

## May Newsletter UPF USA

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## UPF USA Tri-Annual Impact Report



In the first third of 2026, UPF USA continued advancing its mission of building peace through community collaboration and shared values. Across the country, local leaders, Ambassadors for Peace, and partner organizations came together to create meaningful spaces for dialogue and connection. Through community events and service initiatives, these efforts strengthened relationships and inspired renewed commitment to peacebuilding at every level. Thank you so much to all the leaders on the ground who made these programs possible!



**51**  
Local Chapter  
Programs

During the first four months of the year, UPF chapters across the nation hosted 51 local programs that brought communities together and advanced the work of peacebuilding on the grassroots level. These programs created meaningful opportunities for people to connect across lines of faith and culture, while addressing the needs of their local communities.

In January, volunteers honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy through service projects that united people around a shared commitment to serving others. February's Interfaith Harmony Month programs created spaces for faith leaders and neighbors of different traditions to build trust and deepen understanding. In March, Women's History Month events highlighted the leadership and contributions of women as peacemakers in their families and society. April concluded with Ambassador for Peace Assemblies that recognized leaders dedicated to moral leadership and service.



**85**  
New  
Ambassadors  
for Peace

One of the strongest signs of growth this year has been the continued expansion of the UPF Ambassador for Peace network. Between January and April, 85 respected leaders were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace, including leaders in faith communities, education, business, public service, nonprofit work, and the arts.

The Ambassador for Peace appointment is more than an award, it is a call to lead with integrity and live for the sake of others. Each new Ambassador joins a growing network of leaders committed to strengthening their communities and advancing a culture of peace. Their example demonstrates the growing desire for leadership rooted in service and shared purpose. We are encouraged by the increasing number of individuals who are choosing to stand together in support of peacebuilding efforts in their communities.



UPF USA also continued to grow partnerships with civic, government, community, and religious leaders and organizations committed to building stronger communities. Through 37 active partnerships, we worked alongside local leaders and organizations to bring people together and encourage a greater spirit of understanding and service.

These partnerships reflect a core belief of UPF, that lasting peace is built through relationships. When leaders and organizations unite around a common purpose, they build trust and create real change in their communities. Together, these collaborations are helping lay a stronger foundation for peace at the local and national level.

## **We need your help to keep it going!**

As we move into the next season of the year, we are deeply grateful for every Ambassador for Peace, volunteer, donor, and partner whose dedication continues to advance this important work. Together, we are strengthening communities and expanding a culture of peace through service and principled leadership. We invite you to become a UPF member and help sustain these efforts nationwide. Membership support directly strengthens local chapters and grassroots programs, with 50% of contributions going back to local communities to support peacebuilding initiatives

where they are needed most. Your partnership makes this work possible and helps create lasting change.

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We invite you to join our effort, share your ideas, and contribute to this global effort to build a world of sustainable and lasting peace.

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