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Advancing Freedom Where It's Needed Most Your Support Yields AFF's Busiest Summer Ever



You are engaging young people with the ideas of freedom across the country. Pictured here, you gathered 65 members of AFF San Francisco at a recent event on political polarization that featured T.K. Coleman, Education Director at Praxis, and Mason Harrison, Vice President of Communications at Crowdpac.

We often associate summertime with vacations. School is out, the weather is warm, and pools and beaches across the country are teeming with activity.

The battle for liberty doesn't take vacations, though.

With your inspiration, AFF had its busiest summer ever. Since the beginning of June, you launched three new chapters in Jacksonville, Portland, and Rhode Island. You also hosted events in more than 20 other cities across the country. In the process, you

reached more than 1,800 young professionals with the ideas of freedom.

Nationwide, you are building communities that bring together free-market enthusiasts in places that need them the most.

Take Rhode Island, for example. Burdened by regulations and big government programs, Rhode Island is the 7th least free state in the country, according to our friends at the Cato Institute.

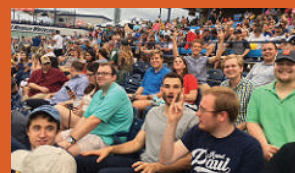
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Your Work Continues

In the Words of Carl Helstrom, Chairman

Thank you for supporting America's Future Foundation. For more than two decades, AFF has nurtured a generation of leaders. As you know, former AFF members, staff, and volunteers now serve in executive positions in business, education, policy, and politics, and many AFF alumni are in positions of influence, thanks to your investment in their education and development.

I'm writing to inform you that AFF Executive Director, Roger Custer, has accepted a new position as Director of Foundation Relations with the Institute for Humane Studies. We're sad to see him go, but we're proud of his accomplishments over the past six years and excited for the value he will add to IHS's important work.

AFF Vice President, Heather Pfitzenmaier, will serve as Interim Executive Director while the Board of Directors searches for a new CEO. We will work closely with Heather, AFF's staff, chapter leaders, and volunteers nationwide throughout the transition.

Many of you have come to know Roger well as an AFF representative, so I wanted to share some of his parting thoughts: "It's been an honor to serve AFF these past six years. I'm proud of the growth of the organization and everything we've accomplished. It's very exciting to think about all the talented people you and AFF have touched, and the impact they will have over the next 20 to 30 years in the world of ideas. New chapter launches in Portland and Jacksonville are just the latest examples."

AFF's Board of Directors is fully committed to its mission and programs. We believe AFF has an extraordinary opportunity to inspire another generation with the love for liberty that inspired us. We look forward to working with you to achieve that goal.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Carl Helstrom

Chairman, AFF Board of Directors



Your Summertime Inspiration (continued)



You empower young leaders, like Lydia White of Portland, to launch chapters where free-market ideas are often criticized. Pictured here, Lydia addresses 40 young leaders at an event held in concert with the Cascade Policy Institute.

That's why young leaders, like AFF Portland's Lydia White, are excited to bring young people together at fun, innovative, and engaging programs that celebrate the ideas of liberty. Lydia writes:

"America's Future Foundation provides Portland's emerging young professionals with a platform to network with liberty-minded individuals and engage in constructive discourse. Although the media portrays Portland otherwise, there's no shortage of free-market enthusiasts. A sorely needed outlet in an overwhelmingly liberal city, AFF enables such individuals to connect with their like-minded peers who know that a better future comes from free markets, not big government."

Thank you for giving young leaders across the country, like Lydia, the opportunity to advance liberty locally. Because of your support, young professionals are embracing our message of freedom and influencing their peers to do the same.

Liberty and Baseball

You Merge America's Pastimes to Excite Young Leaders

How do we empower Millennials to advance liberty?

To start, you host educational events in 27 cities to inspire young professionals with your ideas. For example, you brought together 45 people at an event in Chicago in July, featuring Charles Cooke of *National Review* magazine.

But you also do much, much more.

At its core, AFF is a community of like-minded young leaders who want to advocate free markets and individual freedom. You grow AFF organically by equipping these young leaders with the skills they need to influence their peers. And the best way for these young leaders to meet new peers is through fun networking opportunities that you provide.

