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REPORT  
PEACE  
CATALYST  
INTERNATIONAL



**EQUIPPING AND  
MOBILIZING CHRISTIANS  
FOR COLLABORATIVE  
PEACEBUILDING ACROSS LINES  
OF DIFFERENCE**



A stylized world map in a light orange color, serving as a background for the text. The map shows the continents of North America, South America, Europe, and Africa.

# 2022 **IMPACT**

**383** PEACEMAKING  
EVENTS

**47** CITIES  
TOUCHED

**8558** PEACE  
PARTICIPANTS

# HOW

## WE BUILD PEACE

### **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

Instead of talking about each other, we help people talk to each other through events where diverse neighbors can interact, connect, and practice learned peacebuilding skills.

### **TEACHING & TRAINING**

We equip peacebuilders by giving theological foundations for peacebuilding, tools for working with people of other faiths & backgrounds, and practical peacebuilding skills that can be applied in any location or context.

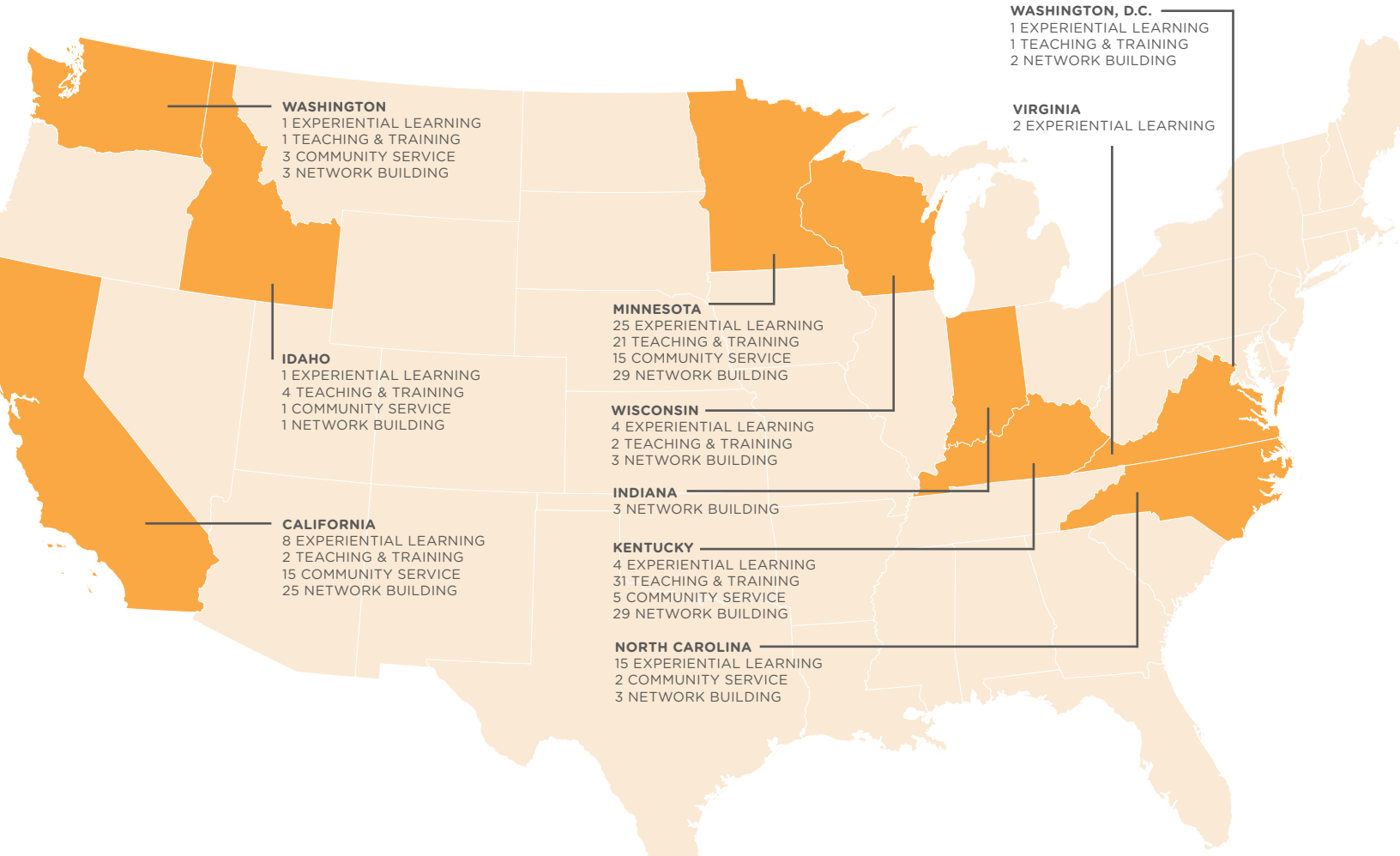
### **COMMUNITY SERVICE & ACTIVISM**

Because we can affect exponential change when we work together, we gather people of different backgrounds to serve the community side-by-side and coordinate public action to make a positive impact in the places we live.

### **NETWORK BUILDING**

The first step toward peacebuilding is showing up and building relationships, so we work hard to make peace connections around the globe.

# 2022 IN THE UNITED STATES



**WASHINGTON**

1 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
1 TEACHING & TRAINING  
3 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
3 NETWORK BUILDING

**IDAHO**

1 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
4 TEACHING & TRAINING  
1 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
1 NETWORK BUILDING

**CALIFORNIA**

8 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
2 TEACHING & TRAINING  
15 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
25 NETWORK BUILDING

**MINNESOTA**

25 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
21 TEACHING & TRAINING  
15 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
29 NETWORK BUILDING

**WISCONSIN**

4 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
2 TEACHING & TRAINING  
3 NETWORK BUILDING

**INDIANA**

3 NETWORK BUILDING

**KENTUCKY**

4 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
31 TEACHING & TRAINING  
5 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
29 NETWORK BUILDING

**NORTH CAROLINA**

15 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
2 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
3 NETWORK BUILDING

