

Letter from the

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

We are living in precarious times. Journalists are being imprisoned for investigating torture, entire families are killed because of conflict and war, and children are jailed after seeking asylum.

In the face of this injustice, Amnesty International strives continuously to shine a light.

Dedicated to advocacy wherever justice is denied, we research, document, and share the facts with our supporters fighting for justice as well as with government officials who we lobby for change.

In 2018, our work saw impacts all over the world. In the US, we pushed for the end of child detention, successfully helping to close a youth detention center for juvenile asylum seekers. In countries including China, Ethiopia, Sudan, and Turkey, we won the release of human rights defenders imprisoned for standing against persecution. Amnesty International USA activists took hundreds of thousands of actions – calling and emailing government officials, writing letters to support prisoners of conscience, circulating petitions, and rallying in the streets to speak out for human rights.

Amnesty International activists undertake this important work here in the US and all over the world as we connect to a global movement of millions dedicated to pushing back against injustice to make the change that we all deserve to see – now and in the future.

I am proud of the work we do and the victories we win, but there is always so much more to accomplish. Thankfully, we have partners like you who support us as we shine a light that spans the world.

In solidarity,

Margaret Huang
Executive Director

Letter from the

CHIEF DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING OFFICER



Dear Supporters,

2018 was a year of positive momentum and advancement at Amnesty International USA. Building on the last four years of consistent financial growth and stability, we continued to implement new fundraising initiatives that resulted in both increased income and reserves, ensuring our ability to carry out the critically necessary work needed to fight for human rights globally.

I am also pleased to report that we have experienced a significant expansion of our base of supporters, taking our people power to a greater level of impact as we continue to engage with new communities and broader audiences.

Your support, both financial and by taking action, is vital to our successes. When you contribute funds, you enable our crisis response teams to carry out research missions, our campaigns teams to mobilize grassroots efforts to protect human rights, and our government relations staff to engage in direct advocacy with policy makers to demand positive change. And when you sign letters to free prisoners of conscience and participate in community sponsorship to help resettle refugees, you are helping to build a future where every human being can live with dignity and respect for their rights. Our work is only possible because of supporters like you and we cannot thank you enough.

Together, we are growing and strengthening the movement for human rights protections! Thank you,

Danny McGregor

Chief Development and Operating Officer

WHAT WE DO

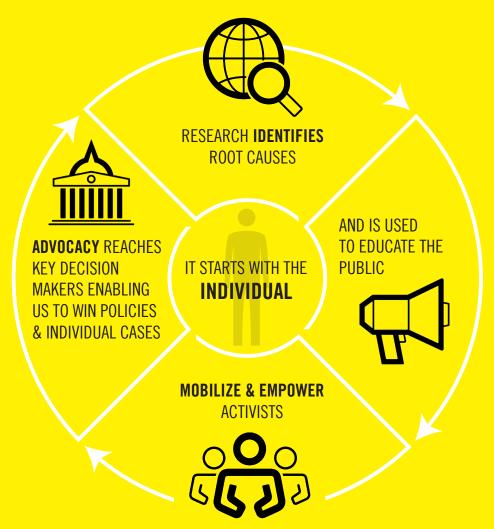
Amnesty International is a Nobel Peace Prize-winning organization that works to demand human rights for all – no matter who or where they are. As the world's largest grassroots human rights organization, with seven million members spanning more than 70 countries globally, we work to protect people wherever justice, freedom, truth, and dignity are denied.

Amnesty International has a uniquely effective strategy for protecting human rights that uses a three-pronged approach:

- 1. We conduct research to uncover human rights abuses and document patterns;
- 2. We use this research to educate the public and equip activists to demand change; and
- 3. We mobilize grassroots activists to advocate for human rights in the US and around the world.

Amnesty International USA is the largest country section of Amnesty International. We have hundreds of thousands of members and activists, including hundreds of member groups in local communities, high schools, and colleges nationwide. All around the country, we educate the public, rally, and train members of all ages on how to fight for human rights in the US and around the globe.

We believe that the power to make change begins with each of us. Together, we have the power to inspire and make a difference in the world.



