

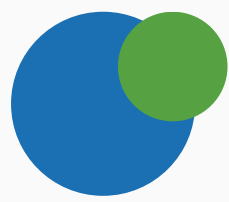
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Peace Be in Our Homes and Communities



THE PEACE CENTER



2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT



Published June 8, 2026

Dear Member of The Peace Center,

What a difference ten months makes! The announcement last August that The Peace Center, known throughout Bucks County and beyond for all its great work, would be closing in the fall sent out shock waves. Today, due to the groundswell of generosity and support from the community and new leadership, The Peace Center has risen from the ashes!

In just eight months, we have:

- re-engaged and retrained our Peace Educators in skills such as Restorative Justice, Listening Circles, and Conflict Transformation.
- continued our work in the Bristol School District and after school programs in Bristol Township.
- trained more than 200 Peacekeepers for de-escalation and safety at protests.
- held Listening Circles with some of the Quakertown youth impacted by police violence, as well as community members who were impacted.
- revitalized our community programming, meetings and trainings - including co-sponsoring a Teach-In with Arcadia University's International Peace and Conflict Resolution program.
- responded to calls from communities experiencing conflict.
- brought Compassionate Listening programs to students at George School to explore issues such as Immigration, ICE, the war in Ukraine.
- revitalized our Paul Zimmerman Internship program that had been in hiatus for 6 years.
- collaborated with several community partners including the African American Museum of Bucks County, Buxmont Unitarian Church, CeaseFire, PA, KidsBridge, Ministerium of Quakertown, NAACP, Newtown Friends Meeting, Newtown HRC and Boro Council, and Yardley Friends Meeting.

The Peace Center leadership now has the exciting opportunity to reimagine the organization to adjust to changing conditions both locally and globally. In March, the new Board of Directors along with returning staff (who are volunteering their efforts without compensation), including the former long-time Executive Director, began a strategic planning process to ensure a sustainable future for The Peace Center. Thanks to a *non-profit growth grant* from Foundations Community Partnership, we worked with Penn Pro Bono Alumni Consulting Program (PennPAC) to complete the first phase of our strategic planning and will be continuing the process with the Catalyst Center for Non-Profit Management. By the end of summer, we expect to have a clear plan to guide The Peace Center towards a sustainable future.

Ongoing membership in The Peace Center is critical to that sustainability. Members of The Peace Center are a vital part of the team and provide the foundation upon which we all shape the organization's future. Together, we will continue revitalizing The Peace Center into an essential community resource addressing and preventing conflict and violence in our communities!

In peace and gratitude,



Barry Truchil
President

Back from the Brink...

From the moment The Peace Center announced it's impending dissolution in August 2025 to the present, the community responded with a groundswell of support. Here's what we've been hearing...

Response to dissolution announcement...

"I am shaking in disbelief that such an important and active social justice organization is no longer. I met so many committed people educating so many groups, including me. "

"I cannot imagine where Bucks County would be without the Peace Center."

"I have fond memories of all of you and take pride in the work we did but I don't have words for the profound effect it had on my life. I know I am not alone in this sentiment. That is the real legacy of the Peace Center."

Response to The Peace Center's revitalization...

"So glad The Peace Center is alive and looking ahead!"

"So appreciate the endless work you all do for all of us!"

"Local peacemaking is needed MORE now than ever! Peace is everybody's business."

Feedback from our programs...

"I learned this week that we are all in it together." (*Girls Unlimited*)

"Thank you...for the informational and inspirational Peace Keeper Training today..." (*Peacekeeper Training*)

"You taught me how to stand up to bullies." (*Girls Unlimited*)



Impact (Oct. 2025-April 2026)

THE PEACE CENTER IN COMMUNITIES

- **10 programs** attended by nearly **400 members** of local communities.
- partnered with faith leaders, Arcadia University, and local businesses to offer **8 programs** to over **200 participants**
- **75 supporters** attended The African American Museum of Bucks County's fundraiser for **The Peace Center!**
- co-sponsored **7 community events** with community partners, like CeaseFirePA, Rainbow Room, NAACP, YWCA, and Indivisible, impacting **hundreds of people** throughout the county.

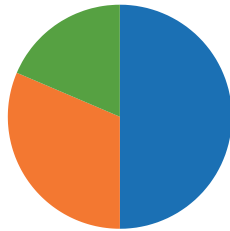
THE PEACE CENTER IN SCHOOLS

- **1,000 students** - INVEST, Girls Unlimited, Boy Meets Self
- **200 kids** attended afterschool programs facilitated by our Peace Educators.



