



SD VOICES
FOR PEACE



SD VOICES
FOR JUSTICE

2017-2019 IMPACT REPORT

reflecting on two years

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Greetings of Peace:

South Dakota Voices for Peace and South Dakota Voices for Justice (SD Voices) just turned two years old. In reflecting on the positive trajectory of our work and overwhelming support of our community, I am constantly reminded of a YouTube video I watched in a leadership class where one person was vivaciously dancing in a crowded park with skeptical onlookers. After several minutes another joined, and another, and soon an entire crowd was dancing.

It takes one person to have the courage to lead, but it takes communities to build a movement.

At SD Voices, we are committed to building a movement where SD's fabric is rich, diverse, and inclusive. We are doing this work by focusing on fighting anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant and anti-refugee bigotry in our state, which is alive and well. We lean on our allies in the interfaith and intercultural space to build bridges, and learn about each other; however, direct action must be taken when we see bigotry impacting our laws, policies, and communities. Our Advisory Council and Board of Directors understood that to build equitable measure across our state, we had to fill the void on educating South Dakotans about anti-Muslim, anti-refugee, anti immigrant bigotry and how a concerted national effort to dehumanize our communities directly impacts law makers and those in positions of power right here in SD.

We believe social change in SD is possible. And the way we are committed to creating lasting change is working top-down to fight legislated hate, and bottom-up to free our communities from the oppression of bigoted laws and policies by using their voice through civic engagement, education, and legal services.

We lead communities with courageous action to inspire others to act. Whether it was when we took a dozen SD Dreamers to meet with our Members of Congress to share their stories and fears on DACA ending, or created an opportunity for 400 people to come together in solidarity to protest family separation at the border and the Muslim travel ban, we led and you took action. Over 80 people partook in our first Spanish postcard writing campaign to SD legislators, 25 committed volunteers raised money over the last year to build the states only no-cost legal services program for SD children in immigration court, and 6 community members testified at the Sioux Falls, SD City Council meeting to talk about how hate is showing up in our neighborhoods. We have led but you are building the movement.

We need every person to take action, whether it is pushing back against bigoted statements, reporting a bigoted event, writing your elected officials, volunteering to transport a child to immigration court, or donating money so we can continue this work. You all have a part.

It has been an inspiring two years. We have grown from pro bono staff to 4 full-time employees and a budget of \$0 to nearly \$230,000. The generosity and courage of our community inspires us to forge forward. Join our movement to build a stronger, richer, more inclusive SD.

In solidarity,

Tanuza Khan

Awards & Acknowledgements

2017

EMBE Woman of the Year
Taneeza Islam
for Advocacy & Education Work

2018

City of Sioux Falls
Humanitarian Award

2019

Community Hero Award
Sioux Falls AFL-CIO



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VISION

A SOUTH DAKOTA WHERE
THE FABRIC IS RICH,
DIVERSE, AND INCLUSIVE

MISSION STATEMENT

SOUTH DAKOTA VOICES FOR
PEACE PROVIDES PUBLIC
EDUCATION, LEGAL
SERVICES, AND ADVOCACY
TO COUNTER ANTI-MUSLIM,
ANTI-IMMIGRANT, ANTI-
REFUGEE BIGOTRY IN ORDER
TO NURTURE INFORMED,
CIVICALLY-ENGAGED, AND
INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

