

# THE ADVOCACY PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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THE ADVOCACY  
PROJECT STRENGTHENS  
COMMUNITY-BASED  
ADVOCACY

*Photo: Sini Sanuman, AP's partner in Mali, trains survivors of gender-based violence to produce and sell soap.*

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Identities have been changed where appropriate.*

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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### Year of the Quilt

This year's annual report describes how advocacy quilting transformed our work in 2019 and gave us new ways to represent marginalized communities.

Between 2007 and 2019 we produced over 50 advocacy quilts with partners in the Global South. Our goal was to give dis-empowered women the chance to express themselves, connect with American quilters, and send a strong message to the world.

The results were phenomenal. And yet the quilts were put together by experts in the US and mainly used by AP. If the program is to mature, this needs to change.

We took three important steps in this direction in 2019. First, we arranged for Bobbi Fitzsimmons, a quilter and AP board member, to visit Nepal and help conflict survivors produce their own memorial quilts about lost family members. It was the first time AP had taken quilting to friends in the Global South.

Later in 2019 we offered three African partners the chance to use their quilts for advocacy at a major UN summit in Nairobi (ICPD25). I won't soon forget the exuberance of Salaiton and Joyce, two artists from northwest Kenya as - wearing full tribal gear - they explained to diplomats how they had made beaded blocks for the *Kenya Cow Quilt*.

Also on of our delegation at ICPD25 were over 30 women from the slums of Kangemi and Kibera in Nairobi. I can remember their excitement as they presented their huge quilt, *A Woman's World*, to the Deputy Director of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA).

Finally, in 2019 we also launched *Sister Artists*, a competition that invites quilt artists from the north to produce art quilts from the embroidery of survivors of gender-based violence in Mali. The project has produced 40 spectacular works of art which will be exhibited in early 2020 and auctioned online, with all profits being invested back in Mali.

These three initiatives drew on everything that defines advocacy quilting - the storytelling, the international connections, and the outreach - but with this one key difference: it was the artists who managed the process.

This productive year came to a happy end when Humanity United awarded us a generous grant to further develop our new approach in 2020. Exciting days lie ahead!

**IAIN GUEST**

# THE CHALLENGE OF MARGINALIZATION

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## GIRLS AND CHILD MARRIAGE IN ZIMBABWE

Michelle, 19, dropped out of school in 2017 after learning that she was pregnant by her boyfriend. Initially, she was too scared even to go home. Her life has stabilized since she learned to make soap with Women Advocacy Project in Epworth, Harare. Michelle brings her daughter Mukudzei to soap trainings.

**Resources on child marriage in Zimbabwe from AP:** *News bulletins; Peace Fellow blogs (Alex 2018; McLane 2019); Photos on Flickr; The Zimbabwe Child Marriage Quit; AP Movie -"The Soap-maker of Chitungwiza."*

## AP WORKED FOR 7 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN 2019

Girls at risk from early marriage in Zimbabwe (photo); Families damaged by Agent Orange in Vietnam; Families of the disappeared in Nepal; Students with disability in Uganda; Children of warring pastoralists in Kenya; Survivors of gender-based violence in Mali; Young people in Nablus, Palestine; Women, girls and menstrual banishment in Nepal.



## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCACY

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Since 2015 Patrick Ojok, director of the Gulu Disabled Persons Union (GDPU) has supervised the installation of accessible WASH packages at four primary schools in Northern Uganda, with a student population of over 2,500.

In the process, Patrick has become one of Uganda's foremost experts in education, WASH and disability. AP has provided funding and technical support through Peace Fellows.



*AP offers six services to partners: startup development; story-telling; fundraising; IT; strategic planning; and international outreach. Partners choose from the services depending on their needs.*

### 2019 PARTNERS

The Association for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Vietnam; The National Network of Families of the Disappeared, Nepal; The Gulu Disabled Persons Union, Uganda; Children Peace Initiative, Kenya; The Centre for Agro-Ecology and Development, Nepal; Women Advocacy Project, Zimbabwe; Backward Society Education, Nepal; Sini Sanuman, Mali; The Palestinian House of Friendship, Nablus.

