033 for partners.
- **Campaigns**: AP supported 11 campaigns by partners. These benefited 13,080 individuals and their family members.
- **Peace Fellows**: AP recruited 11 Fellows from seven universities - Columbia (SIPA), Johns Hopkins, Arcadia, Tufts (Fletcher School), Tulane, New York and Georgetown.
- **Staff and volunteers**: Sixty-eight individuals volunteered or worked for AP in 2016.

3. The Challenge of Marginalization

AP works for communities that have been disempowered by conflict, poverty, and discrimination. AP helps them to tell their story and take action against their disempowerment. We have worked with 114 communities since 1998 and supported the following twelve communities in 2016:

Agent Orange Caregivers in Vietnam; Refugees in Greece; Survivors of Sexual Violence in Mali; Students with Disabilities in Uganda; Wives of the Disappeared in Nepal; Child Workers in the Brick Kilns of Nepal; Women at Risk from Uterine Prolapse in Nepal; Survivors of Violent Conflict in Peru; Children of Pastoralist Groups in Kenya; Refugee Women from Syria and Iraq in Jordan; Adolescent Girls in rural Nepal; Refugees from Syria (through TBB).



2016 - the year of the refugee: Refugees from the war in Syria threatened to overwhelm countries of first asylum and AP responded by sending Fellows to work with refugees in Jordan and Greece. This young refugee was housed in the makeshift camp of Elliniko, in Greece, one of several make-shift facilities that seemed designed to deter asylum seekers. Peace Fellow Mattea Cumoletti produced hard-hitting blogs, podcasts and press releases for the Greek Forum of Refugees. In one blog she exposed the policy of placing children in hospital while their parents are detained.

4. Partnering with Community-based Advocates

AP reaches marginalized communities by working directly with their advocates, preferably those who emerge from the communities and have first-hand experience of disempowerment. In 2016, we worked with 11 community-based organizations and offered them six services to help them manage programs. The outcomes are described below in chapter 9:

Sini Sanuman, in Bamako and Bourem, Mali; Association for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (AEPD), Quang Binh province, Vietnam; Gulu Disabled Persons Union (GDPU), Gulu, Uganda; Children Peace Initiative Kenya (CPI), Nairobi, (new partner); CONCERN, Kathmandu, Nepal; Care Women Nepal (CWN), Dhankuta, Nepal; National Network of the Families of the Disappeared Nepal (NEFAD), Bardiya, Nepal; Women's Reproductive Rights Program Surkhet, Nepal; The Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team (EPAF), Lima and Ayacucho; The Collateral Repair Project, Amman, Jordan; The Greek Forum of Refugees, Athens, (new partner).



Strengthening advocacy in Mali: Mariam Seck, left, is one of many talented national staff who have gained new skills from working on an AP-supported program. Mariam's organization, Sini Sanuman, runs two centers in Mali for survivors of sexual violence. The $170,000 program is managed entirely by Malian staff and submits strong reports every 6 weeks to the German donor, Zivik. It is a far cry from 2014, when the program began and Sini Sanuman had no experience of managing centers. Mariam, an experienced aid worker, was promoted to a program coordinator in 2016. She is seen here with some of the 2016 beneficiaries and their embroidery.

What the partners said in 2016:

"I can't thank Advocacy Project enough (and hope that) this partnership can continue as it's been a wonderful experience for CRP." Amanda Lane, Executive Director, Collateral Repair Project, Jordan.

"On behalf of our entire team I would like to recognize the considerable effort that AP has taken to find us partners and succeed with our projects." Siaka Traore, President of Sini Sanuman, Mali.

"We would like to express our sincere gratitude to The Advocacy Project for believing in us and continuously supporting our cause. Our endeavors would not have been possible without you." Yunesh Singh, Program Manager for Care Women Nepal, Dhankuta.

"EPAF is very grateful for the services that you have been providing all these years." Graciela Ortiz, Executive Director, the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team (EPAF)

"This year's Peace Fellow Lauren has been helping us in report writing, web page updating etc. (She) is very enthusiastic about exploring new ideas, ready to go anywhere if asked, including field visits, school visits, and so on." Dr Bijaya Sainju, Executive Director of CONCERN, Nepal.



Partnering for women's health: Peace Fellow Morgan Moses with Indira Thapa, right, the founder and President of Care Women Nepal, and the CWN team at the 2016 health camp.

5. Telling the Story – Producing and Disseminating Information

AP published 14 topical bulletins through our online news service in 2016. They were distributed to over 6,300 email contacts and opened 12,764 times.

- *Students Use Quilts to Spread the Pope's Message of Compassion*, March 31, 2016
- *World Bank Mountaineer Raises Funds for Rape Survivors in Mali*, June 2, 2016
- *Rwandan Genocide Survivor to Give Back as a Peace Fellow in Mali*, June 8, 2016
- *Collective Offers Hope and Skills to Urban Refugees in Jordan*, June 20, 2016
- *In Greece, Every Day is World Refugee Day*, June 23, 2016
- *Where Menstruation Means Isolation*, July 7, 2016
- *New Talent Catalog Will Connect Syrian Refugees with Global Employers*, July 12, 2016
- *Greek Government Under Fire as Asylum Crisis Again Spins Out of Control*, August 4, 2016
- *Deaf Students Face Bullying and a Lack of Sign Language in Ugandan Schools*, August 15, 2016
- *Peace Fellows Raise $10,300 for Social Change*, September 9, 2016
- *Haggling for Soap Restores Confidence of Rape Survivors in Mali*, October 21, 2016
- *Cows and Courage Keep Agent Orange at Bay in Vietnam*, November 14, 2016
- *School Rescues Children from Work in the Brick Kilns of Nepal*, December 12, 2016
- *Travesty of Justice in Nepal*, December 19, 2016

Blogs – Straight talk from our Peace Fellows

Peace Fellows produced 121 blogs and attracted 644 comments in 2016. For the most part they used blogs to described their work and profile partners, but occasionally they took the opportunity to let off steam. For example, blogging helped Peace Fellow Amy Gillespie (Uganda) get through some rocky moments during her ten weeks in Gulu. **In this candid blog,** written during a low moment, Amy asked bluntly whether she was making a difference: "As much as I would like to think it, me just being here in Gulu isn't helping things." Amy had perked up by the end of her fellowship and was able **to look back on a job well done**: "Yes, I (did) have the skills and knowledge to get through it- that doesn't mean it was easy."