This summer, three AFF chapters hosted social events at ballparks in Grand Rapids, Milwaukee, and Raleigh, and it's only possible because of your support. These events give AFF members the opportunity to include their friends, many of whom may be unaware of our message. In turn, more and more Millennials are introduced to AFF and inspired by the ideas of freedom.

Thank you for all you do to bring together young people at fun events across the country. Together, we are moving the dial toward freedom, one city at a time, and winning an entire generation for liberty.



From breweries to ballparks, you hosted social events across the country this summer at which young professionals celebrated the ideas of freedom. Pictured here, some members of AFF Milwaukee enjoy a Brewers game.

Meet Some of Your Summer 2017 Writing Fellows

Are you tired of bias in the media? Your support provides a specific solution. This summer, you trained 14 young journalists to advocate free-market ideas in the press.

Caroline Thorman participated in the program in 2016. Professionally, she serves as deputy communications director for Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA11) in the House of Representatives, and her writing has appeared in publications such as *Red Alert Politics*. Caroline is grateful for the investment you made in her:

“AFF’s Writing Fellows Program has been incredibly helpful to me as I aspire to become an influential writer

in an increasing polarized culture. Being able to simplify complicated issues where the average reader will not only be intrigued, but educated by what you write indicates you’ve done your job well. I’m so grateful for the opportunity to participate in a fellowship that pushes me to excel as a writer, helps me improve my writing techniques, and prepares me to communicate ideas that work.”

This year, AFF Writing Fellows have published more than 800 pieces in outlets across the country, as your support allows others to follow in Caroline’s footsteps. Your support made it possible for these talented young people to graduate from the most recent session:



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Davis Richardson is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, where he studied political theory and writing. During college, he interned with Interview magazine, IFC Films, AOL, and the U.S. House of Representatives. Since graduating, his writing has appeared in VICE, Nylon, BULLETT, Capitol File, New Haven Register, WIRED, and The Daily Caller. He currently works as a reporter on national politics at the New York Observer.



Diana Stancy works as a breaking news reporter at the Washington Examiner. She previously was a Student Free Press Association Fellow for the Washington Examiner, interned for The Daily Signal at The Heritage Foundation, and served as a Communications Fellow with the Network of Enlightened Women (NeW). Her writing has been featured in publications including The Daily Signal, the Washington Examiner, The Hill, Red Alert Politics, Campus Reform, and The College Fix. She graduated from Elon University in May 2016, where she studied political science and journalism.

Gaining Ground in Our Nation's Capital

Your Investment Ensures the Future of Freedom

Young people like to have fun. But more importantly, they need to network with other young professionals. To share ideas, to foster collaboration, and to build relationships that can last a lifetime.

Their futures depend on it. The future of freedom depends on it.

That's why you host AFF's annual gala, where the future leaders of our movement convene to have fun, network with like-minded peers, and celebrate the growth of AFF nationwide. And this year, there's much to celebrate.

You are now supporting 27 active chapters, up from 22 one year ago. You have already hosted more than 120 unique events and reached more than 7,500 young

leaders in the process. You've launched five new chapters in Boston, Jacksonville, Portland, Provo, and Rhode Island, with chapters in Los Angeles and Omaha expected to launch soon.

You inspired 25 liberty organizations to sponsor this year's gala, including the American Enterprise Institute, Cato Institute, The Fund for American Studies, The Heritage Foundation, Institute for Humane Studies, Young America's Foundation, and many others.

With more than 220 young people in attendance, this year's gala was a testament to everything you've accomplished by supporting AFF. With tremendous growth and strong organizational partnerships, you've positioned AFF to advance liberty for generations to come.



You equip young leaders, like former Writing Fellow Emily Larsen (left), with the skills they need to advocate liberty nationwide.



You inspire young professionals to embrace the ideas of liberty. Pictured here, Jeff Berkowitz, AFF board member and CEO of Delve, addresses more than 220 young liberty advocates at AFF's annual gala in May.



You offer young professionals fun networking opportunities, like AFF's annual gala in Washington, DC. This year, photographer and prominent libertarian activist Judd Weiss was on hand to capture the evening's most memorable images.

You Ease the Transition and Provide the Next Step

Have you ever moved to a new city, where no one knew your name? Do you remember your first day of school, or the first day of your first job?

New beginnings can be intimidating. Just ask the thousands of eager, liberty-minded young professionals who flock to Washington, DC in droves every summer. Abandoning their comfort zones, these young people come to our nation's capital as interns, Capitol Hill staffers, and entry-level employees. Their transition from college to the professional world is a difficult one. But thankfully, you're there to help.

