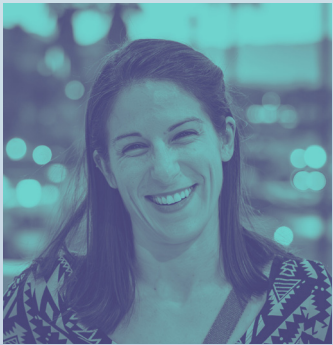




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AMERICA'S FUTURE ANNUAL REPORT



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FROM THE CEO

Friends of America’s Future,

Thirty years ago, eight people in Washington, D.C.— Chris Siddall, Mary Riner, Adam Kaufman, Bob Caldwell, Lisa Caldwell, Samuel Casey Carter, Suzanne Kirby, and Scott Lansell—came together because they identified a need: to train the next generation of liberty’s leaders and to win the hearts and minds of young Americans.

Their answer to that need was to form an institution they called America’s Future Foundation.

They held roundtable debates. They hosted happy hours. They published a magazine called *Doublethink*. They told people, “Never underestimate the value of having a good time. We understand how important social networks are for change. And whether you are a conservative, a libertarian, a Randian, a neocon, or an anarcho-capitalist, there is a place for you here.”

We’re now carrying that spirit into AF’s next 30 years.

In the past year, we have worked with and connected thousands of young professionals who believe in the ideas of freedom and virtue, who love America, and who seek to dedicate their professional lives to creating a more perfect union. For those future leaders, it’s through our fellowship programs focused on writing, leadership, marketing, and storytelling that they’ll gain critical skills for advancing the American experiment. It’s through our network of classically liberal young professionals that they’ll build the connections that will accelerate their careers.

This past year has been my first as the CEO of America’s Future, but it’s not my first rodeo. Before stepping into this role, I had the pleasure of leading AF’s Chicago chapter for more than 10 years. I’ve seen the difference AF can make in people’s lives, because I’ve seen the difference that it’s made in mine. It afforded me the opportunity to become a leader and a more effective communicator. It also introduced me to countless people I now count among my closest and most important friends.

It’s no exaggeration to say that my involvement with AF has changed my life. I’m excited my journey has now come full circle, and I’ve been given this incredible honor of leading America’s Future as we embark on the next 30 years of our critically important work.

Thank you for your support of America’s Future, and for joining with us in developing the next generation of freedom’s leaders. On behalf of the board and our incredible staff, we’re so grateful for your partnership.

In liberty,



Eric Kohn
CEO, America’s Future



DC

Home to AF’s headquarters, AF-DC serves as the epicenter of America’s Future’s activity, emphasizing national policy conversations, network growth, and professional development. The region is led by Ed Tarnowski of EdChoice, bringing a policy-forward lens to convening rising leaders in the nation’s capital.



Event Feature

AI, the Antitrust Threat, and Federal Tech Policy

AF-DC partnered with NetChoice to host a conversation on AI, antitrust, and federal tech policy, featuring Patrick Hedger and Paul Taske. Attendees explored how emerging regulations could shape innovation and free expression while connecting with fellow DC changemakers.

Event Feature

Welcome to Washington

AF-DC convened nearly 100 interns and young professionals at Microsoft’s Washington, D.C. office for a career-focused program co-hosted with Leadership Institute, Cato Institute, and State Policy Network. Panelists with experience in policy, advocacy, and talent development shared practical guidance on navigating Washington’s professional landscape, building strong networks, and charting long-term career paths within the liberty movement.

Other DC Events in 2025

- Entrepreneurship, A Pathway to Freedom
- Your Body, Your Health Care — A Fireside Chat with Dr. Jeffrey Singer
- Happy Hour with Run Gen-Z!
- Populism’s Price Tag — A Fireside Chat on Tariff Policy

CALIFORNIA

AF-California spent 2025 strengthening relationships with local partners and community leaders while laying the groundwork for future programming across the state. These foundational efforts helped expand AF's presence in key cities and positioned the region for renewed engagement and growth in the year ahead.



