

Dear Friends,

In a recent editorial in the New York Times, Thomas Friedman quotes extensively from Marwan Muasher's new book "The Second Arab Awakening and the Battle for Pluralism." Friedman makes the point that sustainable change will not be possible until an "ethic of pluralism" permeates all aspects of society. He also notes that "If 500,000 American troops in Iraq, and \$1 trillion, could not implant lasting pluralism in the cultural soil there, no outsider can . . . There also has to be a will from within."

Friedman has captured the essence of the CRT approach. Our work promotes pluralism in regions torn apart by conflict. We do so by supporting individuals and groups who are working to create an ethic of unity and tolerance from within. And we are having success, not just in the Middle East, but also in Africa and Latin America.



Arlene Pearlman, CRT board member Anna Lewis, and Jacci Tutt

In Israel, where structural inequities between Jewish and Arab citizens have been a persistent barrier to peace, CRT has supported a collaborative social movement of Israeli Jewish and Arab women. In rural Kenya, where the oppression of women has slowed economic development and long-standing ethnic rivalries have led to periodic outbreaks of violence, CRT has helped improve tribal relationships and reduce violence against women. In Latin America, where political instability and unfettered development have led to violence and social tensions, CRT has helped indigenous groups strengthen their voice. In each case, CRT has supported locally-inspired and locally-determined efforts to build a more pluralistic and tolerant future.

Although much of our focus is on the international community, we also support and encourage local peacemakers. This year, CRT established the Elisabeth Schilder Award for Courage in Religious Tolerance to honor individuals who have spoken or acted with courage to promote religious tolerance, diversity and/or social justice. Our first two awardees, Arlene Pearlman and Jacci Tutt, are lifelong social activists and founders of the Women's Interfaith Network of Sarasota-Bradenton. Their lives demonstrate that ordinary citizens can lead extraordinary lives by undertaking seemingly small acts of compassion and courage. Whether working to end racial intolerance in the U.S. or religious intolerance abroad, individuals like Arlene and Jacci are the key to a peaceful future.

We believe that CRT is making a difference – thanks to you. Without your support, CRT would not exist. We look forward to the coming year.

In peace,

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Director

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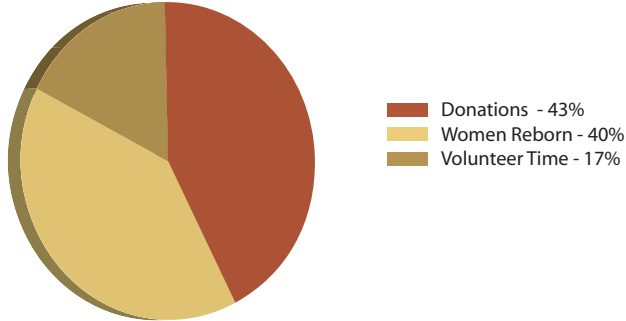
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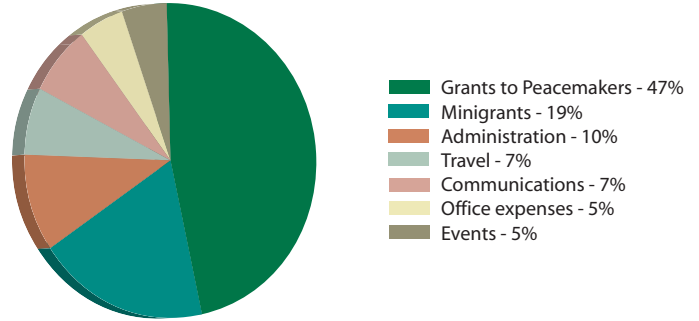
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