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Improving Our Future is More than an Idea

Christian Reached Hundreds of Capitol Hill Staff with Free-Market Ideas Because of You

Is Washington, D.C. a graveyard for good ideas? That was the message Christian Rice got while interning for a national think tank. He developed creative regulatory reforms during his internship and his ideas attracted interest from various state governments. But Christian needed skills to put his ideas into action, so he joined America's Future Foundation.

Christian organized events, moderated panels in front of large audiences, and refined his professionalism. Because of your support, Christian landed a job on Capitol Hill. He started "Staff for Liberty" and recruited hundreds of attendees. Members came together to learn about free-market policies and limited government solutions. Your support of rising stars like Christian prepared him to lead and implement change.

"To start this program, I used the exact same skills that AFF gave me. 'Staff for Liberty' broadened staffers' minds and offered think tanks a way into our community. That was only possible because

of AFF. It made nonprofits realize how important Capitol Hill outreach is. There's so much we can do when we simply connect policy experts to legislators."

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Christian Rice moderates an AFF Capitol Hill event on becoming a congressional communications director in December. Your gift to AFF is helping to prepare the next generation of leaders on Capitol Hill.

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Can Libertarians and Conservatives Get Along?

Your Support of Young Professionals Fuels Discussions at Sold-Out Events

Do conservatives and libertarians adhere to the same values, or do their different approaches to political philosophy lead to irreconcilable viewpoints? AFF Indianapolis and AFF Atlanta discussed the answer in co-sponsored events with National Review Institute.

Both events hosted Charles Cooke, a writer with *National Review*, who spoke on the importance of local innovation, despite the move toward one-size-fits-all regulatory policies.

This event was AFF Indianapolis chapter's 3rd consecutive event at capacity – the young professionals you're supporting can't get enough! AFF Indianapolis also celebrated the first anniversary of their founding at this event in April, introducing Greg Lenz as the new chapter leader.

AFF Atlanta also held the event in April with a focus on Cooke's book, *The Conservatarian Manifesto*. Cooke was joined by co-panelists Monica Perez, radio personality at WSB News 95.5 FM, and Greg Williams, political commentator at Greg's List Live and radio personality at America's Web Radio.



A full house turned out to hear Charles Cooke's ideas about how conservatives and libertarians can work together. Your gift to AFF helps bring top-notch speakers to chapter events.

It's All Who You Know

You Connect Young Leaders with Life-Changing Mentors

AFF's D.C. Mentor Program Prepares Young Professionals

Washington, D.C. naturally draws thousands of young people looking to make a difference in the world. Unfortunately, they are often discouraged by D.C.'s bureaucracy and left alone to build a career advocating for free markets.

“I might have met [my mentor] somewhere else, but I wouldn't have that relationship with her that I do if AFF had not paired us.”

-Grace Courter

With your support, AFF's Mentor Program is pairing recent graduates in their first job with more established professionals. Your gifts are helping a new generation of defenders of liberty grow into their careers.

“Meeting one-on-one with another person with more experience helps you see things you can't see by yourself,” said Grace Courter, a recent graduate of the program. Because of her mentor, Grace was able to quickly solve problems at her organization, the Atlas Network.

Mentors and mentees meet regularly, and the conversations organically cover a variety of topics, from how to handle difficult personalities in the office to finding work-life balance.

Grace entered the world of marketing last summer, and was paired with mentor Annie Dwyer, Senior Director

of Communications at the Competitive Enterprise Institute. Grace attributes her career and personal growth to the mentorship program at AFF. “I might have met Annie somewhere else, but I wouldn't have the same relationship with her if AFF had not paired us,” Grace said.

Even though Grace's session is over, she still meets with Annie. The Mentor Program is currently only available in D.C., but with your help, AFF could connect young professionals with experienced mentors across the country.



Grace Courter moderates Speed Networking (sponsored by State Policy Network) at Atlas Network's Liberty Forum & Freedom Dinner 2015 in New York City. Because of your support of AFF's Mentor Program, Grace is able to further her career in liberty communications.

Interested in mentoring a young professional? Contact Jaci Woltornist (jaci@americasfuture.org) to learn about AFF mentoring programs.

Transitioning from College to the Working World

AFF Works with Student Groups to Help Liberty Advocates After Graduation



A young professional asks a question at the “Welcome to Washington” panel, an event geared toward students and interns who want to build careers as free-market advocates. Your gifts to AFF support young leaders transitioning from students to young professionals.

Students are increasingly getting involved with liberty-minded college groups. Organizations like Students for Liberty and Hillsdale College are producing thousands of young people excited to advance the cause of freedom when they graduate. AFF is partnering with many of these organizations to connect students with opportunities after graduation.