Morgan Moses (Nepal) was another Fellow who used her writing skills to capture the atmosphere of working in a remote district of Eastern Nepal. After attending an operation to remove a uterus, Morgan **described the experience in one of several brilliantly-written blogs** and earned this admiring comment from Amanda Reis: "Your blogs are so great! Seriously, they never cease to amaze me – I laugh out loud and sometimes cringe at your unbelievably vivid medical descriptions."

"Let me tell you, a split cervix and uterus looks a fair amount like a halved Brussels sprout" – Peace Fellow Morgan Moses after watching a prolapse surgery in Nepal

Photos – Disempowerment and resistance, told through images: AP produced over 2,500 photos in 2016. Peace Fellows took 1,360 photos, which were viewed 71,816 times.



Inside the brick factories of Nepal: This AP photo is one of many that show young Nepalis at work in a brick factory. More photos and video **can be found here on our website**.

Videos: Peace Fellow Lauren Purnell **used this charming video** to thank donors in South Korea who gave $1,300 to CONCERN's program with brick children in Nepal. AP produced 22 new videos in 2016. They received 56,509 views, bringing the total number of visits to our YouTube channel to 524,620.

Social media: AP's Facebook Page gained 198 new followers in 2016. Our Twitter account registered 593 engagements (retweets and replies) and gained 124 new followers. AP opened an Instagram account in March and gained 297 followers in 2016.

Website: The AP website received 8,522 visits in 2016 from 5,629 users (89% new viewers). We posted new campaign pages on programs in Vietnam, Mali and Nepal.

IT support for partners: AP Peace Fellows trained four "accidental techies" in 2016: at The Collateral Repair Project in Jordan; CONCERN in Nepal; AEPD in Vietnam; and Children Peace Initiative Kenya. AP Fellow Megan Keeling developed a new website for NEFAD in Nepal.

6. Advocacy Quilting - from Story Telling to Income Generation

Previous annual reports have described how AP helps women and children to tell their story through embroidery. While story-telling remain our primary goal, we broadened out to produce embroidery for sale in 2016. Thirteen skilled American quilters worked on AP quilts in 2016. In April AP partnered with students from Salve Regina University in Newport Rhode Island to exhibit 19 advocacy quilts. The event attracted hundreds of visitors and was featured in the local press.

Telling the refugee's story through embroidery - The Middle Eastern Refugee Quilts



Amal was one of twelve refugees from the Middle East who told their story through embroidery for a new AP quilting project in 2016. Amal's square, seen left, describes an awful event that took place near her home in the town of Dera'a, in the early stages of the Syrian war, when an Army helicopter bombed a playground. Amal left soon afterwards.

Amal and the others worked on their embroidery at the Collateral Repair Project in Amman, Jordan, with support from Allyson Hawkins, a Peace Fellow. The artists formed a cooperative, the Hope Workshop, to produce their embroidery – an important step forward in their empowerment **as described by Allyson in a blog**. All artists agreed to be photographed except for Nafyza from Syria.

The squares were sent to the US to be quilted by a team from *Quilters by the Sea*, a guild in Portsmouth Rhode Island. We look forward to showing their quilts in 2017!

The Mali Quilts – from Commemoration to Camels

AP's Malian partner Sini Sanuman has offered embroidery training to survivors of war rape in 2014. In 2016 we commissioned embroidery on the theme of village life, and were delighted when Abi Konate, a Sini Sanuman trainer, helped beneficiaries to assemble a camel quilt (photo below).

In the US, Merry May, an experienced quilter in New Jersey, produced a second camel quilt which quickly became a favorite at exhibitions. Merry also made a sample knapsack from Malian mud cloth for her Malian colleagues. Debbie White, another expert quilter, also assembled a Mali Camel Quilt at her home in Virginia. We are grateful to them both for their fine work!



Home-made: The Second Mali Camel Quilt was made entirely in Bamako by survivors of SGBV. It is the first advocacy quilt to be assembled outside the US by AP stakeholders.

Wives of the Disappeared turn to quilting in Nepal. In 2016 AP began a quilting program with 35 family women who lost family members during the conflict, in the district of Bardiya. Sarita Chetri, who lost a father, led the training and the women produced 35 memorial squares. Iain Guest from AP collected the squares in October and delivered them to quilters in New Jersey to be made into quilts. At AP's suggestion, the Bardiya wives also produced squares on the theme of a tiger which were entrusted to Bobbi Fitzsimmons, an experienced quilter in North Carolina.

The Peruvian memorial quilts return home. Peace Fellow Daniel Prelipcian took one of **the Peruvian Nunca Mas quilts** back to the village of Sacsamarca, which suffered greatly from Shining Path violence during Peru's long dirty war. Many villagers had commemorated their missing relatives through embroidered squares the previous year. As **Daniel reported in a blog**, they received their finished quilt back with great reverence.

Looking ahead – and identifying markets. 2016 showed, once again, that marginalized women derive huge satisfaction from expressing themselves through embroidery. But having acquired the skills, the artists understandably want to turn it to their advantage – and this will be one of AP's goals for 2017. We hope that camels from Mali and Tigers from Nepal will prove attractive and will be working hard to open up markets in the US, Mali and Nepal.

"The embroidery project has turned out lovelier than we could have ever imagined. I am very excited about the possibilities for self-expression, therapy and income generation that embroidery offers and find this a wonderful gift that has resulted from the project" – Amanda Lane, Executive Director of the Collateral Repair Project in Jordan.

7. Building an International Constituency

"This article of yours has prompted rights defenders and their organizations to rethink of their roles in helping the transitional justice process in Nepal." Dewan Rai, a leading Nepali human rights advocate, commented on **an opinion piece by Iain Guest from AP**, which ran in the Kathmandu Post on December 26. Iain and Ram Kumar Bhandari, founder of NEFAD, met with the governmental Commission of Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons (CIEDP) in Kathmandu and urged members to address the needs of families. (Photo)

December 14. Iain Guest meets with the Ambassador of Mali in Washington and addresses the Mali Affinity Group on Sini Sanuman's program in Mali.

