

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Armenian National Committee of America-Western Region is the largest and most influential Armenian-American grassroots advocacy organization in the Western United States. Working in coordination with a network of offices, chapters, and supporters throughout the region and affiliated organizations around the country, the ANCA-WR serves all aspects of the Armenian Cause by organizing and developing local Armenian communities; promoting the political, legal, social, cultural, educational and economic interests and rights of the Armenian American community at the local, state, regional, and national levels; seeking justice for the Armenian Genocide; supporting economic development and democracy in the Republics of Armenia and Artsakh; ensuring the right to self-determination and independence for the people of Artsakh and Javakhk; ensuring the return of Nakhichevan to its rightful owners; and advocating for all aspects of the Armenian Cause through grassroots mobilization, political relationships, media presence, and education.



## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

2017 has been yet another momentous year for the ANCA-Western Region and the Armenian community it serves!

On almost every level, we have made great strides in the pursuit of the Armenian Cause.

In California, working closely with legislators who are committed to our issues, we were able to secure an unprecedented \$4 million toward construction of the highly anticipated Armenian American Museum and up to \$10 million toward implementing the newly-mandated Armenian Genocide curriculum framework in public schools. We were able to activate our community through Action Alerts and our Rapid Responders program to take our Divest Turkey initiative to new heights on its way to becoming law.

In the Western Region, we were finally able to secure recognition of the Armenian Genocide in every one of our 19 states, the most recent being the elusive states of Texas and Wyoming. Our counterparts in the Eastern Region secured recognition by Iowa as the 47th state, leaving only Mississippi, Alabama and Indiana to take this important step.

We worked closely with the producers of the unprecedented film "The Promise" to ensure that theaters were full and our community was activated. We promoted the compelling new documentary "Women of 1915" as a follow up to our successful work ensuring that "Orphans of the Genocide" reached millions of television audiences nationwide. Our amazing Education Committee honored well-deserving public school teachers who accepted our teacher training on Genocide education and implemented our program in their classrooms.

We supported the efforts of our Washington DC office to work with members of Congress from our region to introduce and pass funding to complete de-mining in Artsakh, foreign aid to Armenia, condemnation of the vicious attacks on peaceful protesters by Turkish President Erdogan's security personnel, and weapon and travel sanctions against Turkey and Azerbaijan in response to growing human rights abuses in those countries.

In the course of these successes, we were labeled by Turkish lobbyists as the instigators of Armenian Genocide recognition in Texas, one of their alleged strongholds, and by Azeri President Aliyev as the reason his secret \$3 billion slush fund known as the "Azerbaijani Laundromat" was exposed. We wear these labels as badges of honor.

We held a very successful Grassroots Conference bringing together over 700 activists who learned how to promote our Cause in every forum, from renowned legal experts, Congressional leaders, filmmakers, and our courageous national hero, Garo Paylan. We brought together over 1,000 attendees at our Annual Gala Banquet to celebrate our work.

We hosted very talented classes of interns on a local, regional and national level to train and motivate a new generation of leaders who will continue our fight to advance the Armenian Cause.

Meanwhile we have also have been very active throughout the region on a local level. In Glendale, our local chapter succeeded in reversing a decision by the Americana not to advertise the groundbreaking new documentary film "Architects of Denial"; in Pasadena, our local chapter led a delegation of City officials to Armenia; in Washington state, our local chapter succeeded in compelling the re-branding of a Middle Eastern restaurant to remove its logo depicting Talaat Pasha; in New Mexico, our local chapter permanently stopped the trend of absurd praises of the Azeri dictatorship in the State Senate; our local chapter in Colorado screened "The Promise" in the State Capitol; and our local chapter in Nevada held successful Advocacy Days to promote Genocide education and recognition of Artsakh. Numerous Town Hall meetings were organized in Salt Lake City, San Francisco, San Jose, Fresno, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Dallas and Denver, and local constituents throughout the region joined ANCA leaders in meeting with their elected representatives in district.

Our efforts are relentless and focused. But we need your ongoing support to expand our reach, hire more staff, and continue to be a thorn in the side of a well-funded Turkish and Azeri lobby. So join us! Join our new ANCA Advocates Monthly Giving Program, sign up as Rapid Responders, register to vote under HyeVotes and actually vote for our endorsed candidates, and be active in our army of grassroots volunteers. It is only with your help that we can continue to advance in our collective fight for justice for the Armenian Nation!

And so, as we face another year of challenges and inevitable successes, we look forward to seeing you in the trenches!

