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Peace Fellows Make the Case for Tolerance and Diversity



Picture of diversity: 2011 Peace Fellows Corey (Canada), Chantal (Rwanda) and Maelanny (Indonesia) worked for marginalized groups in Nepal.

Dear Friends,

At a time when diversity and multiculturalism are under siege, The Advocacy Project's [fellowship program](#) makes a strong argument for tolerance and international cooperation.

Since launching the program in 2003, we have deployed 306 graduate students to work with marginalized groups around the world. They have come from 47 nationalities and studied at

77 universities, mainly in the US. Over 75% were women. [Click here](#) for more facts on past Fellows.

The program has produced some memorable examples of multicultural cooperation. In 2011 it paired Chantal, a former Rwandan genocide survivor who was studying in Washington DC with Mealanny from Indonesia, a student in Norway. Together they went deep into western Nepal to work on freeing girl domestic slaves. Chantal is one of three Fellows who found a safe haven in the US after fleeing Rwanda and used an AP fellowship as a way to show her gratitude.

Past Fellows have told us through their evaluations that the experience gave them new respect for different cultures and left them better prepared to face a complex world. They have continued to promote the values of tolerance and diversity in their professional careers. We are proud of them all and deeply grateful to our donors.

And yet - in spite of the clear need - it is more and more difficult to fund independent fellowship programs like AP.

You can help by donating to [our fellowship appeal on GlobalGiving](#), which will match all grants between \$100 and \$1,000 starting tomorrow (Thursday) at 9.00 EDT.

GlobalGiving will also match donations to four other AP appeals on behalf of partners:

- Ben is seeking funds for CPIK, which [brings together children together from warring tribes](#) in northwest Kenya.
- McLane is helping WAP in Zimbabwe to launch a [soap program for girls at risk from child marriage](#).
- Spencer is battling torrential rain in northern Uganda to help GDPU [install new accessible toilets at the Abaka School](#).
- [Wives of the disappeared in western Nepal](#) are hoping to build a micro-business and sell their Tiger bags in the US.

Each of these programs builds a bridge between the Global North and South and promotes the values that we cherish. We salute our volunteers and supporters who have made it possible.

With our deepest thanks,

The AP team

* Follow the [blogs](#) and [photos](#) of our Fellows this summer!

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