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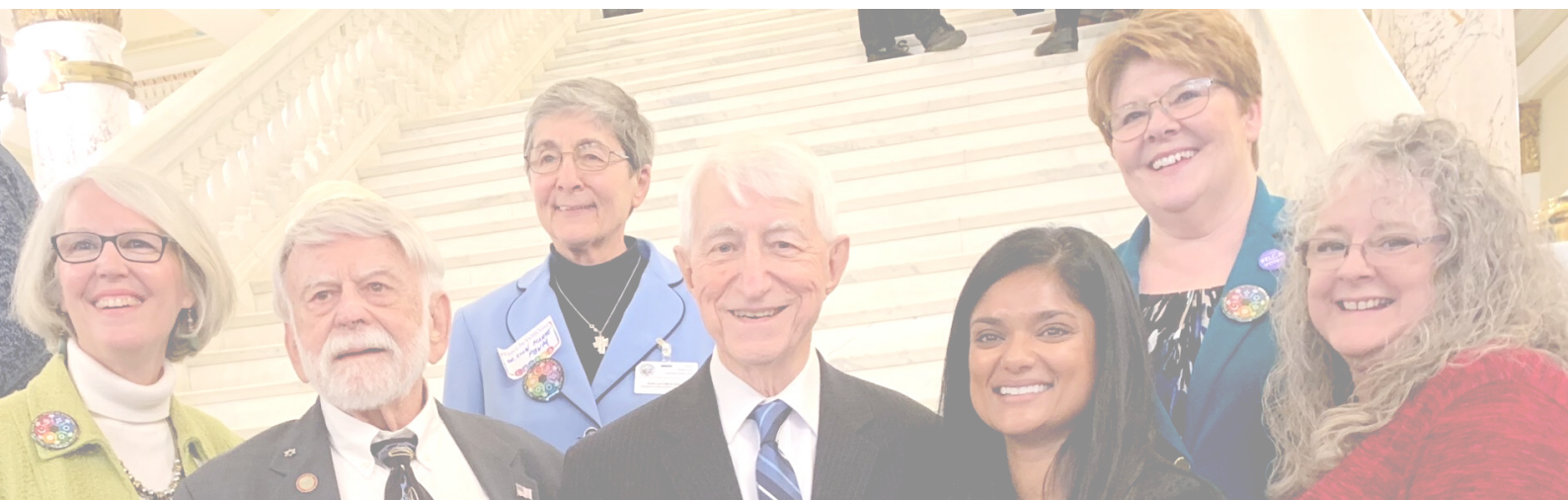
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** 2018 VOLUNTEERS



EDUCATION

**OVER 3 YEARS,
77 EVENTS REACHED...**

#RAISEDINSD

PRODUCED 7 DIGITAL
STORYTELLING VIDEOS
OF SD MUSLIMS, IMMIGRANTS,
AND REFUGEES DETAILING
THEIR LIVES IN SD

4 NEW VIDEOS WILL BE
RELEASED NOV 2019

5739

PEOPLE

2

STORYTELLERS
VIEWED
20,000+ TIMES

Educating, debunking myths, and building understanding through events, fact sheets, storytelling, and leveraging media. Our programming focuses on anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant, anti-refugee bigotry and the actors that push such bigotry in North America,



MEDIA

We reach people through local events, and national platforms including Netroots Nation, Shoulder 2 Shoulder 2019 Houston Faith Over Fear Training, and the Islamic Society of North America Annual Convention 2019.

1,865

FOLLOWERS ON
FACEBOOK,
INSTAGRAM, AND
TWITTER



49

LOCAL MEDIA
MENTIONS

4

NATIONAL
MEDIA
MENTIONS

469,052

REACHES &
IMPRESSIONS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA

RAPID RESPONSE

WE ORGANIZE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH IMPACTED COMMUNITIES.

1,050 PEOPLE ATTENDED OUR MOST POWERFUL GATHERINGS

125

NEW ZEALAND
COMMUNITY
VIGIL

525

FAMILIES BELONG
TOGETHER, MUSLIM
TRAVEL BAN
RALLIES 2018-2019

Over 36 anti-Muslim events have occurred across SD. A swastika was burned into Tuthill Park parking lot and KKK recruitment flyers were distributed in McKennan Neighborhood. We launched #hatehasnohomeinSD and took community members to Sioux Falls City Council urging officials to take action.