2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2018, Amnesty International USA's staff, members, and activists worked in partnership with people around the country and the world to advocate for respect for human rights for all people everywhere. Together, we helped to push for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers at home and abroad, raised awareness of gun violence as a human rights crisis in the US, advocated for the rights of women and LGBTI people, and contributed to the release of, and positive news on, hundreds of prisoners of conscience. 2018's Write for Rights letter writing event – which featured the cases of 11 woman human rights defenders from all over the globe – generated more than 5.9 million letters, online petitions, and Tweets by hundreds of thousands of participants in countries and territories around the world, setting a new record for the global movement. In the US, participants

generated more than 630,000 actions, the most of any Amnesty section. These efforts have already paid off, with eight of the cases seeing positive developments within months of the event's end. Amnesty's grassroots approach to human rights creates real change by raising the collective voices of millions of activists worldwide. The following pages highlight just a small percentage of the very important work that AIUSA undertook in 2018.



PENNSYLVANIA

AIUSA's
#TheBerksKids
campaign, which
advocated for
the closure of
the Berks family
detention facility
in Pennsylvania,
successfully assisted
in the release of four
families from the
center.

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NEW MEXICO

On July 27, ICE released fourteen transgender women from the Cibola detention center in New Mexico. Our campaign calls for the release of all trans asylum-seekers there.

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Amnesty's work contributed to the release of 37 families from the South Texas Family Detention Center in Dilley, Texas.

AMNESTY AROUND THE WORLD

In 2018, Amnesty International's research, advocacy, and organizing contributed to human rights victories globally. With your help, the following victories have been achieved worldwide.

IRELAND

Ireland officially legalized abortion through a referendum vote, overturning a controversial abortion ban which had been in place since 1983.

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ISRAEL

In May, The Israeli government declared that it would not pursue forcible deportations of Eritrean and Sudanese asylumseekers to third countries under the Israeli 'Procedure for Deportation to Third Countries'.

KYRGYZSTAN

The Parliament of Kyrgyzstan took the first steps toward the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

THE GAMBIA

An official moratorium on executions was announced in February, a potential first step towards death penalty abolition in the country.

SUDAN

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56 opposition party members and human rights defenders who were arrested in January and February for participating in protests condemning the rise in the cost of food and medicine in Sudan were released without charge in April.

INDIA

In September, India's Supreme Court decriminalized consensual samesex relations, paving the way for equal treatment of LBGTI individuals in the country.

MYANMAR

Acting US Secretary of State John J. Sullivan announced \$50 million in additional aid to the Rohingya, joining other G7 foreign ministers to denounce human rights abuses and atrocities committed by Myanmar security forces in northern Rakhine State.



SPOTLIGHT:

The I Welcome campaign was designed to protect and advocate for refugees in the face of overwhelming dismissal of and active attacks on them by the Trump administration. People around the world — including children and families — are fleeing violence and persecution at record levels, coming to the US simply seeking safety and a home. Instead of welcoming them, the administration has chosen to implement policies abandoning, demonizing, and punishing them.

I Welcome engages activists at a grassroots level to show refugees that they are welcome here, and to show the administration that the people do not support their hateful policies and fearmongering.

THE LONGER TABLE

One year ago, AIUSA had a vision of fostering communities who welcome refugees through the launch of the Longer Table Initiative, a project inspired by the quote: "When intimidated by the state of the world, some people seek to build a taller wall. We're building a longer table."

This initiative is a reminder that local communities can be an integral part of a massive movement. By holding events, passing resolutions, and sponsoring refugees directly, we can draw a moral line between what we will and will not stand for.

The Longer Table Initiative breaks through the political noise by giving people the power to be part of the solution despite the attempts to politicize welcoming refugees. We provide supporters with simple solutions they can take locally that can have massive and direct impact.



RESOLUTIONS

'I Welcome' Resolutions are non-binding declarations in support of the resettlement of refugees, designed for local and/or school governments. They call for cities and states to support refugees, regardless of religion, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, or country of origin. By passing resolutions across the country, we show elected officials that their constituents support refugee resettlement. Furthermore, through promoting the message of welcoming refugees, communities influence their elected representatives to roll back federal anti-refugee policies.