December 9. Iain Guest and Karen Delaney show the Mali and DRC quilts at the World Bank.

November 4. Iain Guest and Thanh Hong Nguyen, director of the AEPD (AP's partner in Vietnam) meet with the USAID team in Hanoi to urge more support for Agent Orange victims.

October 24. Iain Guest and Siaka Traore, president of Sini Sanuman, meet with officials at the Dutch and Swedish embassies in Bamako, Mali.

May 27. Ambassador Claudia Fritsche hosts AP at the Liechtenstein Embassy in Washington.

May 23. Iain Guest presents on advocacy quilting to the Cabin Branch quilters in Virginia.

April 12. Iain Guest and Karin Orr present on women in war at George Mason University.

March 18. Luigi Laraia from the World Bank begins a climb of Mount Denali in Alaska, the highest peak in north America, and dedicates his climb to AP's soap project in Mali.

March 10. Nineteen advocacy quilts go on display at Ochre Court, in the heart of Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island. AP staff are interviewed on local radio and the exhibition is featured in the Newport Daily News and the University website. Salve Regina also **produces this video on the event**. For more on the exhibition **visit these pages**.



8. Fundraising for Partners



Putting brick children in school in Nepal: Peace Fellow Lauren Purnell (Johns Hopkins University) raised $2,875 to enroll 50 children from the brick factories in school. Lauren is seen here with beneficiaries at the Suryodaya School in Imadol.

AP supports partner organizations financially, by raising funds, acting as a fiscal sponsor and providing free technical assistance through Peace Fellows. AP raised $285,033 for partners in 2016.

Direct fundraising: AP raised $252,033 for: Sini Sanuman (Mali) $228,783; AEPD (Vietnam) - $4,500; GDPU (Uganda) $5,210; NEFAD (Nepal) $1,254; CWN (Nepal) $1,251; CONCERN (Nepal) $8,568; CRP (Jordan) $500; CPI Kenya $417; EPAF (Peru) $550; WRRP (Nepal) $1,000.

Vietnam: Peace Fellow Ai Hoang raised $4,500 for three Vietnamese families afflicted by Agent Orange during her 5-month fellowship and turned AP's vision for this program into a reality.

Nepal: AP's 2015 earthquake appeal continued to attract donations in 2016 and the money was shared between three Nepali partners – CONCERN, NEFAD and Care Women Nepal. In addition, Peace Fellows Lauren Purnell and Megan Keeling also launched microprojects on Global Giving which raised $3,000 for CONCERN and $5000 for NEFAD respectively. The Global Fund for Children donated $5,000 to CONCERN through AP, and promised to help AP raise funds for the program. The Zonta Club of Washington also donated to CWN in Nepal, in keeping with the Club's interest in our work on uterine prolapse.



Peace Fellow Rose Twagirumukiza raised $930 to help survivors of sexual violence in Mali sell their soap

Mali: AP raised $228,783 for Sini Sanuman's innovative program in Mali by drafting a proposal to Zivik in Berlin and securing two generous grants from the Foreign Ministry of Liechtenstein. Peace Fellow Rose Twagirumukiza (photo) raised $930 for Sini Sanuman's soap project.

Uganda: AP was unable to sustain the momentum from 2015, when Peace Fellow Josh Levy raised over $4,000 for an accessible toilet at Tochi school. The online community Givology provided a generous grant of $4,000 to support another toilet, but AP's partner (GDPU) was unable to complete the project and the money was held over to 2017. Peace Fellow Amy Gillespie raised $1,210 for the project.

Small donations go a long way: Over 350 individuals donated funds to AP or to AP-supported projects in 2016, showing broad support for our work. Using online platforms, particularly Global Giving and Givology, also helped to professionalize our own fundraising and encouraged us to observe good practice such as keeping receipts and reporting to donors. AP enjoyed superstar status on Global Giving throughout 2016.

Indirect fundraising: The cost of deploying a single Peace Fellow runs to around $3,000 and we count this as an indirect donation to partners. AP spent $33,000 on 11 partners in 2016: CONCERN; NEFAD; CWN; AEPD; Sini Sanuman; GDPU; EPAF; CPI Kenya; Greek Forum of Refugees; and CRP. We would like to acknowledge the generous support of the **Jessica Jennifer Cohen Foundation**, which again provided financial support for several of our Fellows.

"Our 2017 Peace Fellows showed that fundraising can be fun"

9. Taking Action for Social Justice

AP helps partner organizations to develop innovative campaigns for social change. Each campaign should: a) profile beneficiaries; b) provide a service; c) advocate for long-term change; d) strengthen the partner organization; and e) build an international constituency. In 2016, we supported 11 programs. These benefited 2,616 individuals directly and 10,464 family members.

9.1 Combating Sexual Violence in Mali



1,025 direct beneficiaries in 2016: Fatimata, above center, was one of 120 survivors of war rape who regained her confidence after being trained by this campaign. Fatimata is seen here selling soap in a Bamako market.

The campaign began in 2014, when AP helped our Malian partner, Sini Sanuman, to secure a generous grant from Zivik and open training centers for survivors of sexual violence in Bamako and the northern town of Bourem. By the end of 2016, 330 survivors had passed through the centers.

1,025 women and children benefited from the campaign in 2016: 120 survivors of war rape; 800 students from poor families who received school uniforms made by survivors; 40 members of the *Ane Association*, who produced shea oil for the centers; 32 members of the *Moussou Kalanso* cooperative; and 33 employees at the *Nieta* tailoring shop, subsidized by the campaign.

Emergency support: The two centers offered psychosocial counseling, medical help, and cooked meals at a time when malnutrition was growing in Mali. Two psychologists interviewed beneficiaries on their departure. Sini Sanuman also submitted four cases of rape to the courts, resulting in one arrest.

Outreach and SGBV prevention: Ten animators reached out through community groups and held 2,135 meetings with over 4,000 vulnerable women, mostly IDPs from the north.