# TELLING THE STORY - PRODUCING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION

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15

news bulletins



17,304

opens

## 2019 BULLETINS

*Clean Girl Soap Seeks to Deter Child Marriage in Zimbabwe, November 25,  
Tribal Artists Use Cow Quilt to Promote Peace at UN Summit in Nairobi, November 18,  
African Advocates Use Quilts to Lobby UN Summit on Women and Girls, November 12,  
Climate Change Enflames Cow Wars in Northwest Kenya, October 11,  
Families of the Disappeared in Nepal Take their Case to the UN, September 29,  
New Toilets Save Ugandan Primary School from Closure, August 30,  
Girl Ambassadors Challenge Child Marriage in Zimbabwe, August 22,  
American Quilter Finds Peace with War Survivors in Nepal, August 12,  
Peace Fellows Make the Case for Tolerance and Diversity, July 17,  
Peace Fellows to Tackle Agent Orange, Menstrual Banishment and Child Marriage, June 13,  
Transitional Justice Hangs in the Balance in Nepal, May 13,  
Freed Domestic Slaves Fight Boredom and Penury in Nepal, April 30,  
Ohio Rummage Sale Will Fund Accessible Toilets in Uganda, April 15,  
North Carolina Quilter to Train Family Members of the Disappeared in Nepal, April 9,  
Sister Artists of North America Reach Out to Survivors of Violence in Mali, April 4.*

## ADVOCACY QUILTING

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AP explored new ways to use embroidery as a tool for empowering women in 2019



- **Story-telling:** In 2019, women and girls used embroidery to protest against four sources of dis-empowerment: the lack of services in the slums of Nairobi; the pressure on girls to marry in Zimbabwe; the disappearance of family-members in Nepal; and the destruction of village life during conflict in northern Mali. We also organized quilting training at a UN conference for the first time.
- **Assembling quilts:** Quilters in the Global North assembled 44 quilts from embroidered blocks made in the Global South. For the first time we also provided technical support to help women in the South (Nepal) assemble their own blocks into two memorial quilts.
- **Exhibitions:** We promoted the campaigns of partners through their quilts, culminating in a major exhibition of 20 quilts at the UN summit on women and girls (ICPD25) in Nairobi. Two African partners used their own quilts to advocate for peace among pastoralists and an end to child marriage.
- **Cross-cultural connections:** Our program *Sister Artists* enabled fiber artists in the North to produce art quilts from embroidery made by GBV survivors in Mali.

## Quilts as story-telling

**Kenya:** The UN summit (ICPD25) allowed us to work with 23 artists from the communities of Kangemi and Kibera in Nairobi who described challenges like domestic violence through embroidery. Their blocks were attached to a quilted map of the world and exhibited at ICPD25 as the *Woman's World Quilt*. The artists were trained by Christine Kibuka, Gill Rebelo, and Sigrun Hansen.



**Zimbabwe:** Emily Ruvidarare was one of eleven girls in Harare who described child marriage through embroidery for Women Advocacy Project (WAP). The girls received training from Tina Weare, a leading quilter in Harare. Peace Fellow McLane Harrington profiled the girls and brought the blocks back to the US.



**Kenya:** Salaiton Lenguris and Joyce Leiririo used beaded blocks to describe the role of cattle in Samburu culture. Both women are active in the work of AP's partner Children Peace Initiative Kenya. Ben Johnson brought the blocks back to the US, where they were turned into the *Kenya Cow Quilt* by Bobbi Fitzsimmons. Bobbi met the artists at the ICPD25 conference (photo).





## Assembling Quilts

In 2019 we engaged talented quilters in the north to make blocks from Kenya, Zimbabwe, Mali and Nepal into quilts.

In Rhode Island, Allison Wilbur produced the *Zimbabwe Child Marriage Quilt*. Forty-one quilters from the US, Canada, the UK and Kenya created art quilts out of embroidery from Mali for *Sister Artists*. Bobbi Fitzsimmons (right) assembled the *Kenya Cow Quilt* at home in North Carolina.

In 2019 for the first time we also made it possible for artists in the Global South to assemble their own quilts. In April, Ms Fitzsimmons and Iain Guest from AP visited Bardiya in Nepal to work with family members of the disappeared.

The women are active in the Network of Families of the Disappeared Nepal (NEFAD), an AP partner. During 2017 and 2018 they produced blocks remembering their lost loved ones, helped by Peace Fellows.

