

VOICE **2016 Victories**

for justice

In the last year alone, VOICE has **trained 500 ordinary citizens** in the proven person-to-person organizing method that VOICE & our sister affiliates around the country have used for more than 70 years. Because of our success and proven track record, **VOICE Won the 2016 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award.**

Additionally, in front of 1,100 VOICE leaders from 65+ institutions, **Attorney General Herring committed to work with VOICE to curb gun violence: a) Use the power of his office to go after the gun dealers that are the major source of guns used in crimes & b) Join 105+ other government entities to compel gun manufacturers to produce "smart" guns.**



VOICE FAIRFAX leaders won local campaigns, including a new school bus stop for Muslim students, and put a stop to \$300 predatory rent increases aimed at immigrants. In addition, they celebrated four new members and discerning members—Muslim American Society, Floris United Methodist Church, Vienna Baptist & Burke Presbyterian.



VOICE ARLINGTON continued to be central to ensuring big wins for affordable housing, including a \$1.2 million increase to \$13.7 million for the Affordable Housing Investment Fund, plus AHIF financing to make sure 68 endangered market-rate units remain affordable in Westover. VOICE also is organizing to demand the County meet its 2,500-unit goal along Lee Highway.



VOICE PRINCE WILLIAM enjoyed further expansion of preschool for a total of 11 classrooms of full day pre-K for low-income 4-year-olds. VOICE leaders publicly denounced Chairman Corey Stewart's anti-immigrant rhetoric. In addition, they moved Prince William County Sheriff Hill to write a letter to gun manufacturers as part of VOICE's parent organization's national campaign to curb gun violence.



VOICE ALEXANDRIA leaders organized to secure final approval for the Ramsey Public Housing Redevelopment that will redevelop and preserve the 15 public housing units for very low-income Alexandria residents plus adding 38 new affordable units. In addition, Ramsey residents and VOICE leaders conducted housing code violations inspections of all the Ramsey homes. ARHA completed the work and/or addressed all issues found during the inspection, within 30 days.

With your support, in 2017, VOICE can continue to train thousands of leaders to act and win on the issues that are most important to them in their communities. Thank you.

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