Financial Overview

December 31, 2024



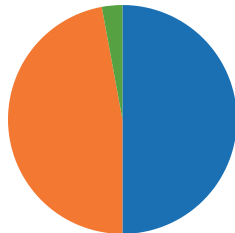
Equity: \$47,846

Liabilities: \$80,934

Assets:

Total Liabilities + Equity: **\$128,780**

September 30, 2025



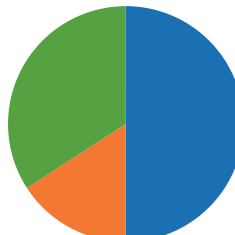
Equity: \$4,642

Liabilities: \$75,646

Assets:

Total Liabilities + Equity: **\$80,287**

May 15, 2026



Equity: \$189,344

Liabilities: \$87,942

Assets:

Total Liabilities + Equity: **\$277,286**

Back from the Brink:

Assets grow by more than **300%**! Equity grows by more than **4,000%**!



Peacekeepers at a
"No Kings" protest

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THE PEACE CENTER

2026-2028 Board of Directors Slate



Barry Truchil (President 2026-2027)

Barry received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Binghamton University, and is currently Professor Emeritus at Rider University and Mayor of Langhorne.



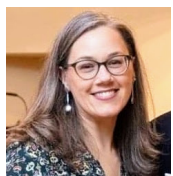
Mark Lomax (Vice-President 2026-2027)

Mark brings more than 40 years of experience in law enforcement, leadership, and education, with a strong commitment to building safer, more just, and connected communities.



Catherine Anne Porter (Secretary 2026-2027)

Anne is a practicing attorney in Bucks County and former solicitor of Langhorne Borough.



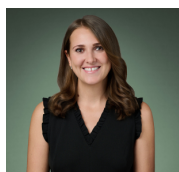
Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy

Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy is the spiritual leader of Congregation Kol Emet, an inclusive, diverse, and vibrant Reconstructionist Jewish community in Yardley, PA.



Honorable Garry B. Gilman

After having initially been elected as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County in 2009, Judge Gilman has now served on the Bench for more than 16 years.



Petra Jiraskova

Petra Jiraskova is a certified mediator and conflict resolution specialist dedicated to transforming workplace tension into trust and fostering a positive work environment.



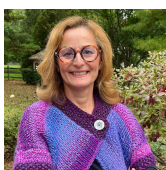
Laura E. Lomax

Laura Lomax brings over 35 years of leadership experience in organizational development, instructional design, and intercultural practice.



Tarik Moore

Tarik lives and works in Bucks County, working in the field of finance, and his passion is leading outdoors activities! He served as a Peace Center Board member ten years ago.



Debbie Wachspress

Debbie has 20+ years of professional experience working in grassroots organizing, issue advocacy, and resource development in the non-profit sector.



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2026 Awards

● Social Justice Warriors

This award is given to those whose courage is unshakable and unstoppable as they work for peace and social justice.

2026 Recipient: Laura Rose

Laura Rose is an activist, writer, organizer and leader who is being recognized for her work in training people in Rapid Response Teams to help support and protect the Immigrant community when ICE raids occur.

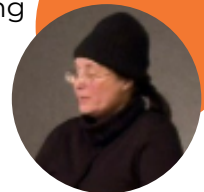
Laura Rose



2026 Recipient: Karen Rodrigues

Karen Rodriguez is an educator, activist, organizer and Ally who is being recognized for her efforts to train and educate the public about the plight of the immigrant community as well as leading trainings for Rapid Response teams of citizens to support those who are being targeted by ICE.

Karen Rodrigues



2026 Student Recipient: Emma Wey, George School

Emma, a George School sophomore, is a community advocate, passionate about social justice and politics. Throughout high school, she has participated in activities surrounding dialogue, civic engagement, and equity such as activism, student council, journalism, and speech and debate.

Emma Wey



● Legends in Peace Leadership

This award was started years ago to honor people who stepped up to work for peace, no matter the consequences. Founders such as the Stronges, the Zimmermans, Woodmans, the Appelbaums and so many more, helped start the work of The Peace Center, and they are seen as the Legends. Now the award is given to those who help to elevate the message of peace and social justice.

2026 recipients: John and Mary Magee

John and Mary have been together for almost 55 years. The fruits of that effort include two children and four grandchildren, a welcoming home and garden, successful careers in service of people with disabilities and schools, and a retirement sprinkled with community, social justice and peace work.



Mary & John Magee