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 Liberty TelegrAFF

**Making History by Remaking the Media**  
Your Support Helps Restore a Commitment to Freedom in the Press



Your support empowers AFF alumni to advocate liberty in the press. Tim Carney (second from left), senior political columnist at the *Washington Examiner*, fellow at AEI, and AFF alumnus, with colleagues at AFF's first annual Writing Fellows Alumni Dinner.

Can we restore balance to the media? Far too often, the media push big government's agenda without considering the consequences. Enter Philip Wegmann.

As a journalist, Philip's work appears in *The Daily Signal* and *The New York Post*. But Philip is also an alumnus of the AFF Writing Fellows program, so he is not the typical big government reporter.

Quite the contrary. Philip now manages the Writing Fellows program for AFF, training liberty-loving journalists, while working full-time as a

Commentary Writer at the *Washington Examiner*.

At AFF's first annual Writing Fellows Alumni Dinner this November, Philip addressed an intimate crowd, telling attendees: "journalists operate on a cliché: we like to think that we write the first draft of history."

Because of your generosity, AFF Writing Fellows and alumni are at the forefront of history, supporting and defending liberty at every turn by holding big government accountable in the press. *(continued on page 3)*

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## Your Inspiration at Work

### AFF Houston Chapter Leader Nationally Recognized

You are shaping a generation through America's Future Foundation. AFF-Houston chapter leader Noelle Mandell was recognized in *Red Alert Politics*. Upon learning of the honor, Noelle explained why she sees great promise in the future:

“[AFF has] an amazing track record of supporting and empowering individuals on the ground to create spaces for like-minded people to come together and network for a purpose, to learn and promote a freer society while fostering life-long relationships.”

Your support inspires Millennials to advocate the ideas of liberty in their local communities. Houston is America's 4th largest city and a hotbed of progressive activism in Texas. But because of your support, AFF chapters are in America's largest cities promoting free markets, limited government, and personal responsibility.

With your help, AFF-Houston has hosted a parade of great speakers including economist Bob Murphy and AFF executive director Roger Custer. These speakers are equipping Houston's young leaders with the knowledge and determination to fight government overreach and recruit more of their friends and colleagues to the liberty movement.

Because of your unique investment, AFF continues to grow in strength and numbers and recapture America's promise. You are connecting, empowering, and promoting the next generation of liberty-minded leaders like Noelle nationwide.



One of the many young leaders you inspire is Noelle Mandell, AFF-Houston chapter leader.

## Writing for the Future of Freedom (continued)

Your support of AFF's Writing Fellowships has helped launch the careers of several promising young conservative and libertarian writers, like Katarina Hall.

Katarina grew up in Guatemala during a period of civil war. She has appeared on CNN en Espanol and published work in *Forbes*, *Cap X*, and *Dissident*.

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With your support, AFF Writing Fellows published more than 380 articles in 2016. Philip Wegman addresses an intimate gathering at AFF's first annual Writing Fellows Alumni Dinner.

Through her work with AFF, she realized her passion for advancing freedom:

“We lived in Guatemala as the communists fought for economic control. As landowners, my family was deeply affected by that. The more I researched economics and the more I wrote, the more my childhood made sense.”

With your support, Katarina experimented with different styles and learned from published experts about op-eds and investigative journalism. Now she uses her passion to combat communist thought through her writing.

“I had started new writing styles and AFF gave me an amazing foundation. AFF's Writing Program just feels so personal and individualized. Working directly with an established journalist like Reason.com's Stephanie Slade was a unique opportunity.”

Your generosity helps new journalists follow in Katarina's footsteps, making the case for freedom on television, online, and in print.



With your help, journalists are tackling liberal bias. Pictured: Jason Russell of the *Washington Examiner* accepts the Writing Fellows Award from AFF's Executive Director, Roger Custer.

# From Castro to Hayek: The Story of Luis Rivera

## Your Support Helps AFF Reach Thousands of Millennials in Miami and Beyond

When Luis Rivera’s parents emigrated from Cuba, they were drawn to the United States because of the freedom it represents. Having lived under an authoritarian regime, Luis’s parents made sure to instill in Luis an everlasting love of liberty, one that persists to this day.

As an undergraduate at Loyola University of New Orleans, Luis studied under renowned economists, including Walter Block. His interest in free markets cemented his commitment to liberty, and when he graduated, he turned to America’s Future Foundation for the next phase in his professional development.

Luis is now Chapter Leader of AFF-Miami, where he fuses his passion for economic freedom with his creativity to reach large audiences. He accomplishes this by streaming live video of the chapter’s events online.

On September 20, AFF-Miami hosted Larry Reed, President of the Foundation for Economic Education, for a talk on his new book, *Real Heroes*. 37 young

leaders attended the talk in person, while more than 1,000 participants watched on Facebook Live.

To build on this success, Luis decided to stream AFF-Miami’s next two events. 25 local members attended a live performance by musician Jordan Page, and the streaming broadcast reached more than 3,300 people nationwide. Shortly thereafter, 50 young leaders attended a debate between political activist Adam Kokesh and politician Augustus Invictus, and 20,000 people tuned in online.

AFF-Miami’s outreach is only possible because of your support. You’re inspiring young leaders like Luis to grow communities around the country. Luis, especially, is grateful. His message for you:

“I’d like to personally thank you for supporting young leaders like me across the U.S. Because of your support, the chapter I lead in Miami, Florida is inspiring thousands of Millennials. Thank you for giving young professionals the opportunity to advocate liberty.”