Working with Sarita Thapa, the group coordinator, Ms Fitzsimmons steered the women through two weeks of training. This provided companionship to the artists and Ms Fitzsimmons.



Bobbi Fitzsimmons trained family members of the disappeared in Bardiya to turn their blocks into two advocacy quilts - the first time AP provided technical support for quilting in the Global South. AP produced a film about the visit - "*A Quilter's Journey*."



## Quilt Exhibitions

AP exhibited quilts at several events in 2019, culminating in the UN summit (ICPD25) on women and girls in Nairobi. Three AP partners used new quilts to get their message across to delegates.

**Top:** 23 Kenyan women from the communities of Kangemi and Kibera produced blocks for the *Woman's World Quilt*, protesting the lack of services for women and girls.

**Center:** Hilary Bukuno, founder of Children Peace Initiative Kenya, used the *Kenya Cow Quilt* to show how drought is exacerbating conflict between pastoralists in northwest Kenya.

**Bottom:** Constance Mugari, founder of Women Advocacy Project, used the *Zimbabwe Child Marriage Quilt* to explain the many pressures on girls to marry young in Zimbabwe.





## Sister Artists -

### Connecting fiber artists in Mali and the US

In early 2019, we teamed up with *Quilt for Change* in the US to launch a unique collaboration between artists in Mali and the Global North.

Known as *Sister Artists*, the project's origins go back to 2017, when survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) in Mali produced embroidery about their lives while recovering at centers run by *Sini Sanuman*.

The first blocks described the violence in graphic detail and were assembled into the two *Alafia Mali* quilts in the US.

In 2018 survivors turned to describing the life they had left behind in the north.

*Quilt for Change* invited its network of quilters to turn the blocks into art quilts. Forty-one art quilters from the US, Canada, UK and Kenya responded. Their quilts will be exhibited and auctioned in 2020.



**Top:** GBV survivors in Mali train in embroidery. **Right:** Their blocks describe life before war. **Below:** The blocks are turned into quilts by 41 fiber artists, including Ellen Fisher. **Bottom:** Sister Artists meet in the US.



## FUNDRAISING FOR PARTNERS

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564 individuals donated to partners through AP in 2019. Almost half (252) donated to the Palestinian House of Friendship (PHF) in Nablus.

The Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, in Dublin Ohio, gave \$6,000 for our WASH project in Uganda. We posted five appeals for partners on GlobalGiving and received donations from 103 individuals.

Special thanks to The Zonta Club of Washington; The Jennifer Jessica Cohen Foundation; The Brimstone Foundation; The Marin County Community Fund.

Donors are listed on [page 25](#).

\$6,450 for school toilets in Uganda

\$5,522 to combat early marriage in Zimbabwe

\$2,588 for conflict families in Nepal

\$150 for recyclers in Kampala (KIWOI)

\$1,969.5 for survivors of GBV in Mali

TRANSFERRED:  
\$74,645 to the Palestinian House of Friendship in Nablus

\$1,264.5 for pastoralists in Kenya



### **Peace Fellows and fundraising:**

*McLane Harrington (Fletcher School at Tufts University) raised over \$3,000 to help girls in Zimbabwe resist the pressures of early marriage. McLane's successful fundraising allowed her host, the Women Advocacy Project (WAP), to train over 30 girls to make and sell soap.*



# TAKING ACTION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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AP helps partners launch startups that will evolve into larger programs and eventually produce social change. In 2019, we supported ten startups. Together they benefited 4,701 individuals and over 20,000 family members.



## KENYA

- Building Peace Between Pastoralists

## MALI

- Income generation for Survivors of Gender-based Violence (GBV)

## PALESTINE

- Encouraging Community Service by Young People

## UGANDA

- Using Accessible Toilets to Improve the Quality of Education

## NEPAL

- Ending Menstrual Banishment
- Liberating Domestic Slaves
- Supporting Family Members of the Disappeared Through Embroidery
- Treating Village Women with Prolapse

## VIETNAM

- Supporting Agent Orange Caregivers

## ZIMBABWE

- Empowering Girls to Resist Marriage

“We were so down at the point of collapse (when we began this partnership). Even without funds you have made us rich. AP is a stronger partnership than those who give us money!!” Hilary Bukuno, founder of Children Peace Initiative Kenya, AP partner.