Soap-making: In addition to training all 120 beneficiaries to produce and sell soap, Sini Sanuman professionalized the soap-making project by producing detailed records, purchasing new soap molds and building a storage shed with funding from AP. Beneficiaries formed teams to sell the soap and kept 60% of the profit. These improvements enabled Sini Sanuman to produce 27,258 bars of soap and pay trainees $1,561. The impact on survivors was dramatic. Fatimata, shown in the photo, lost her parents and suffered grievous abuse after rebels seized her home town of Kidal in 2012. But her life turned around after she learned how to make soap at the Sini Sanuman center in Bamako and became a team leader. For more on how soap has restored the confidence of survivors like Fatimata **read this news bulletin**.

Embroidery: The 120 beneficiaries produced over 200 embroidered squares, 369 seat covers, and a quilt on village life that was sold to the Sleeping Camel Hotel for $100.

Tailoring: The program trained the 120 beneficiaries in tailoring, and produced 800 uniforms for poor students at 9 schools in Bamako and Bourem. The program also invested in the *Nieta* tailoring shop, owned by a former beneficiary of Sini Sanuman, so as to expand the benefits of training.

Strengthening the partner organization: After three years of support from AP and generous funding from Zivik, Sini Sanuman is now able to manage its large program without help from the outside. Most of team's 28 members have served since 2014 and the ten animators have unparalleled experience in SGBV field work. Their professionalism was matched in 2016 by the management in Bamako, which collected 750 receipts, produced high-quality English language reports every six weeks, and worked with over 140 community-based NGO partners and INGOs.

Promotion in Mali and the US: In Mali, Sini Sanuman produced 10 radio programs, and collaborated with the UN. INGOs and embassies. In the US, AP produced 3 news bulletins, new campaign pages, 8 blogs (by Peace Fellow Rose Twagirumukiza) and over 300 photos. AP assembled 2 new Camel quilts and raised $228,703 from donors for the program.

"Everyone at Sini Sanuman offers our profound thanks to The Advocacy Project." Siaka Traore, President of Sini Sanuman, Bamako

9.2 Supporting Agent Orange Caregivers in Vietnam



20 beneficiaries in 2016: **Mai Thi Loi and her youngest son Nguyen Van Hung**, are victims of Agent Orange. Their cow, *Opportunity*, was purchased through the campaign.

This campaign seeks to ease the pressure on ageing parents who care for victims of Agent Orange, the defoliant that was sprayed over Vietnam during the war. AP funded a survey of 500 families in 2014 with our (AEPD) and identified ten families that were exceptionally vulnerable. AP staff visited the families in 2015 and 2016.

The stories of these families are tragic. Mai Thi Loi, pictured above, is a widow whose three grown sons have all been severely affected. She has chained two sons up to prevent them from causing harm to themselves and neighbors.

In 2016, Peace Fellow Ai Hoang drew on her family network to raise $4,500 for 3 families. Mai Thi Loi and Pham Thi Do received cows, while Le Thanh Duc invested in chickens. Ai also launched an appeal for Le Van Dung and his wife Dang Thi Miet, who lost 13 out of their 14 children to Agent Orange. Her family pledged to complete the appeal in 2017.

Ai's fundraising helped to define this campaign and lay a strong foundation for the future. AEPD will follow up with the families through outreach workers who were themselves wounded in the war, while AP will continue to raise funds for more families and send another Peace Fellow to support the campaign in 2017. The campaign is described on these web pages, which draw on four years of exceptional photos by AP.

"Thanks for your efforts, your time, your energy and great help. AEPD and Agent Orange (victims) highly appreciate that." Thi Phuong Hao, Manager, AEPD

9.3 Eliminating Child Labor from the Brick Kilns of Nepal



306 beneficiaries in 2016: Buddi Ram and Manisha were among 50 brick children who were enrolled in school in 2016, with funding from the campaign.

This campaign began in 2014, when AP responded to a request from CONCERN, a leading advocate for child rights in Kathmandu. AP sent two Fellows to CONCERN in 2014. In 2015 we raised funds to place 50 children from the brick factories in school. Lauren Purnell, our 2016 Fellow raised another $2,875 and The Global Fund for Children provided $5,000. This enabled CONCERN to place the 50 children in school for a second year. All of the children would have worked in a brick factory, in violation of the law and at grave risk to their health, if they not gone to school. The campaign is described, and the children are profiled, **on these pages.**

Peace Fellow Lauren met and profiled all 50 beneficiaries who are at school in the districts of Ramechhap, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur, Iain Guest, from AP, followed Lauren after the brick-making season had started and visited three factories. We recommend **Iain's video footage** which shows children at work. Iain was also able to confirm that the campaign is making a difference. He visited two collaborating schools, Faidoka and Suryodaya, and met with 15 children. Twelve like Manisha, pictured above, had stopped work completely and were getting excellent grades. The three remaining children have been less lucky. Buddi Ram, also pictured above, lived in a factory and worked before school. This affected his academic performance but will be hard to stop completely because he lives with his family in a factory. CONCERN and AP will address this in 2017.

"Everybody enjoys working with Peace Fellows provided by The Advocacy Project." Bijaya Sainju, director of CONCERN

9.4 Combating Uterine Prolapse in Nepal



929 beneficiaries in 2016: Maan Kumari Basyal, left, was one of 925 women who were screened for uterine prolapse by this campaign. She is seen here with Indira Thapa, founder of Care Women Nepal, after undergoing surgery for prolapse.

This campaign began in 2014, when AP agreed to support efforts by Care Women Nepal to screen village women for prolapse in the remote district of Dhankuta in 2014. Over the next two years the campaign held eight camps, screened 5,335 women and paid for 30 women to receive surgery at a district hospital. AP has raised a total of $28,499.66 for the campaign so far.

In 2016, we also asked our Peace Fellow, Morgan Moses, to observe this process and recommend improvements. Morgan attended the health camp and accompanied four women to surgery including Maan Kumari Basyal, 52, shown above. Maan lived with prolapse for 22 years and opted for surgery after giving birth painfully to vie children. Morgan's photo shows her recovering with Indira Thapa from CWN, which transports patients and makes the surgery less frightening.