In 2018, AIUSA supporters in 14 states passed 18 Refugees Welcome resolutions in city councils, a human rights commission, a mayor's office, high school councils, and college student government associations – bringing our total number of resolutions to 33 by the end of the year.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

Considering the Trump administration's threats to the protection of refugees and resettlement infrastructure, we have empowered communities across the country to be a part of the solution by teaming up with their local resettlement agencies and signing up to become community sponsors for refugees arriving in their towns.

In partnership with all nine U.S. resettlement agencies, AIUSA offers our supporters an opportunity to hold the administration accountable for the number of refugees allowed into the US. With community sponsorships established, these groups can directly lobby to receive more refugees and bring attention to the abysmally low number of refugees allowed into the US, while also changing people's lives directly.

After launching a pilot of the community sponsorship program, an AIUSA member group from the Twin Cities became the first to participate in the initiative. This group was matched with an Afghan family of eight and met the family at the airport in late August.



GUN VIOLENCE

In 2016 – the last year stats were available – over 38,000 people were killed and 116,000 suffered non-fatal injuries due to firearms in the United States. In September of 2018, AIUSA released "In the Line of Fire: Human Rights and the U.S. Gun Violence Crisis," a report examining how all aspects of American life have been compromised in some way by the unfettered access to guns, with no attempts at meaningful national regulation. Following the report's release, AIUSA began actively campaigning to 1) restrict access to firearms by those most at risk of abusing them; and 2) take effective steps to put in place and implement violence reduction measures where firearms abuse persists.

VICTORY: STAND YOUR GROUND DEFEATED IN OHIO

With the help of a diverse coalition of national and state partners, we defeated the deadly Stand Your Ground law within the omnibus Kill at Will bill in Ohio – stopping Ohio from becoming the 30th state to have a Stand Your Ground law on the books. Ohio member leaders and supporters directly lobbied 14 senate offices, sent over 500 emails, and made hundreds of calls to Ohio officials. AIUSA staff and legislative coordinators also testified on the human rights impact of Stand Your Ground legislation in front of the senate committee and organized partners to submit and deliver testimony opposing the bill, resulting in a packed hearing room and over 35 bill opponents delivering testimony before the committee.

SECURITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS

Amnesty International helps expose and end national security policies that violate human rights. We've secured fair treatment for people in individual cases, we've helped force the government to release information about its activities, and we've played a key role in helping end practices that abuse human rights. In 2018, AIUSA's Security With Human Rights Program worked toward stopping unlawful killings and civilian casualties by the US government around the world, ending unlawful detention at Guantanamo and closing the facility, and stopping a return to torture by or on behalf of the US government.

GUANTÁNAMO

VICTORY: US ADMITS CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

In a historic first, the US government agreed to re-investigate four cases of killings of civilians that Amnesty highlighted in its report on coalition strikes in Raqqa, Syria in 2017. Furthermore, after agreeing to investigate, the Coalition in late July publicly acknowledged that 77 cases Amnesty documented in its report were indeed civilian casualties

caused by the Coalition. The Coalition had earlier dismissed these claims as "non-credible." The US government has never before publicly acknowledged or investigated cases of potentially unlawful killings and civilian harm overseas reported by Amnesty International. AIUSA is now advocating for an independent investigation, for compensation and reparations to civilian victims of US attacks, and for the US government to commit to following human rights restrictions on the use of lethal force in Syria and around the world.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

AIUSA is working toward a criminal justice system that respects human rights. We advocate for accountability in police use of lethal force and for an end to the death penalty in the US and worldwide. 2018 saw the abolition of the death penalty in Washington State, as well as the halting of seven executions and the defeat of an attempt to bring the death penalty back in Iowa. AIUSA activists were instrumental in the passing of a police reform bill in Washington State, as well as in pushing for a bill which was sadly defeated in California.