Leading the charge at AFF is Heather Pfitzenmaier. “It is fantastic how many student groups are doing great things on campus,” Heather said. “We want to maintain and grow our existing relationships with all the liberty student groups, so we can make sure that young people stay engaged in the liberty movement after graduation.”

Connecting with students who are nearing graduation requires meeting them where they are. AFF Executive Director Roger Custer was recently featured at the annual Foundation for Economic Education

conference on a panel discussing ways to inspire the Millennial generation.

Gifts from supporters like you make it possible for Roger, Heather, and other AFF chapter leaders to recruit new AFF volunteers at liberty conferences across the country. “We have sponsored, exhibited and spoken at a number of regional liberty conferences already this year, and are excited to be at many more,” Heather said.

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With your help, AFF will have a chapter in 40 cities by 2018. College graduates need to know about AFF and its career development programs for this to succeed.

Heather says, “We are particularly excited to congratulate and showcase liberty leaders and their current work on college campuses through our Emerging Leaders Awards. The Emerging Leaders Awards commend students and build awareness that AFF can take help move liberty advocates from students to young professionals.”

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From 4 Cities to 40

AFF Can Reach Young Leaders in 40 Cities With Your Help

You've grown AFF's presence from 4 cities in 2011 to over 20 cities and counting! It's no small feat considering young professionals start and lead chapters on a volunteer basis, juggling family life and a career to advocate for freedom. With your help, AFF can develop young professionals into free market advocates in 40 cities by 2018.

AFF chapters aren't only in "red" cities. In January, you launched AFF Los Angeles - the 2nd largest U.S. city, and not a city known for being kind to free-market ideals.

AFF chapter leader Noelle Mandell is excited to start a community in Houston. She writes,

"Houston is a city chock-full of young professionals who are eager to connect with one another. It's the perfect climate for an AFF chapter because Houstonians are

already inherently interested in these ideas, as can be seen by the lifestyle we live and by virtue of the spirit of the city itself."

Noelle says, "I'm excited to be pioneering a new chapter of a nationwide organization with an amazing track record for supporting and empowering individuals on the ground. AFF creates spaces for like-minded individuals to come together and network for a purpose, to learn and promote a freer society while fostering lifelong relationships."

With your continued support, we'll hear a lot more from Noelle and the liberty-lovers of Houston in the months to come. With your help, even more young leaders will start chapters this year.



Young professionals attend the inaugural meeting of the Houston chapter of AFF. Thank you for helping us launch this and other new chapters in 2016!

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Christian now works in government relations and is a founding member of AFF's Capitol Hill Advisory Board. With AFF, he works with Capitol Hill staff to create innovative and exciting programs. **In the last year, AFF's Capitol Hill events drew more than 500 staffers.** In the next few years, Christian hopes to use the strong foundation you've given him to attend law school and run for office.

"I love working on these policies because I can genuinely make a difference. In the next few years, I want to keep fighting for what I believe in and make an even bigger impact."

With your support, AFF can help other young professionals like Christian get the skills they need. Young professionals arrive in D.C. every day, hoping to spread their love of liberty. They need your help to build skills and experiences that they can apply in their careers.

What Will Your Legacy Be?

Leave a Legacy of Liberty with a Gift to AFF in Your Will

What kind of legacy will you leave for future generations? How can you preserve and expand liberty for your children and grandchildren so they have the same or more opportunity than you did?

One way is to consider a planned gift to America's Future Foundation. By leaving part of your estate to AFF, you will ensure that young professionals nationwide will be educated about the ideas of liberty.

Your support will ensure for decades to come that free markets, limited government, and individual liberty are preserved and defended.

To make AFF a beneficiary in your will, simply contact your attorney and insert the following language: *"I give, devise, and bequeath to America's Future Foundation, tax identification number 52-1928321, 1513 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036 (insert percentage, amount or nature of gift, or remainder of estate) to be used for educational purposes."*

Please notify us when you decide to make a legacy gift so you can receive special recognition in AFF's Legacy for Liberty Society, and thank you for your consideration.