150

NEW ZEALAND
COMMUNITY
VIGIL

250

STAND WITH
DREAMERS
RALLY

LEGAL SERVICES



Hand in Hand
JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

After reaching our fundraising goal in less than a year, on November 4, 2019, we launched SD's only free legal services for:

**500+
UNACCOMPANIED
MINORS**

FROM CENTRAL AMERICA
RELEASED TO
SPONSORS IN SD

**24+ FAMILIES
SEPARATED**

AT THE BORDER IN 2018,
NOW REUNITED AND
LIVING IN SD





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A SOUTH DAKOTA WHERE
EVERY VOICE IMPACTS
EQUITABLE CHANGE

MISSION STATEMENT

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MUSLIM, ANTI-IMMIGRANT,
AND ANTI-REFUGEE BIGOTRY
WHILE SUPPORTING
LEGISLATION AND
CANDIDATES WITHIN THIS
MISSION

ADVOCACY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

During SD Legislative Session from January to March, we send scripted Spanish and English action alerts for people to engage with elected officials, organize impacted communities to be present in Pierre, and organize people to testify for/against bills and resolutions.

GET OUT THE VOTE

VIDEOS IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, ARABIC, KUNAMA, SWAHILI, LAKOTA, FRENCH

80

HISPANIC/LATINO PEOPLE WROTE POSTCARDS TO LEGISLATORS

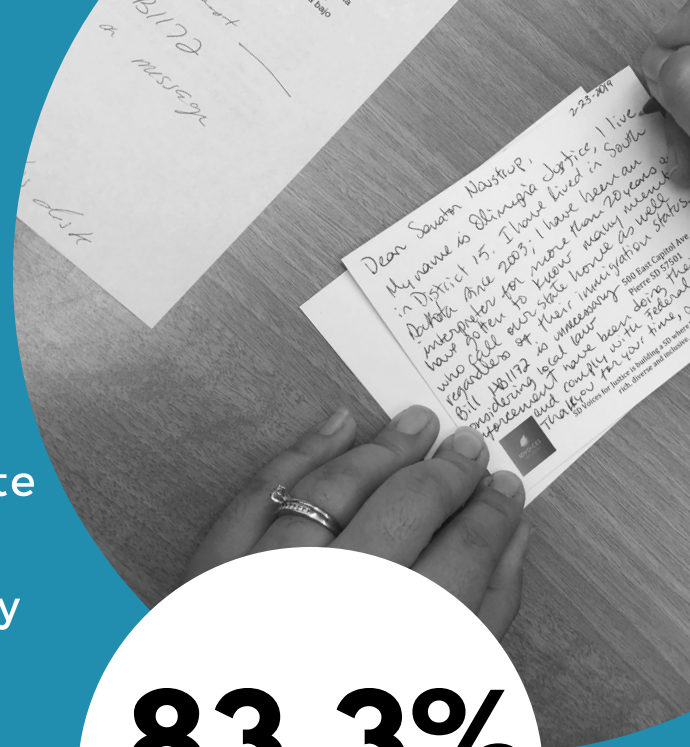
16,623

GOTV VIDEO VIEWS ON FACEBOOK



LOBBYING

The National Islamophobia Network has imported their hate into SD, and organizations like ACT! for America and the Family Heritage Alliance push bigoted legislation here. We directly lobby for and against bills and resolutions, and our fact sheets inform legislators on critical issues that relate to legislative items they vote on.