NORTHEAST

Event Feature

The Future of Crypto

AF-Northeast hosted a lively discussion in New York City exploring the future of cryptocurrency and its role in the American economy. The conversation featured Kade Almendinger, an early Bitcoin investor and blockchain journalist, and Andrew Hodges, Founder and Managing Member of Value Investment Professionals. Together, they examined crypto's long-term viability, cultural impact, and risks, prompting thoughtful debate and engaged discussion among attendees.

Other Northeast Events in 2025

- Minorities in Crypto
- Dolce Libertà Italian Summer Night
- Men in the Free World

SOUTHEAST

Event Feature

Raleigh Children's Business Fair

AF-Southeast partnered with Acton Academy to host a Children's Business Fair, giving young entrepreneurs the opportunity to launch their own small businesses in a one-day marketplace. Participants developed products, built brands, and engaged directly with customers, reinforcing the value of entrepreneurship, creativity, and personal responsibility while inspiring families and community members alike.

Other Southeast Events in 2025

- Free Range Kids Breakfast and Discussion
- Generosity in a Changing World
- Should Books Be Banned? Jeffersonian Dinner



"Serving with AF has been the best career choice I have made. I wish every young leader in our movement could serve as an AF leader."

— Chris West
Southeast Regional Director

ATLANTA

The Atlanta Chapter concentrated on establishing its local foundation in 2025, engaging emerging leaders and exploring opportunities for collaboration across the city. These efforts helped position AF-Atlanta for sustained growth and deeper community impact in the year ahead.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Chapter focused on building early momentum in 2025 by cultivating relationships with local leaders and laying the groundwork for future programming. Through community outreach and strategic networking, AF-Chicago strengthened its presence in the region and expanded connections within the local liberty ecosystem.



AUSTIN

AF-Austin brings together young professionals interested in free-market ideas, entrepreneurship, and personal responsibility through practical, accessible programming. The chapter is led by Ivy Karns of Emergent Order Foundation, whose leadership emphasizes financial literacy, economic freedom, and community connection.



Event Feature

Secure the Bag, Dodge the Government

AF-Austin hosted an engaging personal finance workshop featuring Dominic Lanzillotta, a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch. Dominic shared practical strategies for building wealth, understanding policies that impact personal finances, and making smart money decisions early in one’s career. The conversation equipped attendees with actionable insights and encouraged greater financial confidence and independence.



DETROIT

AF-Detroit centers its programming on civic engagement, human dignity, and community-driven solutions to social challenges. The chapter is led by Elijah Richardson, Executive Director of the Michigan Urban Youth Alliance, whose work reflects a deep commitment to local leadership and opportunity.

Event Feature

Poverty Inc. Screening

AF-Detroit partnered with the Acton Institute to host a screening of the award-winning documentary *Poverty, Inc.*, which brought together 104 students, young professionals, and community leaders. The program featured a panel moderated by Kaitlyn Buss, with entrepreneur Magatte Wade and filmmaker Michael Matheson Miller, challenging attendees to rethink traditional approaches to poverty, development, and human dignity.

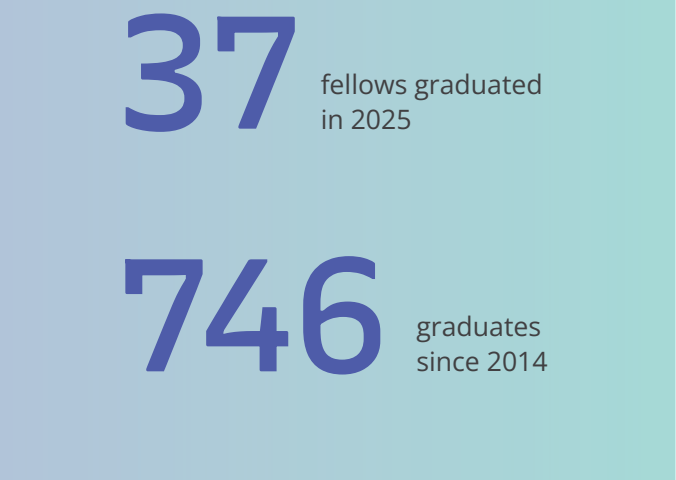




WRITING FELLOWSHIP

Launched in 2014, AF’s Writing Fellowship trains emerging writers to communicate liberty-aligned ideas clearly and effectively across mainstream and movement media. Offered multiple times each year both virtually and in person in Washington, D.C., the program supports early- and mid-career professionals seeking to sharpen their voice and expand their impact.