Morgan found that CWN's health camps make government services accessible to isolated villagers, but could be more integrated into the government health system. In addition, Care Women Nepal needs to work without interruption throughout the year if it is to provide systematic support to the government medical services. These are among the goals for the campaign in 2018.

"We have received immense help from AP and owe a large part of our existence to the continued support of AP." Yunesh Singh, Program Manager for Care Women Nepal

9.5 Supporting Wives of the Disappeared in Nepal



35 beneficiaries in 2016: The campaign helped wives and daughters of the disappeared in Bardiya to remember their loved ones through embroidery.

This campaign works with the National Network of the Families of the Disappeared Nepal (NEFAD) to empower wives, daughters and sisters who lost relatives in the conflict between 1996 and 2006. Most of the disappearances occurred in the western district of Bardiya, and this is where we have focused our efforts. AP invested $5,093.20 in the campaign in 2015 and 2016.

NEFAD and AP agreed at the outset that we would train wives to tell their story through embroidery as a way to develop a skill and support NEFAD's advocacy. In 2016, Peace Fellow Megan Keeling visited Bardiya and **organized embroidery training for 35 women with Sarita Thapa**, a skilled seamstress who lost her father. Iain from AP visited Bardiya, collected the finished squares, and profiled the artists including Srijana, Mankumari and Kamla, pictured above.

The Bardiya artists also produced squares featuring tigers, which are native to Bardiya. AP will work with quilting guilds in the US to assemble the squares into quilts and bags for sale. Having lost their breadwinners, these women certainly need money. Nor should we forget their main goal - to discover the fate of their loved ones. We argued their case **in the Kathmandu Post**.

"I highly appreciated your kind cooperation and commitment to building our partnership." Ram Kumar Bhandari, founder and president of NEFAD

9.6 Building Accessible Toilets in Uganda



489 beneficiaries in 2016: Students at the Ogul School in northern Uganda will enjoy better health and hygiene once an accessible toilet is installed by the campaign.

This campaign works through the Gulu Disabled Persons Union (GDPU) to install accessible toilets in primary schools. AP and GDPU exposed the lack of public accessible WASH facilities in Gulu in 2012. In 2014, we visited 10 primary schools and found that most lacked accessible toilets and washing stations. In 2015 Peace Fellow Josh Levy raised over $4,000 to **install an accessible toilet in one of the schools at Tochi**.

Following this, AP received a generous grant from the online giving program Givology to install a second toilet. Patrick Ojok from GDPU and Amy Gillespie, the 2016 Peace Fellow, visited schools that had been surveyed in 2014 but found that most were now equipped with new facilities. They surveyed the more isolated primary schools and found that the more isolated the schools, the less likely they were to have accessible WASH facilities.

The team met with parents and teachers at the Ogul School, and found the toilets in an abysmal state. As a result, it was agreed to install a toilet at Ogul in 2017. Patrick and Amy also organized inclusivity training, as described **in this blog**. They visited the Tochi toilet and found – encouragingly - that enrollment of students had increased. Amy raised $1,210 for the campaign.

"Thanks for all that you are doing to support GDPU!" Patrick Ojok Program Manager, GDP

9.7 Empowering Refugees in Jordan



12 beneficiaries in 2016: This campaign helps refugees from Syria and Jordan to describe their flight from war through embroidery, and professionalize their cooperative.

The Collateral Repair Project in Amman, Jordan, provides essential services for refugees from wars in the Middle East. AP and CRP agreed to partner in 2015 and in 2016 we deployed an experienced Peace Fellow – Allyson Hawkins from the Fletcher School at Tufts – to help CRP strengthen its training cooperative for women refugees, known as the Hope Workshop.

Working with Shatha, the workshop coordinator, Allyson helped 12 refugees to produce two squares each on their journey from war to safety. The squares were then sent to Rhode Island in the US, where they will be assembled into quilts by an expert team. Allyson also raised $500 to ensure that the ladies were paid for their work.



As Allyson explained **in this blog**, the sewing allowed the women to express themselves. Dhamya, from Iraq, used her square to express frustration at the way women are held back (photo left). Her design shows a woman in chains which prevent her from flying free. By introducing embroidery to the Hope Workshop the campaign has also helped to provide this loose association with greater focus.

"Hope Workshop had not completely figured out a coherent direction for sales and products, and Allyson's involvement has helped it better focus on where to go next." Amanda Lane, Executive Director, CRP

9.8 Finding Jobs for Syrian Refugees in the Global Market

Throughout 2016, AP provided fiscal and administrative support for Talent Beyond Boundaries (TBB). TBB's first major project in 2016 was to create a talent catalog for skilled refugees in Jordan and Lebanon, which AP promoted **through our news service**. By the end of 2016 the catalog contained 4,700 refugee profiles and TBB had begun reaching out to employers around the world. The US State Department awarded TBB a grant to scale up its work in the Middle East, putting TBB on a path to self-sufficiency and independence from AP in 2017.

9.9 Working with the Children of Pastoralists in Kenya

AP deployed Peace Fellow Rachel Wilson to build a new partnership with Children Peace Initiative Kenya, which brings warring pastoralists together in northwest Kenya by organizing peace camps for their children. Rachel accompanied Hilary Bukuno and Monica Kinyua, from CPI, to Samburu County, scene of CPI's greatest success. **Read more in Rachel's blogs**.

9.10 Supporting Families of the Disappeared in Peru

AP asked Peace Fellow Daniel Prelipcian to help the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team (EPAF) develop an income-generating project – a departure from previous years in which AP supported EPAF's human rights work. Daniel developed a plan to increase earnings from alpaca wool in Ayacucho. He also took back one of the *Nunca Mas* Peruvian quilts to the village of Sacsamarca, where the embroidered squares had been made the year before.

9.11 Empowering Adolescent Girls in Rural Nepal

Peace Fellow Dorothy Khan reinvigorated the partnership between AP and the Women's Reproductive Rights Program (WRRP) in the western district of Surkhet. WRRP asked Dorothy to explore and record the challenges facing adolescent girls and women and Dorothy produced strong blogs which could form the basis for a future campaign. She also raised $1,000 to install a toilet or girls in the village school which will provide some privacy and improve hygiene.