VICTORY IN WASHINGTON STATE FOR POLICE REFORM





Amnesty International is dedicated to protecting the human rights of all people, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, or identity. We work to defend sexual and reproductive rights and stop violence against women and girls worldwide, to stop the disproportionally high incidences of rape and other abuses against Indigenous women in the US, and to defend LGBTI rights. In 2018, we worked hard to stop the rollback of rights under the Trump administration, defeating multiple attempts in Congress to enshrine Trump's Global Gag policy in law, leading a coalition of civil society organizations pushing back against the Trump administration's stripping of reproductive rights from the human rights reports, stopping drastic cuts to funding for gender-based violence and women's rights, and stopping the administration's attempts to redefine "gender" – erasing trans people and damaging efforts to end gender-based violence – at multiple turns.

VICTORY IN IRELAND FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

In May of 2018, the people of Ireland voted by a landslide to repeal the near-total abortion ban in the country, an extraordinary victory for women's rights in the country that came after years of organizing and activism supported by Amnesty activists. Amnesty International campaigned across the globe, including here in the United States, where staff met with Irish officials and activists held demonstrations at Irish Embassies and sent thousands of emails to Irish officials supporting overturning the ban.

ADVOCACY

AIUSA's dedicated government relations staff work closely with congressional staff, educating elected officials on key human rights issues and pushing for the passage of human rights-respecting legislation. In 2018, Amnesty worked with legislators on both sides of the aisle to push for the passage of legislation addressing human rights crises in Ethiopia and Myanmar and spoke at Congressional briefings addressing key human rights issues around the world, including in Cameroon, Turkey, India, Hungary, and Rwanda. In commemoration of World Refugee Day, Amnesty International USA's advocacy team briefed Congress on the horrors facing refugees worldwide – from refugee camps facing monsoon rains in Bangladesh to parents and children being forcibly separated by the Department of Homeland Security right here in the US.





In February, AIUSA undertook its first major grassroots lobby day event in Washington, DC in a decade. 281 participants from 39 states traveled to Capitol Hill, where they conducted more than 200 meetings with congressional staff. Attendees focused on three key asks: maintaining robust funding for humanitarian aid for refugees and displaced people worldwide, protecting human rights defenders and prisoners of conscience, and halting the Myanmar military's ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya. As a result of these visits, more than 30 members of Congress became new co-sponsors for bills we sought to advance.

VICTORY: GEORGIA SENATOR SUPPORTS HUMAN RIGHTS

Following a visit by more than 25 constituents from Georgia with the staff of Senator David Perdue, a Perdue staffer sent the following message to Amnesty's state legislative coordinator for Georgia:

"I just wanted to make you aware that Senator Perdue is cosponsoring S. Res. 376 urging the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh to ensure the safe return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military. This is thanks to your group's passionate advocacy on this issue. Please pass the word to the others in your respective groups who took time out of their busy schedules to meet with our office."

Senator Perdue does not typically champion efforts supporting human rights, but the Amnesty delegation delivered a strong pitch that appealed to both heart and mind and succeeded in persuading Senator Perdue to lend support to this bipartisan bill.

INDIVIDUALS AT RISK

"Even when I was imprisoned in a dark cell, I knew organizations such as Amnesty International would be speaking out on my behalf. This knowledge was so important to me. I received letters of support from Amnesty International through my family. It helped keep my morale up, and it lifted the spirits of my family."

Eskinder Nega, journalist and former prisoner of conscience in Ethiopia, released in 2018.

In 2018, AIUSA's work through the Individuals at Risk Program contributed to victories on 337 cases, including the release of 234 prisoners of conscience – people jailed solely for the peaceful expression of their beliefs or identity – and positive impact on the cases of 227 Human Rights Defenders. AIUSA's Individuals at Risk casework includes the Urgent Action Network, which calls upon members and activists to advocate on behalf of individuals at risk of human rights violations; the Case Commitment Initiative, where groups take on cases on a longer term basis; Write for Rights, Amnesty International's annual letter writing event which



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CASE HIGHLIGHTS:

Taner Kilic: Turkey

Amnesty Turkey board chair Taner Kilic was imprisoned in 2017 as part of the "Istanbul 10," a group of people who were arrested simply for attending a human rights training. AIUSA members joined the global movement in demanding his freedom. After immense pressure, Kilic – the final member of the Istanbul 10 to be denied his freedom – was finally released in August of 2018 after 14 months of detention.