In June, you hosted more than 200 liberty-minded young leaders at Welcome to Washington, AFF's triannual event for young professional newcomers in Washington, DC. Programs like Welcome to Washington ease the difficult transition for recent college graduates by offering them a place to meet new friends and network with like-minded peers.

By supporting AFF, you are providing these young leaders with unique opportunities that will lead to lifelong and effective advocacy for liberty. Thank you for inspiring them to take the next step.



You introduced young professionals to AFF and The Heritage Foundation at Welcome to Washington in June. You hosted speakers from the Conservative Book Club, Charles Koch Institute, Leadership Institute, and The Heritage Foundation. Photo courtesy of The Heritage Foundation.

You Help Young Professionals Rise Above the Noise

Unfortunately, there's increased rancor in today's public policy dialogue. It's easy to find negativity from politicians, media, and even your friends and neighbors. It's rare to find positive, intelligent, forward-looking events and communities that offer public policy solutions.

That's where you come in. That's where AFF comes in.

As I reflect on my six years with America's Future Foundation, one point of pride is the nature of the people and events associated with it. I do not recall a culture of rancor, even when the most divisive topics were discussed, including immigration and right-to-work.

Eric Shierman's account of the AFF Portland chapter launch confirmed this for me. He wrote:

"I made it out to their first event this week and saw something you don't see every day: a room filled with young people interested in limiting the size and scope of government...It was so refreshing to go to an event about politics that wasn't filled with anger."

You've created a network in 27 cities around the country that counters rancor by offering fun and innovative

events based on unifying principles: free markets, limited government, and personal responsibility. You provide unique social communities where young professionals, like Eric, come back to learn more and gain valuable skills.

For more than two decades, you have incubated the talents not just of our members, but of our leadership, as well. I'm the latest in this line of advocates, and accepted a position as Director of Foundation Relations with the Institute for Humane Studies.

The board and I are fully committed to finding AFF's new Executive Director and equipping him or her with the tools necessary to take AFF to the next level. Together, we can inspire Millennials to embrace liberty nationwide.

Sincerely,

Roger Custer



Chapter Leader Profile: Hannah Cox



Hannah Cox is one of the many chapter leaders you inspire to advocate liberty among young professionals nationwide.

Hannah Cox, AFF Nashville's Chapter Leader, works full-time as the Outreach Coordinator for the Beacon Center of Tennessee. There, she manages the grassroots arm of the Center, and her role is that of a liaison between the Center and the communities and residents of Tennessee.

In her position, Hannah acts as a chief storyteller, managing policy projects and giving a voice to the countless Tennesseans affected by the Center's work. She finds and crafts the stories of local heroes and provides them with a platform to speak on economic issues that impact their daily lives.

Hannah also oversees the Center's coalition outreach efforts, working to unite activists throughout the state in common goals. She coordinates the Beacon Center's events in an effort to spread the Center's principles of individual liberty, limited government, and free markets throughout the state of Tennessee.

The Music City is home to some of America's most ardent supporters of freedom, like Hannah. Because of your support, AFF Nashville has hosted seven events and reached 185 young professionals with the ideas of freedom this year.

Hannah writes, "The Beacon Center is thrilled to partner with AFF as we work to expand our outreach efforts to the politically-minded young adults in our state's capital of Nashville. AFF has done an impeccable job of providing a network of support and growth for Millennials across the country. Through their work, the seeds of liberty are being planted in the minds of our future generation and our future leaders are being cultivated through the opportunities AFF provides."

Hannah's story is not unique. Throughout AFF's history, you have empowered thousands like her to advance liberty in communities nationwide, 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, advise, and bequeath to America's Future Foundation, tax identification number 52-1928321, 3434 Washington Blvd 1st Floor, Arlington, VA 22201 (insert percentage, amount or nature of gift, or remainder of estate) to be used for educational purposes."

Please notify Heather Pfitzenmaier, at (734) 545-9660 or heather@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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Because of your generous support, more than 220 young professionals and leaders gathered at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC to celebrate liberty and network with like-minded peers at AFF's annual gala in May. As a snapshot, here are some photographs that were taken on the red carpet.

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

All gifts are tax-deductible because AFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization.