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IMPACT
REPORT
PEACE
CATALYST
INTERNATIONAL



RESERVED



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



2023 **IMPACT**

447 PEACEBUILDING
EVENTS

56 CITIES
IMPACTED

14,930 PEACE
PARTICIPANTS

AS A RESULT OF PEACE CATALYST WORK,
PARTICIPANTS

TOLD US THEY...

APPLIED A PEACEBUILDING SKILL to their daily context that they learned from a pci program

ADVOCATED FOR PEACEBUILDING within their social networks

INCREASED THEIR INVOLVEMENT in peacebuilding initiatives as leaders or role models

HIGHLIGHTED PEACEBUILDING TOPICS in their church or organization's policies, programs, or future plans

INVITED SOMEONE WITH A DIFFERENT VIEWPOINT or from a different group to hold a lead role in organizational events

BECAME VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS, OR STAFF in peacebuilding organizations for the first time

SOUGHT OUT INFORMATION to learn more about peacebuilding

COLLABORATED WITH PCI on peacebuilding initiatives for the first time

ADVOCATED FOR INTEGRATING PEACE WORK into their organizational or church goals

REPLICATED, ADAPTED, OR SHARED PEACEBUILDING MATERIALS within their networks

HOW

WE BUILD PEACE

EDUCATION

Teaching a skill or exploring a particular theology or topic

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Connecting across differences to reconcile broken relationships and create a collective story and vision

COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

Influencing government leaders, institutions, and businesses

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Increasing community capacity by empowering people with skills and resources

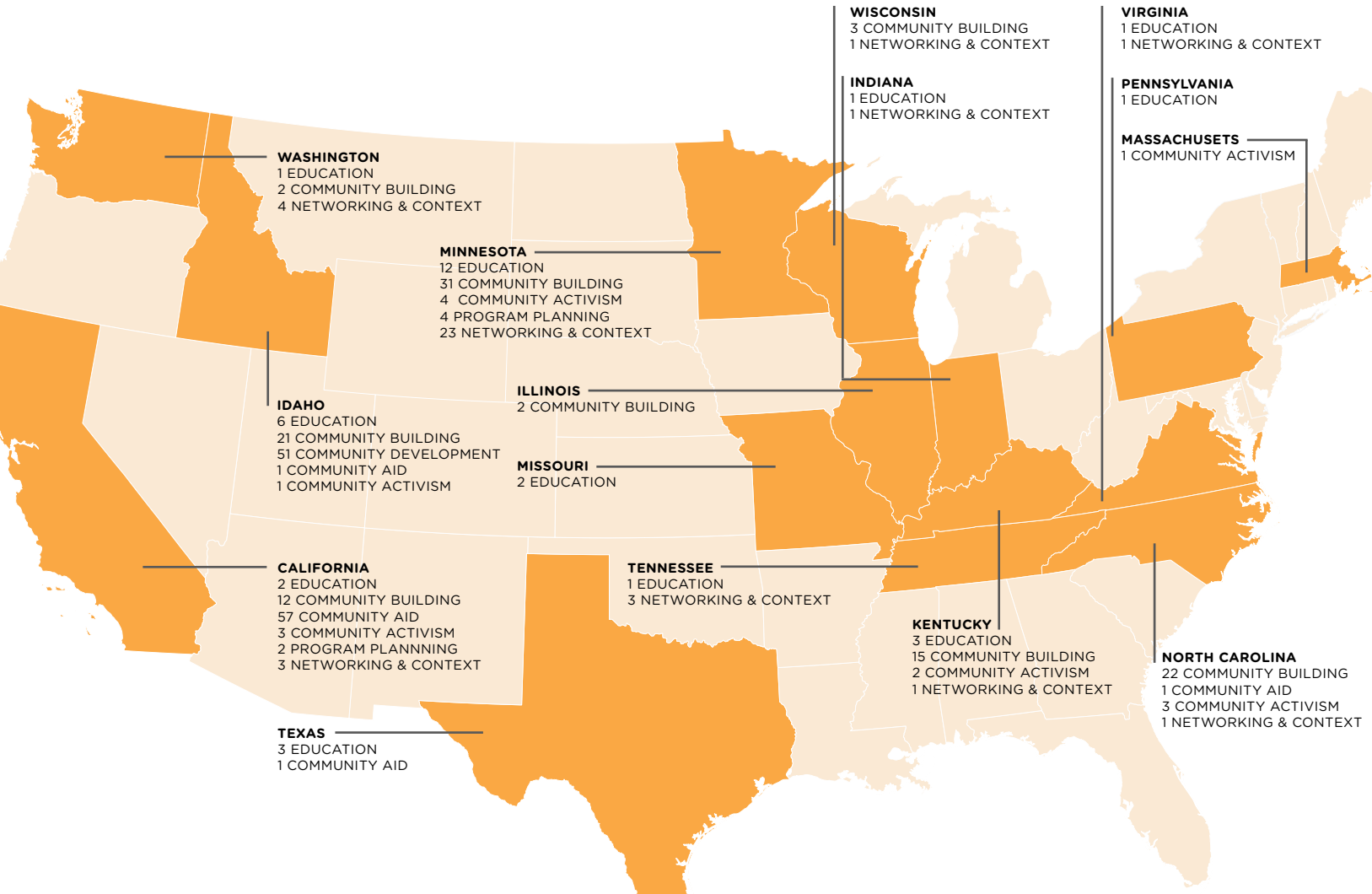
COMMUNITY AID

Implementing urgent or emergency response to harm

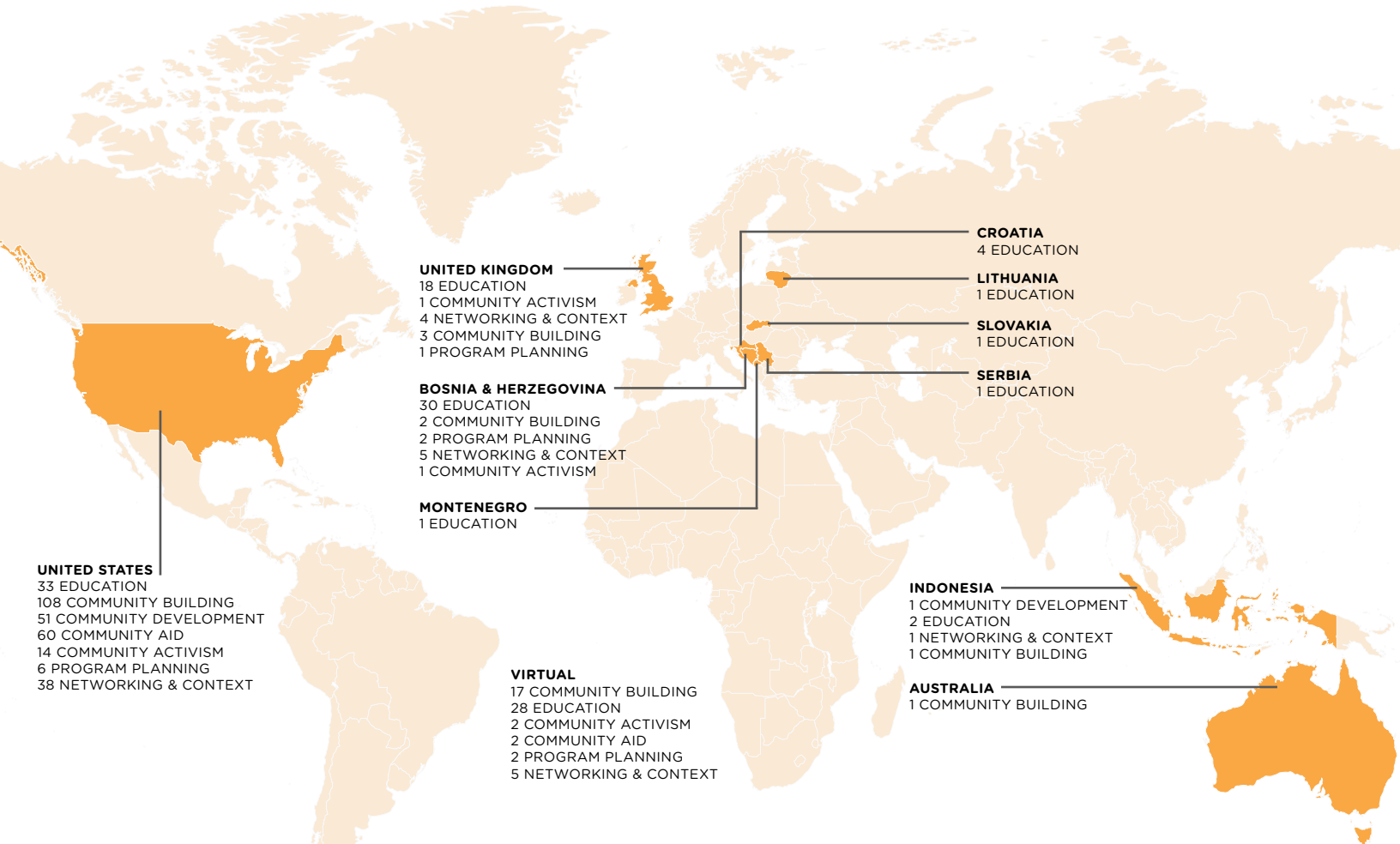
NETWORKING & CONTEXT

Getting to know our context and/or potential collaborators in our communities

2023 IN THE UNITED STATES



2023 AROUND THE WORLD



2ND ANNUAL RICK LOVE PEACE AWARDS

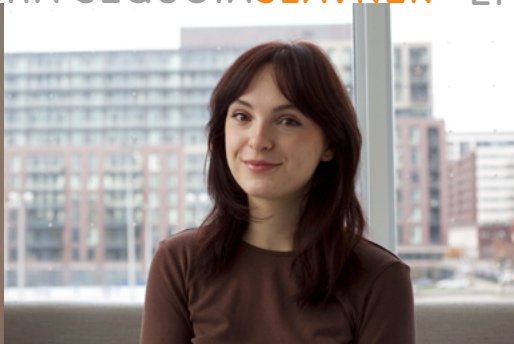
To honor the legacy of Peace Catalyst's late founder, Rick Love, and to further his vision and raise up more peacebuilders like him, Peace Catalyst presented the 2nd annual Rick Love Peace Awards in 2023 to three recipients creatively crossing divides to build peace.

Get to know the winners.

LISA SHARON HARPER KASHA SEQUOIA SLAVNER EMMA VAN DRIE-HEITRITTER



\$2,000
AWARDED



\$750
AWARDED



\$750
AWARDED

EDUCATION

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA We organized a training for 70 student participants from around BiH to learn from local facilitators about the increasingly prejudiced and violent attitudes that young Bosnians hold toward other groups and to provide space for students to interact with activists working collaboratively across ethnic boundaries on projects for the common good of Bosnians. For many students, this was the first panel of this kind they had ever seen.

CROATIA We taught 4 trainings at a peace camp in Crikvenica, Croatia hosted by Renewing Our Minds, a local Christian group founded in order to develop peace-building leaders in the aftermath of the Balkan Wars.

SLOVAKIA We introduced peace-oriented theology to the Slovakia Missions Network and explored alternative approaches to the problematic ways the good news is often shared.

CHRISTIAN PEACEBUILDING

SMALL GROUP

In 2023 we designed and launched a 6-week small group curriculum to help groups consider what it looks like to be Christian peacebuilders, including how peacebuilding relates to the Christian faith, practical conflict transformation and peacebuilding skills, and more. **Explore the curriculum.**

“THIS TYPE OF SPACE IS ONE
THAT PEOPLE LONG FOR!”

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GROUPS HOSTED ONLINE
BY WORLDWIDE STAFF

60

PARTICIPANTS FROM
8+ COUNTRIES

INTRODUCTION TO
**CHRISTIAN
PEACEBUILDING**



6-WEEK
SMALL GROUP

TRAININGS **YOUTH** **WITH A MISSION**

We led multiple Discipleship Training School sessions at YWAM's An Cuan base in Restrevor, Northern Ireland about the basics of Christian peace theology, foundational peacebuilding skills, the importance of narratives, and more.

13 TRAINING SESSIONS

173 TRAINING PARTICIPANTS



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY
BUILDING

SCRIPTURAL REASONING

Scriptural Reasoning is a practice in which 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.





ONLINE AND WASHINGTON, DC

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

CAMARILLO, CA As a result of one our 2022 projects, the Ventura Interfaith Friendship Project, several small groups began meeting monthly for Scriptural Reasoning and service projects.

RESEDA, CA In Reseda, we hosted monthly Scriptural Reasoning sessions with local Christians and Muslims, including engaged refugees and new Americans.



MONTH OF PEACE FEASTS

We began what we named Peace Feasts over 10 years ago, and we know that they are a powerful way to catalyze peace. That's why in 2023 we dedicated one month to holding 8 peace feasts in cities around the world to bring together diverse neighbors to share a meal, learn about each other in a safe space, and enjoy community.



“IT’S TIMES LIKE THESE THAT MAKE ME HAPPY AND SAD. SAD BECAUSE IT MAKES ME MISS MY FAMILY WHO WEREN’T ABLE TO ESCAPE AFGHANISTAN DURING THE EVACUATION, BUT HAPPY BECAUSE MY CHRISTIAN FRIENDS IN BOISE HAVE BECOME MY FAMILY IN AMERICA.”

-Afghan Peace Feast participant

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**COMMUNITY
ACTIVISM**

UYGHUR

ADVOCACY

We were invited to participate in a 6-person panel at Harvard, organized by the university's Uyghur students to discuss the current genocide. The Uyghurs at the event told us how much joy it brought them to have a non-Uyghur speak their language and take up their cause for justice.

360 UYGHUR ADVOCACY
& EDUCATION EVENT
PARTICIPANTS

We were also invited to the Polytechnic High School in Pasadena to help present, along with two prominent Uyghur Americans, a general introduction to the Uyghur genocide. 150 high school students and parents showed up to learn about the tragedy, and the next morning we were invited back to two history classes to process the event.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

ENGLISH LESSONS FOR **REFUGEE WOMEN**

In Boise, we provided English lessons for refugee women every week. For these women, the opportunity to practice English and get out of their apartments is invaluable, and many say that our Thursday morning English class is the time they look forward to most in their week.

40 WOMEN PARTICIPANTS
EVERY WEEK



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY
AID



FOOD PANTRY

Our team in Reseda, California operated a weekly drive-up food pantry throughout the year to provide assistance to neighbors experiencing food instability.

80 AVERAGE WEEKLY
FOOD RECIPIENTS



During Thanksgiving and Christmas, thanks to grant funding from Islamic Relief USA, we also distributed an additional 160 frozen turkeys to food recipients, feeding an estimated 800 people in total.

160 FROZEN HOLIDAY
TURKEYS DISTRIBUTED



IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH ISLAMIC
RELIEF USA

Thanks to grant funding from Islamic Relief USA, additional protein was distributed along with our regular grocery items, providing food for 100 people per week for 12 weeks.

100 WEEKLY PROTEIN RECIPIENTS

1,500 lbs. of Qurbani beef was also distributed alongside regular grocery items.

1131 PEOPLE FED FROM MEAT DISTRIBUTION

In Boise, \$11,550 in grocery store gift cards, ranging from \$100-300 each, were provided for Afghan refugee families during Ramadan, providing increased food access for 48 people.

\$11,550 IN FOOD GIFT CARDS PROVIDED



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ISLAMIC RELIEF USA



FINANCIALS

FINANCIALS OVERVIEW

DONATIONS **\$635,532**

GRANTS **\$32,743**

OTHER **\$73,576**

TOTAL REVENUE \$741,851

PROGRAM EXPENSES & WAGES **\$514,338**

ADMIN **\$18,157**

OPERATIONS **\$66,256**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$598,751

\$143,100



OUR **DONOR TEAM**

FOUNDATIONS | 19%

INDIVIDUALS | 67%



CHURCHES | 11%

ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESSES | 3%



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.