Led by Matthew Purple of Regnery Publishing, fellows complete a seven-week curriculum focused on opinion writing, reporting fundamentals, pitching editors, and translating complex ideas into accessible commentary. Participants leave with polished writing samples, increased confidence, and a clearer path toward publication.



“The Writing Fellows experience gave me the context and confidence I needed to begin pitching my writing to the right publications. I’m grateful for the experience, the connections made, and the lessons learned!”

— Briones Bedell, Ohio
Account Manager,
Monkey Crayon Media



“I was equipped with tools for writing that are transferable to any area of professional life! I feel as though in six weeks I’ve completely transformed as a writer, finding my voice and niche within the opinion writing world!”

— Lillian Floutsis, Indiana
Indiana Senior Field Representative,
Conservative Energy Network



“Being an America’s Future Writing Fellow not only sharpened my ability to write with clarity and purpose, but also equipped me with the professional skills needed to confidently present my work to editors.”

— Jack Baum, Virginia
Recent Virginia Tech Computational
Modeling & Data Analytics graduate



BOOK PUBLISHING FELLOWSHIP

In summer 2025, America’s Future launched its inaugural Book Publishing Fellowship as an advanced extension of the Writing Fellowship, designed to support fellows pursuing long-form projects and provide realistic exposure to the book publishing process.

This five-week cohort guided participants through concept development, audience identification, proposal structure, and an overview of the publishing ecosystem, including the roles of agents, editors, and publishers. Rather than emphasizing immediate publication outcomes, the program focused on helping fellows build strong, coherent book concepts and equipping them with the tools needed to pursue publication over time.

Fellows in the Book Publishing Fellowship are currently developing book-length projects exploring liberty, civil society, culture, and political responsibility from diverse perspectives. These works reflect the depth of AF’s writing community and its commitment to cultivating thoughtful, long-form contributors who can help shape cultural and intellectual discourse for years to come.

LEAD FELLOWSHIP

The LEAD Fellowship prepares rising professionals to lead effectively in business, nonprofit, and civic sectors by grounding them in free-market leadership principles and ethical decision-making. The program is led by Meredith Turney, Senior Director of Leadership at State Policy Network, who connects fellows with experienced business and nonprofit leaders for practical, real-world learning.

AF hosts two virtual cohorts each year, with fellows engaging in weekly sessions, case studies, and guest lectures focused on effective management and values-based leadership. Since the program’s inception, nearly 80 fellows have completed LEAD, including eight of the 15 fellows from the first cohort who earned promotions within six months.

LEAD graduates now serve as small business owners, program directors, and senior nonprofit leaders, applying liberty-centered leadership to drive results and build strong, values-driven workplace cultures.



“This is a great program to develop your leadership skills and hosts amazing presenters. Your future career path will thank you for taking part in it.”

— Jared Hooper, Georgia
Deputy State Director,
USDA Rural Development



“The LEAD Fellowship helped me to better articulate my leadership philosophy and gave me the tools to take the next step in my career.”

— Kamron Kompani, DC
Legal Programs Manager,
Goldwater Institute

GO! FELLOWSHIP

The GO! Fellowship supports entrepreneurial leaders turning ideas into action, equipping fellows to launch projects that advance liberty through civic engagement, policy innovation, and grassroots organizing.

The Basics of Self-Government

Freedom is secured through self-government. Our government is a republic that divides, separates and shares power with citizens through representatives, allowing us a say in the rules that govern us.

A republic is a structure of government that funnels power up from the people.

The American Republic combines the major elements from other governments: The Executive represents the monarch, the Senate represents an aristocracy and the House represents the people.

We have a layered republic consisting of 50 state republics united under one federal republic. This gives us the adaptability of a small government and the strength and security of a large government.