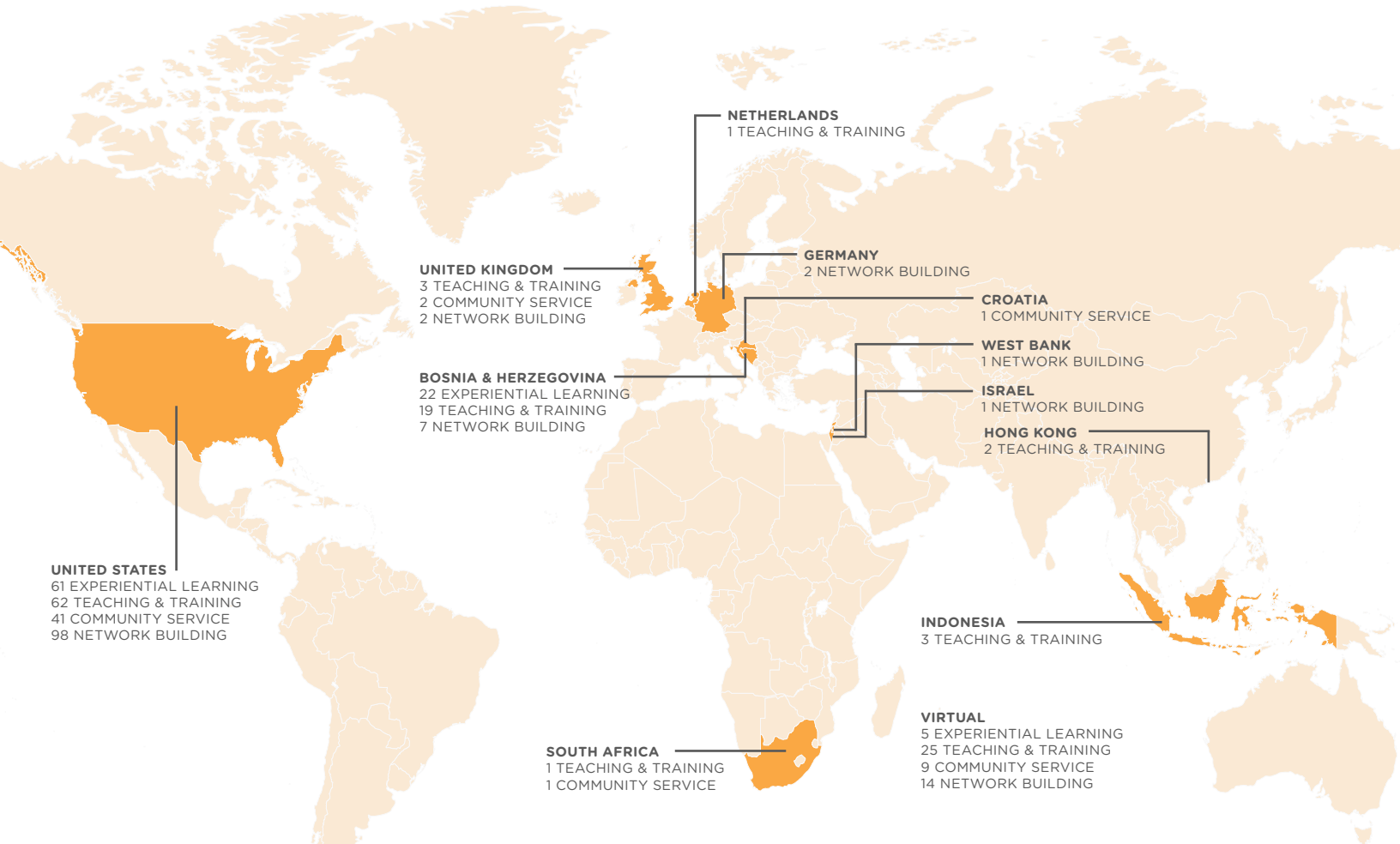
**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

1 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
1 TEACHING & TRAINING  
2 NETWORK BUILDING

**VIRGINIA**

2 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

# 2022 AROUND THE WORLD



**UNITED STATES**  
61 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
62 TEACHING & TRAINING  
41 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
98 NETWORK BUILDING

**UNITED KINGDOM**  
3 TEACHING & TRAINING  
2 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
2 NETWORK BUILDING

**BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA**  
22 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
19 TEACHING & TRAINING  
7 NETWORK BUILDING

**SOUTH AFRICA**  
1 TEACHING & TRAINING  
1 COMMUNITY SERVICE

**NETHERLANDS**  
1 TEACHING & TRAINING

**GERMANY**  
2 NETWORK BUILDING

**CROATIA**  
1 COMMUNITY SERVICE

**WEST BANK**  
1 NETWORK BUILDING

**ISRAEL**  
1 NETWORK BUILDING

**HONG KONG**  
2 TEACHING & TRAINING

**INDONESIA**  
3 TEACHING & TRAINING

**VIRTUAL**  
5 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
25 TEACHING & TRAINING  
9 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
14 NETWORK BUILDING

# INNAUGURAL RICK LOVE PEACE AWARDS

To honor the legacy of Peace Catalyst's late founder, Rick Love, and to further his vision and raise up more peacebuilders like him, Peace Catalyst presented the first Rick Love Peace Awards in 2022 to four recipients creatively crossing divides to build peace.