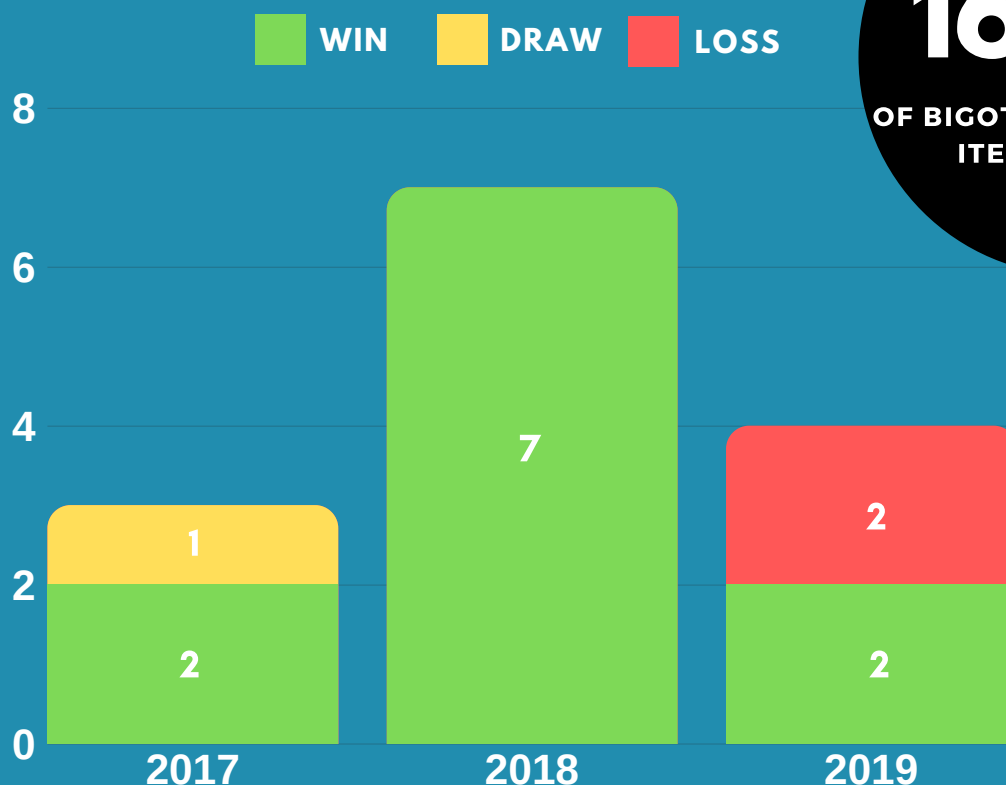


83.3%

OF BIGOTED LEGISLATIVE
ITEMS DEFEATED

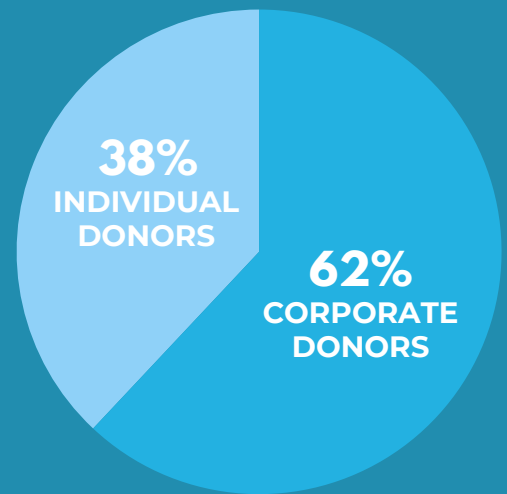
16.7%

OF BIGOTED LEGISLATIVE
ITEMS PASSED



Legislative outcomes are determined by whether SDVFI had a WIN (a bigoted item failed, or a good item passed), a DRAW (an unfavorable item passed amended), or a LOSS (a bigoted item passed, or a good item failed). Bigoted items include anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant, or anti-refugee language or characteristics.

JUSTICE FINANCIAL REPORT



NET ASSETS	2017	2018	2019
ASSETS	-	\$10,075.00	\$2,317.00
LIABILITIES	-	-	-
NET ASSETS	-	\$10,075.00	\$2,317.00

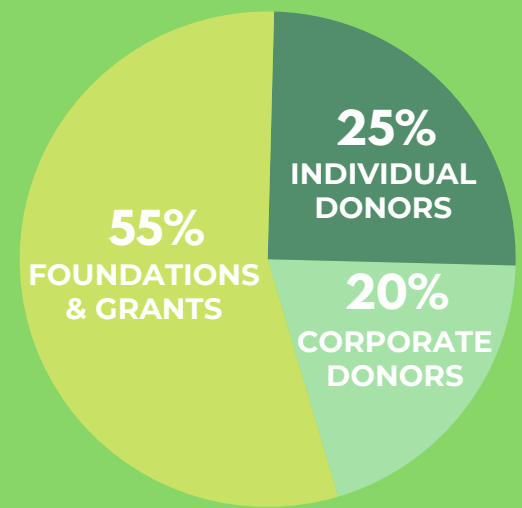
INCOME	2017	2018	2019
GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	-	\$19,875.00	\$5,671.00
OTHER	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	-	\$19,875.00	\$5,671.00