Me Nám (AKA Mother Mushroom): Vietnam

Nguyễn Ngọc Như Quỳnh also known by her blogging pseudonym, Me Nấm (Mother Mushroom), co-founded the independent Vietnamese Bloggers Network in December 2013. She was arrested on October 10, 2016 and held incommunicado until June 20, 2017, after which she was handed a ten-year prison sentence for "conducting propaganda" against the Vietnamese government. After extensive advocacy, Mother Mushroom was released on October 17, 2018.

Eskinder Nega: Ethiopia

Eskinder Nega, an Ethiopian journalist, was arrested in 2011 under charges of terrorism for publishing a column that criticized the Ethiopian government. His case was a part of AIUSA's Case Commitment Initiative, with several local groups advocating on his behalf over the years. In February of 2018, Eskinder – along with several other political prisoners - was finally released.

Liu Xia: China

On July 10, 2018, after eight years, Liu Xia was at last allowed her freedom. Liu Xia had been under unlawful house arrest in China since her late husband, Liu Xiaobo, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010, and continued to be held even after his death in July of 2017. Amnesty globally worked on both Liu Xiaobo and Liu Xia's cases for many years.

Villca Fernández: Venezuela

Prisoner of conscience Villca Fernández finally received medical care in 2018 after having been denied urgently needed medical treatment since June 2017. Beginning January 26, 2018, prison authorities transferred Fernández to a military hospital on several occasions for continued treatment. Fernández is a student leader and Venezuelan activist.

Tep Vanny: Cambodia

After more than two years of being unjustly detained for her peaceful land rights activism in Cambodia, Tep Vanny was granted a royal pardon in August 2018. Vanny was a part of Amnesty International's BRAVE campaign, with more than 200,000 people around the world joining a call for her release.

Mahadine: Chad

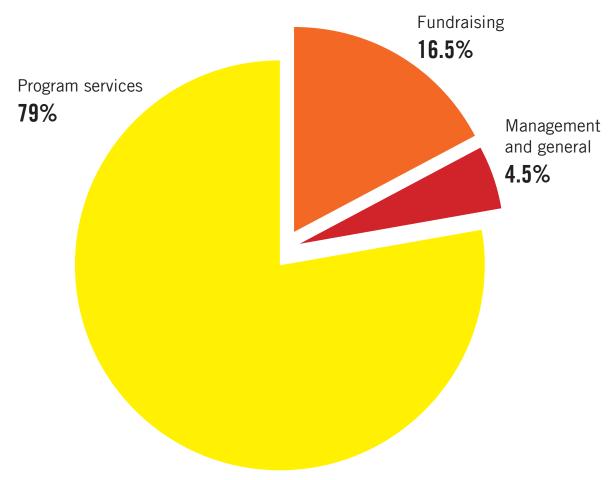
In 2016, Mahadine, a Chadian human rights defender, was arrested and given a lifetime prison sentence for making a Facebook post critical of the government. As one of Amnesty International's 2017 Write for Rights cases, activists took more than 690,000 actions for Mahadine. On April 26, 2018, all charges against Mahadine were dropped by the N'Djamena High Court.

FINANCIALS

2018 continues to show success for Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) with 14% annual revenue growth thanks to the generous support of our donors. Revenue increased in nearly all areas and was lead by bequests and planned giving which saw a 75% increase over last year. Programmatic spending was also able to be increased by \$7.1 million, or 24%, in 2018 with 79% of AIUSA's overall spending going directly towards advancing our programmatic goals; including freeing prisoners of conscience, fighting discrimination, helping refugees, decreasing gun violence, and pushing for public policies that respect the human rights of people around the world. Due to the substantial increase in donor support in the past several years we can expand both programmatic and fundraising efforts going forward.

Our balance sheet is strongest in December which is the high-point of seasonal cash holdings due to traditional year-end gift giving. AIUSA continues to be the largest funding Section of the global movement with \$12.7 million going to the International Secretariat in 2018 helping to advance our international work. We are grateful to all our donors, whose financial support and dedication to human rights makes our work possible.