9.12 Improving Refugee Protection in Greece

AP asked Peace Fellow Mattea Comoletti, a superb writer and social networker, to build a new partnership with the Greek Forum of Refugees, a leading advocate for refugees in Greece. Mattea produced hard-hitting opinion pieces, photos and press releases which raised the Forum's profile at a time when refugees were front-page news. Younous Muhammadi, the founder of the Forum, was named a Human Rights Defender by Human Rights Watch and visited the US later in the year.

10. Fellows for Peace

In 2016 we deployed eleven graduate students from seven universities to serve with partners, bringing the total number of Peace Fellows recruited since 2003 to 285. Peace Fellows allow AP to provide ten weeks of technical support to our partners, and we train Fellows in story-telling; websites and social media; organization-building; fundraising; program development; and outreach. Our goal is to equip partners to develop their programs, particularly those launched with AP.

10.1 Recruitment and Training

AP staff promoted the 2016 fellowships at 6 universities (Georgetown, Columbia, Tufts, George Washington, George Mason and Johns Hopkins) and received 65 applications from 35 schools. Special thanks to The Fletcher School (Tufts University), Salve Regina, Georgetown and Columbia.

AP provided training for Fellows at Georgetown University in May, under the direction of Karen Delaney. Our thanks to our trainers: Sarah Craven, Rachel Moynihan, Jessica Moses, Jennifer Adach, Nikoo Yahyazadeh, Greg Walsh, Maggie Shillington, Amy Richards, Emma Hersh, Tia Donjon, Matt Brown, Mohamed Khatouri, Abby Satterfield, and Ash Kosiewicz (photo below). Fellows gave a high grade (9.4 out of 10) to the training in their evaluation and agreed that the best feature had been the chance to bond with each other and build team spirit.

Several 2016 Fellows had extraordinary backgrounds. Rose Twgirumukiza lost a father to the genocide in Rwanda and spent years in refugee camps before coming to the US. Rose was studying at Georgetown University when she applied for the fellowship in Mali in order to "give back" to those who had helped her and her family reach safety. Rose became a US citizen one week before traveling to Mali. Daniel Prelipcian also received US citizenship before setting out for his fellowship in Peru. Ai Hoang also set out on a voyage of personal discovery almost 20 years after leaving Vietnam as a refugee, when she returned to work with victims of Agent Orange.



Trainer at work: Ash Kosiewicz was one of 16 professionals who trained 2016 Fellows. He is seen here with Fellow Morgan Moses.

10.2 Deployment

AP deployed eleven Peace Fellows to work with AP partner organizations in eight countries. All had extensive experience before joining AP.

- *Rose Twagirumukiza (Georgetown University)* served at *Sini Sanuman* in Bamako, Mali. Rose is a former refugee from the Rwandan genocide.
- *Amy Gillespie (New York University)* served at *The Gulu Disabled Persons Union (GDPU)* in northern Uganda. Amy is a former social worker.
- *Rachel Wilson (Arcadia University)* served at *The Children's Peace Initiative* in Nairobi, Kenya. Rachel served in the Peace Corps in northwest Kenya prior to college.
- *Dorothy Khan (New York University)* served at the *Women's Reproductive Rights Program* in Surkhet, Nepal. Before college Dorothy conducted field research on Rohingya women in Bangladesh refugee camps and worked for aid agencies in northern Iraq.
- *Lauren Purnell (Johns Hopkins University)* served at *CONCERN* in Kathmandu, Nepal. Before college Lauren worked on asylum cases at a prominent law firm in Washington.
- *Megan Keeling (Fletcher School, Tufts University)* served at *The National Network of Families of the Disappeared and Missing in Nepal (NEFAD).* Before college Megan served in the Peace Corps.
- *Morgan Moses (Tulane University)* served at *Care Women Nepal (CWN)* in Dhankuta, Nepal. Morgan volunteers as an emergency medical technician in New Orleans.
- *Ai Hoang (Columbia University)* served at *The Association for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (AEPD)* in Dong Hoi, Vietnam. Ai was born in Saigon and emigrated to the US when she was nine.
- *Allyson Hawkins (Fletcher School at Tufts University)* served at *The Collateral Repair Project* in Amman, Jordan. Prior to college Allyson spent two years teaching English in Tunisia.
- *Mattea Cumoletti (Fletcher School at Tufts University)* served with *The Greek Forum of Refugees* in Athens. Prior to college Mattea worked at the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants in Albany, NY
- *Daniel Prelipcian (Columbia University)* served with *Equipo Peruano de Antropoligia Forense (EPAF)* in Lima, Peru. Daniel was born in Romania and was a successful entrepreneur before college.



Mattea Cumoletti (Fletcher School at Tufts University) served at the Greek Forum of Refugees in Athens. She is seen here with a young refugee at Eleonas camp.

10.3 Story Telling by Fellows

Peace Fellows help their hosts to produce content for campaigns. In 2016 Fellows produced 121 blogs, which attracted 644 comments; 1,364 photos (viewed 71,816 times); and 8 videos. Mattea Cumoletti (Greece) and Allyson Hawkins (Jordan) also produced AP bulletins on refugees.

This was the first year that AP has made use of podcasting to tell the story of partners and four Fellows produced 9 podcasts. Amy Gillespie produced a strong podcast on the **special challenges that faces students with a hearing disability** in Uganda. Mattea Cumoletti produced weekly podcasts from Athens and sang her way into our hearts with this **rendition of her favorite things about Athens** which is sure to become a staple at future AP trainings.

The year was also notable for the high quality of blogs. Dorothy Khan (photo below) went deep into western Nepal to write about the challenges facing adolescent girls. **One blog** profiled Sujata, 13, who showed Dorothy the cowshed where she is forced to live while menstruating. AP has long condemned this practice, known as *chhaupadi* and Dorothy's post will make it easier for us to help her host organization, the Women's Reproductive Rights Program (WRRP), push for abolition.



