

The American Friends Service Committee celebrates its 90th birthday this year. Many Friends and friends have committed their lives to the values of Friends in direct service or supporting services provided by the AFSC.

The AFSC is growing and alive. Carrying the values of Friends into world, being examples, supporting people to speak for themselves. These are the foundation of AFSC principles and these the foundation of AFSC in the beginning 90 years ago. These are the foundation of how the AFSC will serve into the future.

Activities in Illinois have been ongoing. An opening in linking Friends and Meetings to AFSC occurred with the final exhibit of the Eyes Wide Open exhibit. AFSC invited Meetings in the Chicago area to The Eyes Wide Open Exhibit. Eyes Wide Open is a traveling exhibit of boots representing each person killed in the military in Iraq and shoes representing civilians killed. Originally developed in Chicago, it has been traveling around the United States for four years. The final display of this exhibit was held in Grant Park in Chicago. Friends held Meeting for Worship on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend at the exhibit. Participation by Monthly Meetings was outstanding. Northside Meeting moved its Meeting for Worship to the site for the day. Over 62 Friends and guests from the Chicago area, Ann Arbor, Michigan and other locations attended worship.

Anyone seeking to become involved with the AFSC contact any of the AFSC Corporation representatives for Illinois Yearly Meeting.

Attached is a brief summary of the highlights of AFSC in the last 90 years and a framework for the values we seek to use as a foundation for the work of AFSC into the future.

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