Sign the Declaration of Representation

In the course of human events, people must stand up for their rights. Sign our declaration and stand for your right of representation.

Scan to sign!

Help us restore the promise of self-government. Together, we can give every American a stronger voice in our democracy.

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Fellow Feature Jeff Mayhugh | No Cap Fund

Jeff Mayhugh is a Christian, husband, father of five, political theorist, and poet whose work bridges civic philosophy, family life, and democratic reform. He is the Founding Editor of Politics and Parenting, a contributor to The Hill, and Vice President of No Cap Fund, a single-issue, bipartisan organization dedicated to uncapping the U.S. House of Representatives by the 2030 census.

During and following the GO! Fellowship, No Cap Fund restructured its leadership and expanded its organizational capacity, adding new board members including YouTuber Matt Beat and Reagan Caucus founder Thomas Howes. The organization reached its first \$5,000 fundraising milestone in December and began building a grassroots movement, with chapters underway in North

Carolina, Oregon, Virginia, and Wyoming.

Looking ahead to 2026, Jeff’s work through No Cap Fund focuses on elevating the case for representation across four audiences: citizens, donors, policymakers, and media, with the goal of making uncapping the House a central issue in the midterm elections and restoring self-government through meaningful representation.



ANNUAL GALA & AWARDS SHOWCASE

On May 22, 2025, America’s Future hosted its 30th Anniversary Gala and Awards Showcase in Washington, D.C., welcoming nearly 350 young professionals, partners, and supporters for one of the region’s largest gatherings of liberty-minded leaders. The evening celebrated three decades of impact while casting a bold vision for AF’s next chapter of growth.

The Gala brought together alumni, fellows, donors, and movement partners to honor the power of community, leadership, and ideas. Guests reflected on AF’s role in shaping rising talent and strengthening civil society, while connecting across industries and generations.



1995 SOCIETY

As part of the anniversary celebration, AF inducted four new leaders into the 1995 Society, recognizing individuals whose work has strengthened the liberty movement through leadership, ideas, and institutional impact. The evening underscored AF’s enduring mission: **to equip the next generation with the skills, relationships, and confidence to build freer communities.**

Together, these inductees reflect the range of leadership paths AF supports, from media and grassroots organizing to policy development and institutional leadership, and demonstrate how early engagement and sustained support translate into long-term impact.



Hannah Cox
Activist, commentator, and writer; Co-Founder and President of BASEDPolitics, a nonprofit producing accessible content that advances free-market ideas and individual liberty.



Robert Ordway
Policy advisor, entrepreneur, and civic leader; currently the principal of Englehart Street Advisors and manager of Indiana Federal Affairs.



Caleb Franz
Author of *The Conductor: The Story of Rev. John Rankin, Abolitionism’s Essential Founding Father*, and Program Manager at Young Voices, supporting emerging writers and policy voices.



Heather Pfitzenmaier
Director of the Executive Leadership Program at the State Policy Network; previously served as Executive Vice President of America’s Future Foundation.

REGIONAL SHOWCASES

To extend its 30th anniversary beyond Washington, America’s Future recognized outstanding regional leaders whose work reflects the strength and diversity of the liberty movement nationwide. Each celebration was paired with a major movement gathering, reinforcing AF’s role as a connector across regions, organizations, and leadership pipelines.



AF-CA: Regional Showcase at FreedomFest

AF hosted a 100-person Regional Showcase during FreedomFest in Palm Springs and inducted Nathan Fatal into the 1995 Society. Nathan leads community organizing at the Leadership Institute, where he has trained more than 10,000 activists, overseen hundreds of volunteers and campaign staff nationwide, and advanced free speech protections on college campuses. His work exemplifies grassroots leadership development and long-term movement building.