**Get to know the winners.**

MIROSLAV VOLF   HURUNNESSA FARIAD   HALEEMAH AHMAD   ALEXANDER LUTZ



**\$2,000**  
AWARDED

**Yale**



**\$2,000**  
AWARDED



**\$750**  
AWARDED



**\$750**  
AWARDED



# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING





# NOTRE DAME STUDENT TRIP TO BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

25 students came together in Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH) to learn from Bosnian peacebuilders and social scientists about BiH's rich history of peacebuilding, competing ethno-religious narratives, trauma and cycles of conflict, and issues of identity. Ansari Institute Executive Director and Kroc Institute Faculty Fellow Dr. Mahan Mirza, Peace Catalyst International President Martin Brooks, and Sarajevo-based Peace Catalyst staff also led the students in guided reflections about how these topics are surfacing across Europe and the United States and how the students can reapply what they learned to their current studies and future work. **Read more.**



# 14 NOTRE DAME STUDENTS

Undergraduate and graduate students

From Trinidad & Tobago, Colombia, Nicaragua, Spain, Pakistan, India, and across the USA

From religious and nonreligious backgrounds: Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Hindu, and agnostic

# 11 BOSNIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

From Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Modriča, Travnik, Zivinice, Gradačac, and Mostar





**“I RETURNED FROM THIS TRIP NOT CONVERTED BY RELIGION BUT HAVING FORMED A DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE PLACE OF RELIGION AND FAITH IN HEALING SOCIETIES FRACTURED BY IDENTITY CONFLICTS.”**

**- Prithvi ([read more](#))**

**“MY TRIP TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA WAS LIFE-CHANGING FOR ME IN MANY WAYS.”**

**- Allison ([read more](#))**



# VENTURA COUNTY INTERFAITH FRIENDSHIP PROJECT

We hosted an initial interfaith dinner at a Catholic church in Ventura County, CA to help locals of diverse faiths connect across differences. Nearly half of the 125 people who participated then signed up for weekly Friendship Groups over the next month, and 34 individuals then attended a final celebration dinner at a local Islamic Center.

Participants were again offered the opportunity to form small groups, this time for the study of sacred texts, and as a result, 14 groups began meeting monthly for scripture study and service projects.





**“I SEE A LOT OF NEWS IN WHICH I DON’T GET A POSITIVE IMPRESSION OF CHRISTIANS. IT’S NICE TO SIT DOWN WITH PEOPLE THAT LIVE OUT THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST.”**

**“IT’S MADE ME MORE OPEN... GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE AS PEOPLE RATHER THAN AS RELIGIOUS ADHERENTS HAS CHANGED ME.”**

**100%** WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OTHER RELIGIONS

**95%** MADE A FRIEND OF ANOTHER RELIGION

**50%** HAD NEVER BEEN TO AN INTERFAITH EVENT

# SCRIPTURAL REASONING

Scriptural Reasoning is a practice where Christians, Jews, and Muslims study each other's sacred texts. Groups meet once a month to read short passages from their respective scriptures on a certain topic. Facilitated by a study leader, each session is an opportunity to listen and share various perspectives. The result is often a deeper understanding of others' and one's own scriptures, as well as the development of strong bonds across faith communities.

## RESEDA, CA Local

Christians and Muslims from the Hizmet Turkish community met regularly for Scriptural Reasoning and, as a result, have formed strong partnerships and deepened mutual understanding.

## ONLINE AND WASHINGTON, DC We

partnered with Rumi Forum and Virginia Theological Seminary to host monthly Scriptural Reasoning sessions, each hosted by a different facilitator and each covering a unique scriptural topic.

## UYGHUR ADVOCACY

At the close of the Beijing Winter Olympics, we hosted a listening event for people to hear about the plight of the Uyghurs from Uyghurs themselves. **Read more.**

As part of the peacemaking day at a their youth mission camp, 75 students at a Washington, DC church were encouraged to understand the Uyghur genocide within the larger context of peacemaking.

Multiple events were also hosted to educate the public about the fact that Uyghur children and others are being forcibly separated from their parents and placed in boarding schools where they are systematically stripped of their language, culture, and religion.