## Installing WASH in Ugandan Primary Schools

Working with the **Gulu Disabled Persons Union**, AP installed accessible toilets and hand-washing at the Abaka primary school in 2019 - the fourth school to benefit from our WASH package since 2015.

When AP visited Abaka in late 2018, only two toilets were functioning and enrollment had fallen from over 500 to 380 in a year. Helped by Peace Fellow Spencer Caldwell, GDPU installed 5 toilets and hand-washing stations and provided training in inclusivity and hygiene to teachers and students. We later learned that GDPU's intervention saved the school from closure.

As in past years, important new lessons were learned at Abaka. The school borehole was broken when we visited. In future we will ask parents to form a water committee and maintain pumps.



Naomi Olorokor, 11, is one of several girls who enrolled at the Abaka Primary School in 2019 after GDPU and AP installed toilets, hand-washing and a changing room for girl students. Abaka is one of 4 schools to receive GDPU's WASH package since 2015.

In 2020, we will expand the model to include a changing room for menstruating girls, arrange for the disposal of pads, and measure the impact on the enrollment of girls. This will be tested out at a fifth school, Lapuda, at the invitation of the Principal. Patrick and Iain from AP visited Lapuda in November 2019 and found two functioning toilets for over 500 students.

The *Prince of Peace Lutheran Church* in Dublin, Ohio has pledged \$6,000. This will cover the cost of construction but not GDPU salaries or monitoring. As a result, we are stepping up efforts to identify new funding. In November the Rotary Club of Gulu agreed to sponsor the Lapuda project. AP will seek to broker a partnership between Rotary clubs in the US and Gulu.

## Supporting Family Members of the Disappeared in Nepal through Embroidery

We helped the **Network of Families of the Disappeared (NEFAD)** to commemorate lost loved ones, design bags and reach the UN.

Between 2016 and 2018 NEFAD members produced commemorative blocks at home in Bardiya. Instead of bringing the blocks to the US, we asked Bobbi Fitzsimmons to visit Nepal and help the women assemble their blocks into memorial quilts.

The experience helped Bobbi come to terms with her own personal losses. Iain from AP accompanied Bobbi and filmed her moving journey. The result was one of AP's most watched videos in 2019. Bobbi also trained Sarita, the cooperative leader, to produce sample Tiger bags which were well received in the US. AP commissioned 50 bags.

During 2019 we raised over \$2,500 for the Bardiya cooperative through GlobalGiving. This covered the cost of an office, new sewing machines, and salaries for Kushma, Sima and Sarita through 2019.

Later in 2019, Iain from AP met with the UN working group on disappearances in Geneva. Using one of the Bardiya quilts, Iain urged the group to be more active in Nepal and pledged AP's support. We hope that working through the UN will help to unblock a deadlock over transitional justice which has added to the despair of families.



**Top:** Sarita Thapa's father disappeared in 2001. In 2019 Bobbi Fitzsimmons visited Nepal and trained Sarita to assemble two memorial quilts and Tiger bags. **Bottom:** AP used a quilt at a meeting with the UN working group on disappearances in Geneva.





## Empowering Girls to Resist Early Marriage in Zimbabwe

AP's partner in Zimbabwe, **Women Advocacy Project (WAP)** launched a startup to train girls to sell soap and took its message to a major UN conference. AP profiled the soap project in a movie.



WAP's advocacy moved to a new level in 2019 after Peace Fellow McLane Harrington helped WAP to launch a soap project. The aim is to provide girls with an economic incentive to avoid marriage.

WAP recruited a local trainer and within a month the girls were producing their own brand of all-purpose soap, *Clean Girl*. Between July and September they sold almost 900 bottles for \$878. Half went to the girls. The rest was reinvested in soap-making by WAP.

The soap sells for \$1 a bottle. This helps when some families are living on \$1.50 a day, but WAP clearly needs to produce more soap and increase the price. Until then WAP will rely on donations. AP transferred \$8,100.50 to WAP in 2019 from Peace Fellow McLane Harrington and Rockflower.