"I once had a beautiful apple tree that used to bear lots of fruit but since my daughter and daughter in law touched the tree during their menstruation, apples hardly grow on it." From Dorothy's blog about *chhaupadi* in Nepal.

10.4 Fellows and Advocacy quilts

Peace Fellows helped over 50 artists to tell their story through embroidery in Jordan and Nepal. Allyson Hawkins, who helped 12 refugee women in Jordan to describe their journey to produced high quality embroidery, started out a skeptic. As she wrote in one blog: "I don't have an artistic bone in my body, and I've never embroidered before." But Allyson quickly came around when she saw how the women this opportunity to express themselves. The squares will be made into quilts in 2017 and used to publicize the plight of refugees in the US.

In Nepal, thirty-five wives of the disappeared also told their story through embroidery, with help from Peace Fellow Megan Keeling. Their squares were exhibited for the first time in Kathmandu on August 30, International Day of the Disappeared, and taken back to the US to be turned into quilts. We hope they will be shown in Nepal and used by advocates for families of the disappeared.

10.5 Fundraising by Fellows

Nine Fellows launched appeals for their host organizations and raised $12,607 from 188 donations:

- Ai Hoang raised $4,500 for three families affected by Agent Orange in Vietnam.
- Allyson Hawkins raised $500 for the Hope Workshop under the auspices of CRP in Jordan.
- Amy Gillespie raised $1,210 for the Gulu Disabled Persons Union, in Uganda.
- Dorothy Khan raised $1,000 for the WRRP in Nepal.
- Lauren Purnell raised $3,000 for CONCERN in Nepal.
- Megan Keeling raised $500 for NEFAD.
- Rachel Wilson raised $417 for Children Peace Initiative Kenya.
- Rose Twagirumukiza raised $930 for Sini Sanuman, in Mali.
- Daniel Prelipcian raised $550 for EPAF in Peru.

10.6 IT support and organization-building

- Megan Keeling made a website for her host (NEFAD).
- Four Fellows trained an "accidental techie" to maintain a website after they returned home.
- Allyson Hawkins (Jordan), Megan Keeling (Nepal), Dorothy Khan (Nepal) and Rose Twagirumukiza (Mali) organized trainings or workshops for their hosts.
- Eight Fellows helped their hosts to develop budgets, collect receipts and report to AP.
- Nine Fellows helped their hosts to expand their social media measured by likes and friends.



10.7 Supporting campaigns for social change

The 2016 Fellows played a key role in consolidating the campaigns described in chapter 9.

Rose Twagirumukiza in Mali strengthened Sini Sanuman's program to help survivors of war rape by improving and professionalizing the production and marketing of soap. This enabled the trainees to sell 27,258 bars of soap and earn $1,561.45 in 3026. The output and efficiency of the soap program helped persuade our German donors to fully fund the Mali program in 2017.

Ai Hoang in Vietnam turned our program for victims of Agent Orange into a practical project. Not only did she raise funds for three families, but she worked with outreach workers from the AEPD to purchase buffaloes and chickens for the families – the most sustainable investment.

Amy Gillespie in Uganda was not able to construct another accessible toilet, but she did help her host (GDPU) to identify 10 isolated primary schools that need accessible toilets, design a training to help teachers and students work with disability, and carry out several trainings in schools. We will use Amy's blueprint to install a toilet at the Ogul school in 2017.

Allyson Hawkins in Jordan introduced refugees at the Collateral Repair Project to the idea of using embroidery to describe the refugee's story. This is new to the Middle East. We hope that all future refugees at CRP will take up embroidery and sell embroidery in the US and Jordan.

Dorothy Khan's greatest contribution in Nepal was to publicize the predicament of adolescent girls in isolated areas and make a strong case for focusing programs on their empowerment. She also turned this into a project by raising funds to build a girls' toilet.

Lauren Purnell in Nepal turned our campaign to free children from work in the brick factories of Nepal from an experiment to a project. Lauren raised money to place 20 children in school, met with all 50 beneficiaries, created a database of the children and produced profiles for **new web pages.** This set the standard for AP and future Fellows.

Megan Keeling in Nepal gave substance to our work with relatives of the disappeared in Nepal by organizing training for 35 wives in Bardiya and producing a first batch of commemorative embroidery. This motivated the wives and will hopefully enable them to form a cooperative, sell their embroidery and engage them in advocating for justice.

Rachel Wilson's visit to northwest Kenya introduced AP to her host, Children Peace Initiative Kenya, and will help AP to design an appropriate intervention to help CPI in 2017.

Morgan Moses helped AP to better understand Care Women Nepal's important model of support for isolated village women in eastern Nepal. Using her recommendations, CONCERN will focus in 2017 on helping CWN to integrate health camps into the government health services – the best way of scaling CWN's important model.

10. 8 Outreach in the US

Daniel Prelipcian gave a presentation about his alpaca project in Peru at his church in Manhattan.

Rose Twagirumukiza gave the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Zonta Women's Club of Washington.

Allyson Hawkins spoke at Fletcher for the Office of Career Services, Board of Advisors, and Fares Center about her Fellowship experience.

10.9 Measuring Benefits

Being a Peace Fellow can be life-changing and we asked the 11 Fellows to report back on how they have benefited personally, academically and professionally.

Ratings: We asked Fellows to answer key questions on a scale of 1 to 10. Here are the averages: Overall experience – 81%; More prepared to volunteer - 85%; Feel more confident - 86%; Academically enriched – 92%; Support from AP in the field – 92%; Prepared by training - 70%; Felt secure in the field - 92%; Value of their program - 93%; Satisfied with deliverables - 71%.

Personal impact: We expect that working in tough conditions will build character. This was certainly the case for **Dorothy Khan**, who spent much of her fellowship in an isolated village in central Nepal without running water. In a final blog, Dorothy wrote about the value of experience: "I am not sure if I would have understood what these women feel if I hadn't worked there."

Amy Gillespie (Uganda): "This fellowship was not always easy but 'easy' things don't help you learn or push yourself. Over the summer I've learned a lot about myself personally and professionally and will take those lessons with me for the rest of my life."

Daniel Prelipcian (Peru, photo below): "(My) experience solidified my long-time desire to make a difference in the world. I want to help all marginalized peoples."



