

# AMERICA'S FUTURE FOUNDATION Liberty TelegrAFF

## Making the Moral Case for Freedom Your Support Empowers Young Leaders in Michigan



With your help, young liberty-minded professionals are receiving the resources they need to best advocate your ideas. Pictured here, AFF Detroit chapter leader Heather Pfitzenmaier (left, in red jacket) poses with members at a recent professional development event.

What exactly does Michigan's attorney general do, anyway? AFF members at the brand new Midland chapter asked him in person.

At Northwood University in Midland, 41 young leaders gathered for an intimate discussion with Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. AFF leaders learned what it takes to be attorney general, and they were given the opportunity to engage directly in a question-and-answer session. These unique opportunities inspire young leaders to become more civically engaged through practical education.

Your work in Michigan does not stop in Midland, however.

128 miles south of Midland, AFF hosted 36 young leaders in Detroit to learn personal branding strategies from Anna Scott of the Charles Koch Institute. Professional development sessions like these showcase the unique and inherent value you provide to young professionals. From networking and policy discussions, to practical advice, you train young professionals to better advocate for liberty.

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## Your Inspiration at Work

### In the Words of Ellen Bartling of AFF Austin

“Thank you for equipping us in Austin with the tools we need to spread liberty.

Instead of wondering how we can talk to millennials about liberty, you empower pro-liberty millennials like me to talk to our peers, organize events that align with their interests, and create powerful social and professional networks in their cities.

This is where AFF really shines, with the happy hours that exceed time scheduled, the sidebar conversations that spark new ways of thinking about an old problem, and the new faces that become familiar faces and close friends – our connections allow us to push each other to advance liberty, no matter what we do professionally.

That's not to say that AFF encourages millennials to operate in a bubble devoid of expertise or intellectual rigor. In fact, AFF's approach is precisely the opposite, in that it weaves intellectually challenging topics into having a great time. AFF brings experts into more intimate social settings, where 'beginner' members feel free to ask earnest questions. By doing this, AFF provides opportunities for both intellectual growth and practical, professional growth.

We've done that in AFF's Austin chapter, with fun social events, like our boat trip on Lake Travis and a conference about civil liberties and criminal justice, co-sponsored with the Center for the Study of Liberty.

This wouldn't be possible without your support, and I can't thank you enough for all that you do to inspire us every day.”

*Ellen Bartling is the chapter leader of AFF Austin. She works full time with Emergent Order, an integrated creative agency and production company in Austin.*



**You empower young leaders like Ellen to advance liberty in communities across the country**



## Your Work in Michigan (continued)



Your support provides young professionals unique opportunities, in Michigan and across the country. Pictured here, AFF Midland members pose with Michigan's Attorney General Bill Schuette (left).

Because of your support, AFF offers young leaders practical and useful training to advance liberty in their communities. In Michigan, this is now more evident than ever.

AFF Vice President and Detroit chapter leader Heather Pfitzenmaier says, "Our Michigan chapters are filling a tremendous gap in the state by continuing to develop liberty-minded young professionals as they start and advance their careers. By offering opportunities for leadership development, our members are stronger advocates for liberty in their communities."

## You Put America's Future Foundation on the Map

The Left outspends us on millennial outreach. But AFF's work has certainly caught their attention.

A recent article in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, highlighted AFF as one of the most prominent organizations inspiring young people with free market ideas. Others included the American Enterprise Institute, The Heritage Foundation, the Federalist Society, Manhattan Institute, and Young America's Foundation. Journalist Julian Routh writes,

"America's Future Foundation has worked to cultivate a nationwide network of conservative-minded young professionals, which some say has become a career pipeline for the future of the movement. . . If the young generation is truly up for grabs ideologically, the

foundation wants to be there with its stated values of free enterprise, limited government and personal responsibility."

AFF is now advancing liberty more effectively than ever. And the Left has taken notice, working hard to curb our movement's progress.

That's why this year, AFF is expanding into new cities and spreading the message of freedom to young leaders in every corner of America. This would not be possible without your help and inspiration.

Thank you for putting AFF on the map and empowering young advocates for your ideas.



Thanks to you, AFF Pittsburgh members hosted Sam Kazman of the Competitive Enterprise Institute at their annual Liberty Ball.

## Meet Some of Your Spring 2017 Writing Fellows

You are empowering aspiring journalists to restore balance to the media and promote the principles of free markets, limited government, and personal responsibility.

In March, 14 promising young writers graduated from AFF's Writing Fellows program. Of these, five students attended the course virtually, a first for AFF. This new virtual component of the program was driven by an increase in demand and made possible by generous supporters like you.