In November 2019, Constance Mugari, the founder of WAP, joined AP's delegation to the UN Summit on women and girls (ICPD25) in Nairobi where she used the *Zimbabwe Child Marriage Quilt* to denounce early marriage. Constance followed up with a visit to the UN office in Harare on return.

**Top:** Evelyn Sachiti, 21, stars in AP's movie *The Soap-maker of Chitungwiza* in which we visit Evelyn at home and watch her team producing *Clean Girl* soap. **Bottom:** Constance Mugari, founder of WAP, oversees the *Clean Girl* soap project.





## Building Peace Between Pastoralists in Kenya

AP helped **Children Peace Initiative Kenya (CPIK)** to organize peace camps for children in Baragoi County at a time when conflict was claiming lives, made worse by drought and climate change.



CPIK organizes peace camps for children from warring tribes and AP has been at CPIK's side for five years. In December 2018 we celebrated the end of fighting between Samburu and Pokot while teenagers watched and approved (photo).



In 2019, with AP's help, CPIK secured funding from the German Foreign Office to work in Baragoi, where Samburu and Turkana herders have fought for years. Helped by Peace Fellow Ben Johnson, the CPIK team organized peace camps for 256 kids; 355 family visits; trainings for 255 elders; and trainings for 72 warriors.

But 2019 also revealed a new enemy. Drought is forcing herders like George Gamaya (photo) to move their cattle into the land of other tribes, triggering conflict. The risks were underscored in October 2019, when several people were killed in Baragoi during a CPIK training.

CPIK and AP hope to research drought, climate change and conflict in 2020, and use the *Kenya Cow Quilt* to illustrate the linkage. Designed by Bobbi Fitzsimmons, the quilt perfectly captures the arid northwest Kenya that is now a battleground.

**Top:** Pokot and Samburu herders raise cattle together, helped by CPIK and funded by AP. **Center:** Pokot teens relax. **Bottom:** George Gamaya lost cattle to drought.



## Supporting Agent Orange Caregivers in Vietnam

AP has raised over \$20,000 for 11 families affected by Agent Orange.

We returned to visit in 2019 and found that they have invested the money wisely but are worried by medical bills and fear of the future.

Ten years of working with the Association for the **Empowerment of Persons with Disability** (AEPD) in Quang Binh district has shown us the human cost of Agent Orange and built up a unique portrait of caregivers.

In 2019 Peace Fellow Mia Howard visited the 11 families we have supported. They included Nguyen Ngoc Thin and his wife Cao Thi Loan (photo) the latest to receive a cow. Mr Thin lost three sons to dioxin poisoning. His surviving sons, Phan and Lam, are gravely ill with cerebral palsy (top photo). But he has used his AP investment wisely.

Mai Thi Loi (below) was the first caregiver to receive funding from AP in 2016. Her three sons had been so affected by dioxin poisoning that she was forced to constrain two in chains. By 2019, two had improved.

Mia asked the families whether they might join a savings group or revolving fund. Her data suggested that it would be difficult. Even Mr Thin the entrepreneur doubted whether he could take on more debt.



**Top:** In spite of the heartache of caring for two sons with cerebral palsy, Nguyen Ngoc Thin and Cao Thi Loan have used their cow to produce fertilizer and increase the productivity of grapefruit trees, planted with a loan from the bank.

**Bottom:** Renting out her cow to other farmers has enabled Mai Thi Loi to buy medicine for her sons. As a result, Hung is no longer chained up and helps his mother around the house.



## Reintegrating Domestic Slaves in Western Nepal

In 2019 we joined **Backward Society Education (BASE)** to advocate for former domestic slaves in Nepal and the US.

The two girls in this photo, Bimala, 16, and Rekka, 21, have spent most of their lives working as *kamlaris* (domestic slaves). When AP met them in April 2019, they were in limbo - freed from slavery but unsure what lay ahead.



AP first investigated the plight of *kamlaris* in 2008, when we sent a first Peace Fellow to BASE. In the years since we have supported BASE's advocacy, helped to snatch girls from their landlords, exposed owners, and paid for the education of several freed girls.

By 2019, thousands of *kamlaris* had been freed, but a new challenge had arisen for girls like Rekka and Bimala. Rekka was freed after 12 years of slavery but lost contact with her family years ago. When AP met her, she was living with 66 other girls in a cramped hostel, several girls to a room. Rekka, 21, had lived in the hostel for nine years.