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UYGHUR ADVOCACY  
& EDUCATION EVENT  
PARTICIPANTS





**“ IT IS CHILLING TO READ THE STORIES OF TORTURE, ABUSE, AND GENOCIDE ONLINE, AND EVEN TO LEARN ABOUT IT FROM UYGHURS VIA ZOOM CALLS. HOWEVER, THE IMPACT IS FAR MORE WHEN YOU ARE SITTING IN THE SAME ROOM. THEIR TESTIMONIES WERE A REMINDER THAT THE UYGHUR GENOCIDE IS NOT SOMETHING FAR OFF ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD - IT IS HERE AND NOW.”**





# TRAINING SPOTLIGHTS

**BOARDING SCHOOLS** Government boarding schools similar to those built for North America's indigenous peoples are currently being used as a tool of genocide in China against Uyghurs and Tibetans, and we partnered with several human rights organizations to provide education about the situation.

**Watch the video.**

**CONNECTING IN CONFLICT** We provided a 6-session course to teach participants foundational skills for interpersonal conflict, including dialogue, mediation, and de-escalation.

**NONVIOLENCE** Drawing on the principles of Kingian Nonviolence, we hosted a workshop to help people apply the principles of nonviolence to daily life, standing for what is right and good while having the compassion to see the dignity of those with whom they are in conflict.



## YWAM TRAINING NORTHERN IRELAND

We had the privilege of speaking at the YWAM regional gathering in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. Over the course of three days, we presented 1) an introduction to peacebuilding as God's mission and the Church's vocation, 2) workshop space to grapple with the complexity involved in peacebuilding, and 3) practical skills for interpersonal conflict and leading community peacebuilding efforts in divided societies.



# Connecting

IN COMMUNITY  
RECAP

1. KNOW YOUR OWN STORY
2. LEAN INTO THOSE WHO'VE GOT YOUR BACK
3. KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS & FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS
4. DISCOVER THE STORY(IES) OF YOUR COMMUNITY
5. EXPLORE YOUR COMMUNITY'S CONFLICTS & DIVISIONS
6. CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS
7. CONNECT WITH "THE OTHER"
8. LOVE YOUR ENEMY
9. TAKE ACTION FOR CHANGE
10. CELEBRATION SUSTAINS US



## CONNECTING IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

This online campaign was created to give people 10 small, easy things to do to start understanding themselves, their context, their community, and the conflicts in their settings. For each step, an explainer video was created and shared across our communications platforms. More than 240 people also participated in a Facebook group to engage with others, learn about these steps, and practice them together. **Watch the videos.**

Connecting  
IN COMMUNITY

# COMMUNITY AID





IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH ISLAMIC  
RELIEF USA

Several grants, as well as supplies, from Islamic Relief USA allowed us to provide community aid and food security to vulnerable families and individuals throughout the month of Ramadan in California, Idaho, and Washington.

**\$38,104** TOTAL FINANCIAL  
GRANTS

**2439** TOTAL INDIVIDUALS  
SERVED





## RAMADAN FOOD PANTRY RESEDA

Our team in Reseda, California operates a weekly drive-up food pantry throughout the year to provide assistance to those facing food insecurity. During the month of Ramadan, thanks to grant funding from Islamic Relief USA, we were able to distribute an additional \$9,000 worth of staple food products as well as fresh food such as meat, fresh dairy items, and eggs.



**1,745** INDIVIDUAL FOOD  
RECIPIENTS

**444** FOOD PACKAGES  
DISTRIBUTED

# RAMADAN FOOD GIFT CARDS

## BOISE

Thanks to a grant from Islamic Relief USA, families who had been evacuated from Afghanistan and others in need received food gift cards during the month of Ramadan to help them celebrate Eid Al Fitr in a dignified way. Without this help, many did not know how they would manage to celebrate Eid with their families.