2018 EXPENSES



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OF THE USA, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	12/31/18	12/31/17
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,303,464	7,457,063
Investments and restricted investments	15,811,142	16,833,163
Contributions and bequests receivable	3,101,852	3,794,850
International Secretariat assessment receivable	165,848	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	794,843	478,667
Fixed assets, net	399,793	542,763
Total assets	\$27,576,942	\$29,106,506
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,263,206	638,370
Payroll and payroll taxes payable	1,173,793	671,939
International Secretariat assessment payable	-	685,449
Charitable Gift Annuity obligation	2,307,084	2,431,974
Total liabilities	4,744,083	4,427,732
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	18,801,844	19,898,461
With donor restrictions	4,031,015	4,780,313
Total liabilities and net assets	22,832,859	24,678,774
	\$27,576,942	\$29,106,506

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDING

	12/31/18	12/31/17
Operating Revenues:		
Contributions, grants and bequests	44,110,894	39,284,744
International Secretariat grants	1,139,860	254,180
Donated services	16,056	44,825
Other revenues	295,915	225,753
Total operating revenues	45,562,725	39,809,502
Expenses:		
Program services	37,041,260	29,955,490
Management and general	2,121,526	2,319,559
Fundraising	7,754,916	6,736,688
Total expenses	46,917,702	39,011,737
(Decrease) Increase in net assets before nonoperating items	(1,354,977)	797,765
Change in value of gift annuity obligations	(124,595)	532,961
Interest, dividends, realized and unrealized (losses) gains	(366,343)	1,925,941
Changes in net assets	\$(1,845,915)	\$3,256,667

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE FULL SET OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

WHY WE GIVE

Roslyn Hees and Donal O'Leary are life-long supporters of Amnesty and since the early 90's have been contributing very generously at the major donor level to the organization.



"In this era of divisive politics, where human rights are increasingly under attack, we feel that it is very important to support Amnesty International to vigorously reverse this trend."

Roslyn Hees & Donal O'Leary

The generosity of incredible donors such as Roslyn and Donal allows us to maximize our efforts to protect human rights globally and achieve greater impact.

With a donation of \$10,000 or more, you can send a strong signal that every human being deserves to live with dignity and respect. You will be recognized for your leadership and enjoy an exclusive insider's perspective on the work you make possible.

For more information on making a leadership gift, please contact Marcy Bourne at 646-823-7856 or MBourne@aiusa.org.

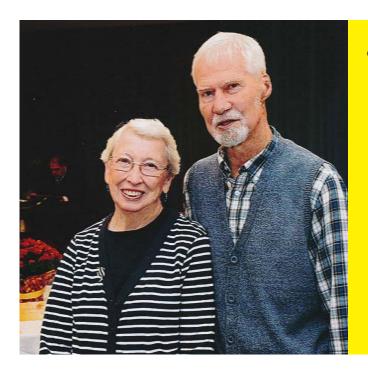
A LEGACY OF ACTIVISM FOR PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

Martha Kuhlman is a deeply committed Amnesty supporter and has been an active member since 1988 while living in places such as China, Japan, Wisconsin and, now, Ohio.

"No matter where Frank and I were living, joining with other people who cared about this same cause gave us a feeling of solidarity with people around the world. As members of Amnesty, what we do makes a tangible difference," Martha believes. "The need for Amnesty International is not going to stop. Countries that abuse human rights build walls psychologically as well as physically and Amnesty will always need to help people like me reach across borders."

Martha and Frank have chosen to include Amnesty in their legacy giving, taking satisfaction in knowing they are supporting human rights protections for future generations. They are an inspiration and have our enduring gratitude.

To learn more about how you can remember Amnesty in your estate plans, please contact Sara Golden at 1-888-368-9356 or sgolden@aiusa.org. Or, put us in your will today by visiting freewill.com/amnesty.



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We at Amnesty International USA are so grateful to the hundreds of thousands of individuals, groups, and organizations who make our work possible through their generosity. **Your contributions are essential to our ability to advance human rights for people around the world.** Our donors have been our allies in the fight for human rights for all for almost 60 years, helping us to free prisoners of conscience and speak out against human rights violations at home and abroad, creating real change through grassroots action and advocacy. We are so grateful for your ongoing support and dedication to Amnesty's mission.