Bimala and Rekka are among 200 former *kamlaris* who live in hostels. Their plight lacks the drama of slavery, but it will require funds, perseverance and imagination to reintegrate them into society.

In the summer of 2019 Dilli Chaudhary, the founder of BASE, visited Washington, to seek support for BASE's work with child labor. AP arranged for him to meet with the US Department of Labor. Also in 2019, students at the University of Maryland undertook a class project on former *kamlaris* and produced useful recommendations.



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## Menstrual Banishment in Nepal

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AP again supported the advocacy of **CAED**, an AP partner that works in midwest Nepal to eliminate menstrual banishment, known as *chhaupadi*. Peace Fellow Boroka Godley spent a month with CAED's team in Surkhet, spreading the word to schools (photo) and exploring ways to enforce a law banishing the practice.

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## Palestinian Youth in Nablus

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AP transferred \$74,645 to the **Palestinian House of Friendship** in 2019. The donations came from 252 Americans who admire the work of Mohammed Sawalha, the founder of PHF. The funds were used to organize summer camps, literacy classes, a radio studio and the Nablus Girl Scouts troop. Over 3,000 young people benefited. Civil society was also strengthened.

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## Treating Village Women with Prolapse in Nepal

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Pabritra Rai, 70, was one of 690 villagers screened at a health camp organized by **Care Women Nepal (CWN)** in Choubise, Dhankuta district, on January 18. Ms Rai was found to have 3rd degree prolapse and accepted CWN's offer to arrange surgery. Nity Jaiswal attended the camp for AP. This was the last of 10 CWN health camps funded through AP since 2015. Later in 2019, the district government allocated \$110,000 for a CWN center - an indication of CWN's improved standing in Dhankuta.



## FELLOWS FOR PEACE

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### RECRUITMENT

AP advertised 5 fellowships in 2018 and received applications from 21 universities in 11 countries. The five 2019 fellows from the left: Ben, Mia, Boroka, Spencer and McLane.



### TRAINING

Chris Markomanolakis, a graduate of the University of Maryland, took spectacular photos during his 2018 fellowship in Uganda. In 2019 he joined our training to share tips with the 2019 Fellows. Chris works at Population Services International in Washington DC.

"The training about how to take good photographs with Chris was fascinating!" - Boroka Godley, 2019 Fellow.

### With thanks to our 2019 trainers

**Website** - Grace Maliska, digital expert; **Fundraising** - Miranda Cleland, *Global Giving*; **Social Media** - Amy Richards, *Gelardin Center Georgetown University*; **Photography** - Chris Markomanolakis, PSI, former AP Fellow; **Monitoring and Evaluation** - Cynthia Boruchowicz, UMD, former AP Fellow; **Working with Women** - Sarah Craven, UNFPA; **Story-telling** - Colleen Denny, *Spirit of America*, former AP Fellow; **Shooting video** - Elisabeth Bott, *Listening House of St Paul*; **Working with CBOs** - Shannon Orcutt, *Protecting Children in Conflict*, former AP Fellow; **Excel** - Nathalie Arvidson, MBA candidate, *American University*; **Quilting** - Allison Wilbur, *Quilt for Change*; **Microfinance** - Peter Fry, *End Poverty*; **About AP** - Iain Guest; Karen Delaney.

## Deployment

### MCLANE HARRINGTON

*Fletcher School, Tufts  
University*

**ZIMBABWE:** Worked at Women Advocacy Project to prevent early marriage.



### MIA HOWARD

*University of Maryland*

**VIETNAM:** Helped AEPD to support families affected by Agent Orange.



### BEN JOHNSON

*Fletcher School, Tufts  
University*

**KENYA:** Supported cow-sharing and peace camps for pastoralists through CPIK.



### BOROKA GODLEY

*Geneva Graduate Institute*

**NEPAL:** Helped CAED to campaign against menstrual banishment.



### SPENCER CALDWELL

*George Mason University*

**UGANDA:** Helped GDPU to construct an accessible WASH package at the Abaka School in Gulu.



## FEEDBACK - THE IMPACT ON FELLOWS



PERSONAL: "I learned to stay positive and enthusiastic and to find innovative ways of solving problems." Boroka Godley (Nepal)



SKILLS: "I was able to get hands-on experience designing a website, doing trainings, writing a project proposal and omnibus plan, completing an annual report, fundraising, etc" McLane Harrington (Zimbabwe)



ACADEMIC: "I have a better understanding of the context of conflict and methods used to mitigate conflict in diverse communities." Ben Johnson (Kenya)

CAREER: "Meeting with the Agent Orange families has forever shaped and changed my perspective on social change." Mia Coward (Vietnam).