Academic benefits: Our hope is that Fellows will acquire material for their studies from their work in the field. For example, Allyson Hawkins (Jordan) is studying human security at the Fletcher School and was able to draw on her fellowship to write a senior thesis on the participation of Syrian refugees in informal labor markets in Jordan, with a focus on gender.

Mattea Cumoletti (Greece) joined a research study group on refugees at the Fletcher School.

Rachel Wilson (Kenya) studies International Peace and Conflict Resolution at Arcadia University and reports that her study of pastoral conflict in Kenya had "opened my eyes to a whole new realm of possibilities!"

Ai Hoang (Vietnam) presented on her work with Agent Orange victims at Columbia University.

Career: Most 2016 Fellows referred to the new skills they had learned at training and in the field. Judging from their evaluations, almost all are better communicators. Lauren, Daniel and Allyson became adept at writing proposals. Megan and Mattea became IT experts. Mattea and Amy turned into enthusiastic podcasters. Lauren and Megan produced short video films.

Fellows were also grateful for the chance to raise funds; manage money; report to donors; learn how to make websites; edit video; and manage programs.

Mattea Cumoletti (Greece) hopes to work on migration and refugees, and writes: "AP gave me the chance to work in the heart of one of the most pressing international issues of this generation, and there is no better way to understand the depth and complexities of the refugee crisis than from working with and listening to the people who are going through it."

Morgan Moses (Nepal): "Working with the Advocacy Project and Care Women Nepal was a life-changing experience on both a professional level and a personal level. Professionally, I gained skills that set me apart from my peers and will propel me forward in the future."



Learning from Nepal: Three Peace Fellows served in Nepal in 2016. From the left: Lauren Purnell, Megan Keeling and Morgan Moses.

10.10 Alumni

Peace Fellows sign on for ten weeks, but we hope they will stay engaged with AP for the long-term. We track their professional accomplishments with pride and do what we can to help them secure jobs. In 2016, we wrote 14 letters of recommendation for past Fellows. We were delighted when 24 former Peace Fellows donated to AP's appeal for earthquake survivors in Nepal.

Chantal Uwizera (BASE, Nepal 2011). Since her fellowship, Chantal has worked as the Second Counsellor and spokesperson at the Rwandan mission to the UN and director of Global Programs at the African American Institute (AAI). **Devin Greenleaf (JMC, Nepal 2007)** has been an AP Board member for several years. After joining Al-Jazeera America Devin now works as an executive producer at VICE Media. **Ash Kosiewicz (EPAF, Peru 2008).** Ash developed a passion for vlogging while serving as a Peace Fellow and has turned his passion into a profession. He now uses podcasting to publicize the fight against malnutrition at the World Food Program USA.

Click here to read more about the remarkable young professionals who served as Peace Fellows between 2003 and 2016



The face of compassion: Danita Topcagic (Bangladesh, 2008) is one of several former refugees who have signed on as Peace Fellows to repay the kindness they received while they themselves were in dire need. Danita's family lived in the besieged enclave of Bihac, Bosnia, when they received asylum from the US. Danita spent four months as an AP Fellow working with blind children in Bangladesh and used her own money to donate to a school for blind children. After her fellowship, Danita returned to Bangladesh to work with Rohingya refugees.

11. People of AP

AP drew on 68 committed staff, board members, and volunteers in 2016:

- **Staff:** Iain Guest, Karen Delaney, Katie Petitt.
- **Interns:** Allegra Brandon, Jair Carrasco, Hannah Chi, Skyler Daviss, Rachael Hughen, Megan Kelly, Rita Lo, Caroline Meyer, Catalina La-Mers Noble, Amanda Reis, Kay Scanlan, Laura Stateler, Kate Wagner, Greg Walsh, and Tian Zhang.
- **Contractors:** Josh Nichols, webmaster; Beverly Orr, accountant; Eric Bolin, auditor; Greg Walsh, video editor.
- **AP Board:** Mary Louise Cohen, Devin Greenleaf, Iain Guest, Lawrence M. Ingeneri, William Lorie, Bayo Oyewole, and Cristy West.
- **US quilters:** Betty Davis, Bobbi Fitzsimmons, Loretta Krebel, Merry May, Connie Moser, Ruth Sears, Sara Jane Tirpaek. Debbi White, Allyson Wilbur.
- **Fellowship trainers:** Matt Brown, Jennifer Adach, Sarah Craven, Tia Donjon, Emma Hersh, Mohamed Khatouri, Ash Kosiewicz, Jessica Moses, Rachel Moynihan, Amy Richards, Abby Satterfield, Maggie Shillington, Greg Walsh, and Nikoo Yahyazadeh.
- **Peace Fellows:** Mattea Cumoletti, Amy Gillespie, Allyson Hawkins, Ai Hoang, Megan Keeling, Dorothy Khan, Morgan Moses, Daniel Prelipcian, Lauren Purnell, Rose Twagirumukiza, and Rachel Wilson.



AP summer staff and interns from left: Allegra, Hannah, Rachael, Iain, Rita, Karen, Kay (front row), Laura and Amanda

12. Financials (Year ending December 31, 2016)

INCOME	
Unrestricted Contribution	$97,812.30
Restricted Contributions	$33,482.70
Unrestricted Grant	$25,000
Program Service Income	$81,474.58
Rental Income	$9,429.00
Total Revenue:	**$247,198.58**
EXPENSES	
Personnel Costs	$55,733.29
Contract Services	$14,194.38
Fellowship Fees	$17,210.32
Office Expenses:	$6,443.59
Occupancy Costs	$21,516.82
Insurance	$6,532.42
Subgrant Expenses	$73,597.19
Travel and Lodging	$18,784.11
Meetings and Conferences	$2,324.23
Information and Technology	$3,329.67
Other Expenses	$3,299.81
Total Expenses	**$222,965.83**
CHANGE IN NET ASSET	**$24,232.75**

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The Last Word…



These children at the Suryodaya School near Kathmandu would be working in brick factories if AP's campaign had not placed them in school. They are among 13,080 individuals and family members who benefited directly from our programs in 2016.