Your support encourages Luis Rivera (center) and the rest of AFF-Miami to inspire thousands of Millennials with free market ideas.

## You Are Training the Next Generation of Liberty Advocates AFF Professional Development Programs Recruit and Cultivate Leaders

With your help, 2016 saw a significant increase in the number of professional development programs made available to young people interested in working in the liberty movement.

Professional development is a crucial part of AFF's strategy to recruit and cultivate the next generation. By offering something of value to young people after college, AFF is able to draw them in and make them more effective advocates for liberty.

One such program was the development training program AFF hosted in conjunction the Competitive Enterprise Institute. Here, burgeoning fundraisers met with experienced staff for an intimate training and Q&A session on non-profit fundraising for free-market organizations.

All told, AFF programs are on pace to number more than 200 similar events this year. With your support, young people are better equipped to take on the forces of big government than ever before. AFF-Lansing's Annie Patnaude summarized this strategy nicely:



With your help, AFF engages the top talent from partner organizations, like the Competitive Enterprise Institute, in order to empower Millennials to advocate liberty.

“Young professionals are the future of our country, and we have to educate and inspire them with free market ideas. AFF brings Millennials together with engaging programs and provides a platform for engagement that simply can't be found anywhere else.”



You help rising leaders hone their skills to become better liberty advocates in communities across the country. AFF leaders gather at the Competitive Enterprise Institute to discuss professional growth.

# You Spread Liberty to New Cities Nationwide

## Your Support Helps AFF Launch New Chapters and Invest in Young Leaders

**Lansing, Michigan** – Just one block from Michigan’s Capitol, liberty-minded young people gathered to celebrate the launch of AFF’s new chapter in Lansing, Michigan this October. In a room filled with energy, young leaders networked and listened to polling experts Matt Resch and Dennis Denno discuss their predictions for Michigan’s future.

This new chapter came about when Lansing's Annie Patnaude, devoted wife, mother, and leader with Americans for Prosperity, attended an event hosted by AFF-Southeast Michigan. She was inspired to learn that AFF is the only organization that targets liberty-minded Millennials, and she knew she had to be involved to secure the future of freedom.

Annie is now AFF-Lansing Chapter Leader, and her story is only one of many across the country. You are recruiting, inspiring, and empowering young leaders, like Annie, every day.



**Because of you, AFF is now in:**

- Albuquerque, NM
- Atlanta, GA
- Austin, TX
- Chicago, IL
- Dallas, TX
- Grand Rapids, MI
- Houston, TX
- Jackson, MS
- Lansing, MI
- Los Angeles, LA
- Miami, FL
- Milwaukee, WI
- Nashville, TN
- New Orleans, LA
- New York, NY
- Philadelphia, PA
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Raleigh, NC
- Sacramento, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- Seattle, WA
- Southeast Michigan
- Washington, DC

**Nashville, Tennessee** – You made it possible for AFF to launch its newest chapter in Nashville, Tennessee. In addition to its thriving music and cultural scene, The Music City is also home to some of America’s most ardent supporters of freedom, like Hannah Cox.

Hannah is the Outreach Coordinator at Tennessee's free market think tank, the Beacon Center, where she uses the art of storytelling to make the moral case for freedom on a daily basis. She will serve as Chapter Leader of AFF-Nashville and oversee the chapter’s partnership with the Beacon Center’s young professionals group, the New Wataugans. Hannah writes:

“We are thrilled to partner with America’s Future Foundation as we continue to expand our Young Professionals Society and provide a vitally important networking opportunity for Nashville’s rising thought leaders. This partnership will provide connections that reach outside of our state and empower our members as they seek to advance liberty in their own fields.”

Collaborations with leaders like Hannah are possible only with your support. AFF continues to expand because of your generosity and commitment to the principles of free markets, limited government, and personal responsibility.

# Your Support is Empowering the Next Generation

## AFF Leader Appointed to Michigan Circuit Court



Paul Cusick is one of many AFF leaders you are inspiring.

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder (R) recently appointed AFF member Paul Cusick to the 3rd Circuit Court of Wayne County. Before joining the bench, Paul was Assistant Attorney General and a Prosecuting Attorney. In addition to his involvement with AFF, Paul is a

member of several jurisprudence organizations and councils, and serves as a board member of the Michigan Federalist Society.

The judicial system is critically important to the proper functioning of government, and AFF is proud to count young leaders like Paul among its ranks. The ability to reach and inspire these agents of freedom is only possible with your support.

Detroit is the county seat of Wayne County, and because of AFF-Southeast Michigan, it has become a beacon for liberty. After decades of liberal policies, residents of Detroit finally are recapturing their city with free market reforms, and your support of AFF is one of the reasons why.

Paul's appointment to the bench is another sign of progress and a blueprint for how your inspirational support makes real change that improves the quality of life for millions across the country. As always, thank you for making this change possible.

## 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 Roger Custer, at 202-331-2261 or [roger@americasfuture.org](mailto:roger@americasfuture.org), when you decide to make a legacy gift so you can receive special recognition in AFF's Legacy for Liberty Society.



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2016: a snapshot of your support. Clockwise, from top left: you introduce interns and staff to Cato and AFF at "Welcome to Washington"; former congressman Paul Broun addresses AFF members on Capitol Hill; young leaders enjoy AFF's annual gala in May; you teach best practices to rising leaders at AFF programs.

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

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