"I believe I have become a more patient person"



## PEOPLE OF AP

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**Board:** After three years as Deputy Director and Executive Director of AP, **Karen Delaney (right)** stepped down and joined the AP Board. Other newcomers to the Board included Bobbi Fitzsimmons, who visited Nepal and Kenya to provide quilt training and three former Peace Fellows, Talley Diggs, Josh Levy and Colleen Denny. Thanks to our 2019 Board members: Scott Allen, Tom Carver, Colleen Denny, Talley Diggs, Karen Delaney, Devin Greenleaf, Bobbi Fitzsimmons, Iain Guest, Lawrence Ingeneri, Josh Levy and William Lorie.



**Quilters:** Bobbi Fitzsimmons, Merry May, Dawn Piasta, Patricia Rennau, Susan Charles, Ellen Fisher, Sue Willows-Raznikov, Cathey Lebonte, The Salama Mamas, Glenda Mah, Rhonda O'Keefe, Betty Warner, Suzanne Munroe, Janice Jones, Allison Wilbur, Tricia Deck, Nancy Hershberger, Colleen Ansbaugh, Julie Zaccone Stiller, Veronica Mayes, Deborah Elouahabi, Deborah Weir, Diane Clapes, Jackie Heupel, **Sandy Snowden (right)**, Katherine Wilson, Wendy Overly, Eleanor Levie, Karen McCann, Sue Bates, Barbara Eisenstein, Karen Pulaski, Elizabeth Greene, Judy Miller, Pam Shanley, Edith Gross, Ellena Georato, Linda Kim, Hope Barton, Kathleen Paduano.



**Interns: Sneha Raj, (right)**, was one of 13 undergraduates who interned at AP in 2019. Thanks to: Ruo Wei Chan, Sneha Raj, Amira Ahamed, Sam Nass, Nathan Charles, Rachel Wright, Emily Schroen, Ruhee Singh, Abigail Lahvis, Alexa Brenner, Nicole Gerhardt, Princial Calida Vas and Alexandra West. Read their testimonials on our website!



**Webmaster** - Josh Nichols; **Accountant** - Beverly Orr; **Auditor** - Eric Bolin; **Website Developer** - Mehedi Doha; **Administration** - Mary Ellen Cain.

"I have gained so much from this internship professionally and personally. AP will always have a special place in my heart." Sneha Raj

# FINANCIALS

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## INCOME

••• Unrestricted Contributions:	\$115,566.69
••• Restricted Contributions:	\$107,871.24
••• Unrestricted Grant:	\$20,000.00
••• Program Services Income (provisional):	\$9,271.53
••• Rental Income:	\$6,573.28
••• In-kind contributions (provisional):	\$32,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$291,782.74

## EXPENSES

••• Personnel Costs:	\$38,562.67
••• Contract Services:	\$15,281.25
••• Project Officer Stipends:	\$6,905.00
••• Office Expenses:	\$7,449.88
••• Occupancy Costs:	\$19,151.32
••• Insurance:	\$5,194.46
••• Subgrant Expenses:	\$111,422.00
••• Travel and Lodging:	\$26,989.11
••• Meetings and Conferences:	\$8,242.54
••• Information and Technology:	\$4,111.25
••• Other Expenses:	\$657.42
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$246,966.90

CHANGE IN NET ASSET: \$44,815.84

# BENEFACTORS

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### THANKS TO:

#### **ORGANIZATIONS**

Humanity United; Brimstone Fund; Journey Fund; Marin Community Foundation; Combined Federal Campaign (US government employees); Community Connections Campaign (World Bank employees); Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Dubin, Ohio; The Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association; Jessica Jennifer Cohen Foundation; Zonta Club of Washington; Global Giving; Rockflower Partners, Inc.

#### **INDIVIDUALS**

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