**\$10,350**

TOTAL VALUE OF  
DISTRIBUTED GIFT CARDS

**305**

TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED  
(77 FAMILIES)

**225**

FOOD GIFT CARDS  
DISTRIBUTED







## AFGHAN REFUGEE RESPONSE BOISE

Boise is experiencing a housing crisis. The availability and affordability of low-income housing is at an all time low, which has made it difficult for many new Afghan arrivals to meet their rent and utility payments. Thanks to a grant from Islamic Relief USA, we have been able to help families who were facing shortfalls in rent and utility obligations. We were also able to help families with cleaning kits, bathroom necessities, and kitchen supplies so that cash assistance from the resettlement agencies did not have to be used for these needs but could instead be reserved for needs such as school supplies, food, and medicine.

**139**

TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED  
(35 FAMILIES)

**\$18,880**

TOTAL VALUE OF AID  
PROVIDED

# RAMADAN FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION SEATTLE

During the month of Ramadan, we partnered with Islamic Relief USA to distribute food boxes to newly arrived Afghan families in need. Food boxes were delivered to our partners at the Islamic Community of Bosniaks, and 15 volunteers from the mosque and from the Seattle Afghan Association assisted in distribution. Each food box contained a sufficient amount of food for a family of five for two weeks and consisted of basic food staples such as flour, sugar, black tea, peanut butter, tuna, and pasta.

**84** FOOD BOXES DISTRIBUTED

**50** FAMILIES SERVED



# FINANCIALS OVERVIEW

DONATIONS **\$510,728**

GRANTS **\$32,742**

OTHER **\$61,153**

**TOTAL REVENUE \$604,623**

PROGRAM EXPENSES & WAGES **\$487,419**

ADMIN **\$52,649**

OPERATIONS **\$18,932**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$559,000**

**\$45,623**



# OUR TEAM OF DONORS

INDIVIDUALS | 86%

CHURCHES | 8%

FOUNDATIONS | 5%

ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESSES | 1%



# OUR **BOARD** OF DIRECTORS



**MICHELLE GARRED**

Dr. Michelle Garred is an applied researcher using her 20 years of experience to make peacebuilding practice more effective and just. As the Principal Consultant at Ripple - Peace Research and Consulting, Michelle advises mission-driven organizations on increasing their effectiveness in conflict-affected contexts through strategy development, monitoring, evaluation, and collaborative learning. An expert in identity-based conflict, her latest book is *Making Peace with Faith: The Challenges of Religion and Peacebuilding*.



**MATTHEW SCOTT**

Matthew Scott leads World Vision's global fundraising for dangerous places around the world. His 20 years with World Vision includes seven years leading the organization's global peacebuilding practice, two years based in World Vision India, and five years as World Vision's representative to the United Nations in New York. He has worked in dozens of conflict-affected contexts and lived in Australia, Bangladesh, Germany, India, Indonesia, Uganda, the United States, and Venezuela. He speaks Spanish, French, and German. Matthew has a deep personal passion for ending poverty and violent conflict, and an interest in sustainability.



**MICHAEL LY**

Not only a Board member but also a co-Founder of Peace Catalyst International, Michael was born and raised in a Chinese-Cambodian refugee home after his parents escaped the horrors of the Khmer Rouge regime. Growing up in a Christian and Ancestral-Buddhist home, Michael started following the teachings of Jesus at a young age. He is a serial entrepreneur and accounting professional, currently serving as CEO of Reconciled It. Michael has served in a variety of ministry capacities for churches and non-profits.



**CARL WILLIAMS**

A former K-12 classroom teacher and K-12 Human Resources professional, Carl is also a knowledgeable business administrator with nearly two decades in business management and leadership. His experience includes 10 years as a leader and board member of high-growth nonprofit organizations. He regularly speaks and presents at conferences and workshops on innovative business models, operational innovations, and programs that have a record of success for improving workplace effectiveness and efficiency.



# THANK YOU

You're breaking down divisions,  
bringing neighbors together,  
and building stronger and more  
resilient communities in the  
United States and around the  
world.