You're Influencing Thousands

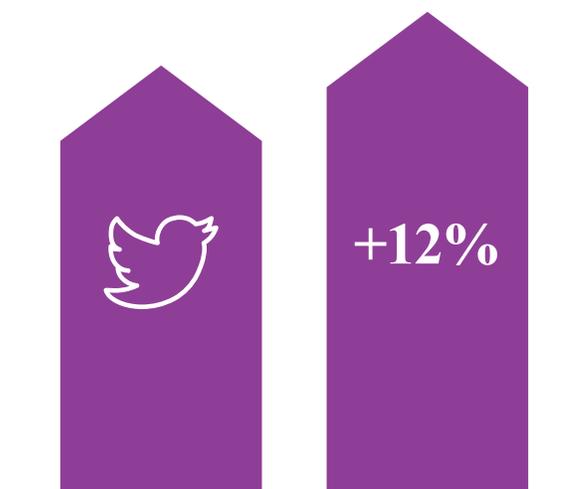
How AFF Leverages Social Media to Reach Free-Market Young Professionals

AFF Marketing Coordinator, Matt Hartill, is reaching thousands of young professionals outside of the chapters thanks to you. With your help, Matt uses social media platforms to share free-market ideas with young professionals across the country, even if there isn't yet a chapter in their area.

**Blog traffic increased 60%
from January to March 2016.**



**Twitter followers increased 12%
from January to March 2016.**



You Provide Opportunity to Young Professionals

Founder Robert Caldwell Shares How AFF and Opportunity Shaped His Life



Robert Caldwell, a founder of America's Future Foundation, speaks at AFF events, provides advice to young professionals, and supports AFF financially. It's because of supporters like you that influential leaders like Caldwell have the opportunity to discuss and advocate for free markets.

Robert Caldwell has had the good fortune to travel the globe working with private companies, public companies, law enforcement, NGOs, regulators, and politicians. But as a young professional, Caldwell realized he had to create his own opportunities.

In 1995, Caldwell, together with his wife, Lisa, and a few other young professionals, saw the need to build a group dedicated to developing young leaders into free-market advocates. "At the time, we talked about how Gen X was broken and too "me" focused. In the beginning, we focused AFF on promoting self-reliance and free-market concepts through discussions and debate. This has successfully morphed into [professional development] programs that support those ideas."

"My wife and I came from a background where we didn't expect anything but opportunity," Caldwell explains. "I didn't have an 'a-ha' moment about liberty, but I grew up working summer jobs since I was 12. If I wanted something, I was thankfully taught to work hard to get it." When Caldwell had the opportunity to attend Oxford University in England for a year term, family or

scholarships couldn't pay for it. Instead, he worked hard and earned the funds necessary to attend.

Caldwell supports AFF financially because he believes he wouldn't have gotten where he is without the help of individual mentors along the way. Now that he reluctantly finds himself a few decades older than most AFF members, he likes giving back to young professionals. With the growth of a welfare society and lack of personal responsibility, Caldwell also finds it important to support AFF's mission.

"It takes decades of hard work to achieve 'overnight' success."

"Sometimes people need a helping hand," says Caldwell. "But you can't complain about the choices you make. Culturally, there is a whole segment of society that complains about others having money. What they don't understand is it takes decades of hard work to achieve "overnight" success. You have to take responsibility for your situation in life. It's okay not to have everything."

Caldwell has 3 tips for young professionals:

1. Everything you do has consequences. You can make your own choices, but always calculate and understand the consequences.
2. The most important decision of your life is your spouse / partner. Choose wisely. It's much easier to grow and take risks when you have a good relationship and financial stability.
3. Show up; honor what you committed to do. Many of my [lucky breaks] occurred because I showed up and the other guy didn't.

"While I have been successful, that success is built on the lessons learned in defeat or mistakes made. It is OK to make mistakes. The key is to not make them twice."



Thank you for all you do to support young professionals and America's Future Foundation chapters across the U.S. If you know a young professional in your life who would benefit from AFF's mission, please let us know. You can call AFF's office with comments, questions, or suggestions at (202) 331- 2261, email info@americasfuture.org, or mail at 1513 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036.



AFF members gather at a Washington, D.C. wine tasting night led by AFF alumnus David White. You are creating opportunities for young free-market advocates to build connections at engaging events.



Tyler Koteskey delivers the winning speech on the harmful effects of overregulating businesses at the "Let's Talk" Competition in March. You empowered Tyler and other young leaders to learn and practice how to communicate the ideas of freedom.



Panelists discuss the implication of beer regulation on entrepreneurship and attendees enjoy samples from participating breweries at AFF Raleigh's event "Get a Taste of Craft Beer Regulation" in March. You are involving young professionals in conversations about how big government affects their lives.



Graduates of the AFF Development Program celebrate with development professionals and AFF members at a happy hour in March. You've made it possible for young leaders to pursue nonprofit careers advocating free-market ideals.

America's Future Foundation's mission is to recruit and cultivate young professionals to become effective, lifelong advocates for liberty.

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