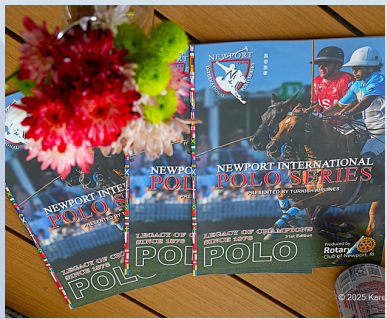
AF-SE: Regional Showcase at SPNAM

AF recognized Aly Brodsky with a 1995 Society Award during the State Policy Network Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Aly has provided strategic leadership across nonprofit reform and public policy, including co-chairing the Louisiana Workforce and Social Service Reform Task Force and helping launch large-scale public benefit programs. Her work strengthens state-based reform efforts while advancing practical, free-market solutions.



AF-NE: Regional Showcase & Polo Match

AF inducted Conner Drigotas into the 1995 Society during its Annual Polo Match in Rhode Island. Conner is a mission-focused leader and investigative journalist who serves as Managing Editor at Inside Investigator, where his work advances transparency and accountability through in-depth reporting on corruption and governance. A passionate advocate for moral philosophy and economic freedom, he applies a solutions-oriented mindset to empower individuals and strengthen civic life.



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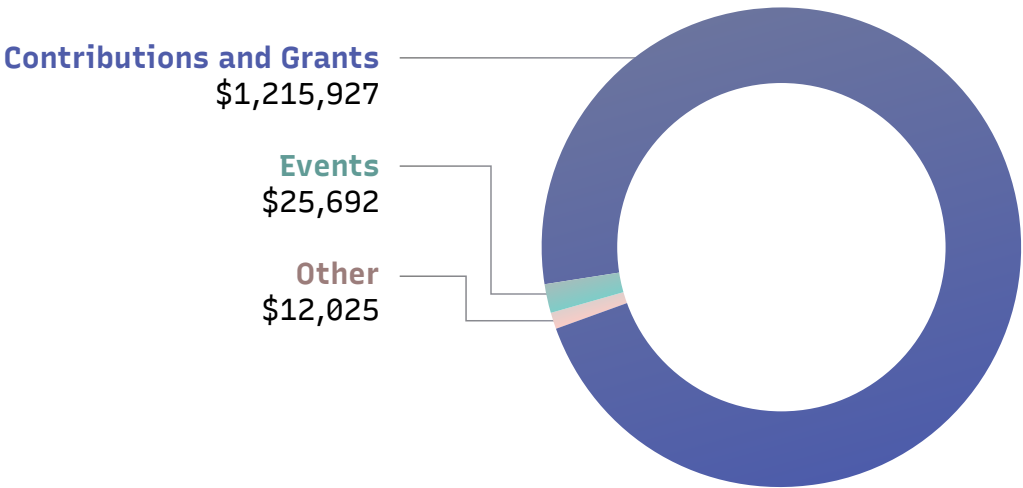
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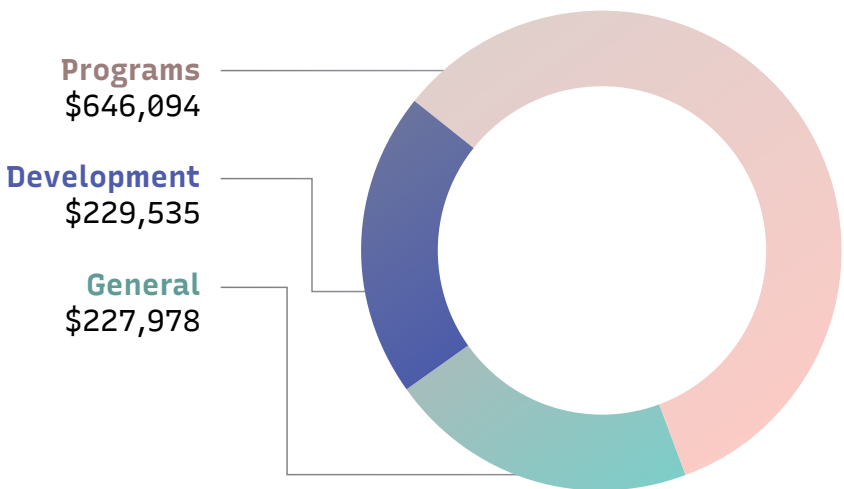
2025 FINANCIALS

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Total Revenue
\$1,246,143.⁸⁰



Total Expenses
\$1,103,606.¹²





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