Your investment in young writers pays off when they publish widely across the country. In 2016 alone, your AFF writing fellows published more than 500 pieces. Your support made it possible for these talented young people to graduate from the most recent fellows program:



*Guy Bentley is a research associate at the Reason Foundation, specializing in consumer freedom issues as they relate to regulation. Prior to joining Reason Foundation, Bentley served as a reporter for the Daily Caller News Foundation and the London-based business and finance newspaper City A.M. Bentley's work has been featured in USA Today, Forbes, Time, Business Insider, The Daily Beast, The New York Post, and many other publications in the US and UK. Bentley graduated with a bachelor's degree in Politics and International Relations from the University of Nottingham.*

*Emily Larsen is Campus Reform's program manager, where she recruits and trains student journalists for the Campus Correspondent Program. Her writing has appeared in Campus Reform and Liberty Headlines, and has been featured on Medium. She has also represented Campus Reform in interviews on Fox 5 DC, One America News, TheBlaze, and on local radio. Previously, she worked for the Leadership Institute as a regional field coordinator, and provided resources and training to activist student organizations. Emily is a graduate of the University of New Mexico with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.*



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## Building a Movement: Your Support is Expanded through Collaboration

Because of your support, AFF partners with more than 40 leading conservative and libertarian organizations to bring their ideas to young professionals. More than half of AFF events involve collaboration with a partner.

### Highlights include:

- You collaborated with the James Madison Institute in six cities in Florida to host an innovative public speaking competition that empowers young leaders to make the moral case for freedom;
- You partnered with the Atlas Network on a fun Milton Friedman trivia night event; and,
- You hosted Jarrett Skorup of the Mackinac Center to educate young professionals about positive free market solutions for Michigan's future.

With these partnerships, your support has positioned AFF to further promote liberty among young professionals who, in turn, will have the skills they need to influence their peers with your ideas. It uses AFF's comparative advantage to gather young audiences and hear ideas from organizations they would not otherwise encounter.

For example, you bring together young professionals in Pennsylvania's two major cities to learn the ideas, network, and develop their skills to advocate liberty.

Charles Mitchell is the president and CEO of the Commonwealth Foundation, Pennsylvania's influential free market think tank. He writes: "America's Future Foundation has been instrumental in something that matters greatly to the Commonwealth Foundation: developing young leaders. AFF helps our staff develop their skills in marketing, event planning, and relationship building, all key growth areas not just for them, but for our movement generally."



You teach young professionals how to succeed in D.C. at AFF's "Welcome to Washington", cosponsored by the Cato Institute.

## Your Partners in Growing Our Movement Nationwide

Your generosity allows America's Future Foundation the privilege of partnering with like-minded organizations across the country. As a snapshot, here are some of the organizations with which we are proud to partner:

You give a specific path for lifelong advocacy of liberty when students graduate from these organizations:



You bring the research, ideas, and opportunities of these national organizations to young professional audiences that might not otherwise encounter them:



You strengthen the capacity of these state think tanks, and others like them around the country, to involve young professionals:



## Chapter Leader Profile: Meg Tuszynski



Meg Tuszynski is one of the many chapter leaders you inspire to advocate liberty among young professionals.

Meg Tuszynski recently graduated from George Mason University with a Ph.D. in Economics.

Her dissertation focused on the problematic incentives built into public aid programs, and the role ideas have played in the expansion of the welfare state.

Her research interests include Austrian economics, Public Choice, New Institutional economics, and economic freedom. While in the DC area, Meg was the program manager for the Spending and Budget Initiative at the Mercatus Center.

In 2016, she and her husband moved to Dallas, where she became chapter leader of AFF Dallas and a research associate for the State and Local Policy Project at the O’Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, located on the Southern Methodist University campus.

Meg writes, “Before moving to Dallas, I spent nine years living in the DC area – where opportunities to connect with fellow liberty lovers were omnipresent. Upon relocating here, I was overjoyed to find that there was a vibrant liberty crowd in the area. AFF has an important role to play here in connecting like-minded individuals to both one another, and to opportunities in the area.”

Meg’s story is not unique. Throughout AFF’s history, you have empowered thousands like Meg to advance liberty in their communities, while providing educational and networking opportunities that otherwise would not exist.

## 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.





A snapshot of your support. Clockwise, from top left: you give young leaders professional development training; AFF members enjoy the annual gala; you introduce young people to Heritage and AFF at “Welcome to Washington”; Senator Mike Lee meets AFF members.

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

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