EXPENSES	2017	2018	2019
PROGRAM	-	\$9,500.00	\$11,807.00
SUPPORT	-	\$300.00	\$1,622.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	\$9,800.00	\$13,429.00

JUSTICE CORPORATE DONORS

PRESENTATION SISTERS	\$1,000.00
AVERA HEALTH	\$6,000.00
GRAND PRAIRIE FOODS	\$5,000.00
SANFORD HEALTH	\$3,000.00

PEACE FINANCIAL REPORT



NET ASSETS	2017	2018	2019
ASSETS	\$23,506.80	\$129,933.60	\$230,691.91
LIABILITIES	-	-	\$1,126.45
NET ASSETS	\$23,506.80	\$129,933.60	\$229,565.46
INCOME	2017	2018	2019
GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$23,550.00	\$117,407.86	\$157,933.62
OTHER	-	-	\$80.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,550.00	\$117,407.86	\$158,013.62
EXPENSES	2017	2018	2019
PROGRAM	-	\$7,406.39	\$50,595.60
SUPPORT	\$43.20	\$3,574.67	\$7,786.16
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$43.20	\$10,981.06	\$58,381.76

PEACE CORPORATE DONORS

ALL SOULS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH	\$545.80
ARISE CHURCH	\$50.00
AZTECA MEXICAN RESTAURANT INC.	\$200.00
.BEAUDION LLC	\$140.00
BURRITO BROTHERS, INC.	\$248.28
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR EASTERN SD	\$5,000.00
CLARK FAMILY TRUST	\$500.00
D & D RESTAURANTS, INC.	\$100.00
DEXTERITY DOUGH LLC (JEAN MAGNUSON)	\$500.00
FIRST PREMIER BANK	\$1,000.00
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SIOUX FALLS SD	\$1,638.27
FISHBACK FINANCIAL CORPORATION	\$2,000.00
FREEMAN NETWORK FOR JUSTICE & PEACE	\$100.00
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LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA	\$2,000.00
OVERLAND WEST, INC.	\$552.56
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SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD-ELCA	\$1,000.00
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PRAIRIE SOUP LLC	\$2,130.50
PRESENTATION SISTERS	\$5,175.00
MAMA LADAS LLC	\$175.00
OH MY CUPCAKES LLC	\$200.00

2018 IN KIND DONATIONS

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
DE KNUDSEN
FRESH PRODUCE
BLU STUDIO / WALTER PORTZ

2019 IN KIND DONATIONS

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC
INTERSTATE OFFICE SUPPLIES
KENT & LUANNE ALBERTY
THE STORYTELLER JOURNAL
PRICELESS PRIORITIES
CATHY PIERSOL
TOM DEMPSTER
ANN & JOSEPH HENKIN
JEN DREISKE
JANET BROWN
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

2019 GALA SPONSORS

FIRST BANK AND TRUST
GREAT WESTERN BANK
DR. ABUL & MRS. FERDOUS ISLAM

Special Thanks

THANK YOU TO OUR ANONYMOUS DONOR WHO DONATED \$20,489.33 IN 2019.
TO ZOUP! RESTAURANT AND SANAA'S FOR DONATING 100% OF PROCEEDS TO
HAND IN HAND JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN DURING THE 2018 KIDS'
TABLE EVENT

PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PRINTING NEEDS

AND WITH WHOLEHEARTED GRATITUDE TO:

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OUR FIRST OFFICE SPACE
TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC FOR OUR NEW OFFICE SPACE
&

INTERSTATE OFFICE SUPPLY FOR FURNISHING OUR NEW RECEPTION ROOM
WITH VIBRANT FURNITURE, AND TOM DEMPSTER FOR LOANING US BEAUTIFUL
PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN IN SYRIA WHICH CREATES A WELCOMING
SPACE FOR OUR CLIENTS—
CHILDREN IN IMMIGRATION COURT.

"Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it] with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart — and that is the weakest of faith."

40 Hadith Nawawi 34



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