Nora Hovsepian, Esq.  
Chair



## MEETING WITH OFFICIALS

The Armenian National Committee of America – Western Region, staff, and local activists alike, have held countless successful meetings with elected officials from the local, state, and federal levels across the various Western Region states. As such, the organization has remained committed to its long-standing mission to educate and familiarize public officials with the Cause and concerns of the Armenian-American community. In addition, ANCA-WR has routinely met with high-level staffers of various representatives and officials, school administrators, and teachers, to establish dialogue and garner their cooperation in the advancement of the Armenian-American Cause.

During the August Congressional recess, ANCA-WR leaders, senior staff, and activists ardently met with numerous Congressional representatives in California, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Texas, and Utah to discuss issues of priority to their Armenian constituents. Topics of discussion included House Resolution (HR) 220 regarding the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, reaffirming the importance of supporting the demining of Artsakh and recognizing its independence, and enhancing U.S.-Armenia trade relations through the elimination of double taxation. In addition, ANCA-WR activists successfully advocated for documentaries that educate the public about the importance of the Armenian Genocide and its path to justice.





## TOWNHALLS



The ANCA-WR, with its 2017 Regionwide Tour, continued its series of Town Halls across the Western region, in an effort to reactivate and engage Armenian American communities throughout the Western United States. The meetings are led by ANCA-WR senior staff and board members, who provide attendees with an overview of the organization, its priorities on the local, state, and federal levels, and recent developments affecting Armenian-Americans, Armenia, and Artsakh. During the townhalls, community members have an opportunity to ask questions, discuss local community needs, make recommendations, and learn about ways to get involved with ANCA efforts locally.

Phoenix, Arizona: ANCA-WR met with ANCA-Phoenix to discuss organizational priorities and initiatives. The Town Hall panel addressed local, regional and national priorities. In addition, the panel highlighted the Rapid Responder program, and encouraged the Arizona Armenian-American community to participate.

Las Vegas, Nevada: In recognition of the exponential growth of the Las Vegas Armenian-American community, the ANCA-WR met with the ANCA-Nevada to discuss the importance of the upcoming elections, cultivating relationships with state and federal officials, commemorate the Armenian Genocide, prepare for the release of The Promise, and working with local municipalities and school districts in the accurate teaching of the Armenian Genocide.

Denver, Colorado: In the ANCA-WR Denver Headquarters, the ANCA-WR reconnected with its grassroots and the Armenian-American community of Colorado, with special emphasis on issues impacting the local community, as well as current legislative and development initiatives.

Fresno, Sunnyvale, and San Francisco, California: Three separate events were held in San Francisco, Sunnyvale, and Fresno, serving as valuable opportunities to meet with local ANCA leaders and community members to discuss the organization's platform and priorities, incentivize local activism, sign up community members as Rapid Responders and discuss issues of regional and national importance.

Salt Lake City, Utah: ANCA-WR staff met with local Armenian-American communities to provide information on the organizational structure of the ANCA-WR, current regional priorities, opportunities for the activism within Utah, and to encourage local members to join ANCA-WR staff as they met with officials in Utah.

## GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM

The ANCA-WR has ushered in a new organized form of effective grassroots activism within the community. With broad-based support of an unparalleled network of cultural, educational, athletic, charitable, and youth organizations, the ANCA-WR efforts expanded tenfold as we worked alongside our local chapters. Work was done to cultivate relationships with local public officials and entities, continue our community development programs, and help promote grassroots activism on a local level to be utilized at the state, regional and national levels to advance the Armenian Cause.



## 2017 SUCCESSES THROUGH GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY

### Wyoming Becomes the 45th U.S. State to Recognize the Armenian Genocide

In a letter dated April 21, 2017 addressed to the Armenian National Committee of America Western Region (ANCA-WR) following a productive meeting with our leadership, Wyoming Governor Matthew H. Mead recognized the Armenian Genocide and praised the work of Armenian American grassroots.



### Texas Becomes the 46th U.S. State to Recognize the Armenian Genocide

The Texas House of Representatives passed House Resolution 191, titled "Recognizing the Armenian genocide," making The Lone Star State the 46th state in the USA to officially classify and commemorate the 1915-1923 annihilation of Ottoman Turkey's indigenous Christian Armenian community as genocide. ANCA-Houston and ANCA-Dallas activists mobilized a large group of Armenian community members as well as representatives from the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission and Houston's Holocaust Museum to testify in support of HR 191. Through the Rapid Responder program, ANCA-WR called its online activists in Texas to action, and as a result, hundreds of letters were sent and phone calls were made to the state legislators.

Texas' passage of HR 191 completes universal recognition in the ANCA-Western Region, which consists of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

### Eastern Region States

After significant effort and strong demonstration of grassroots activism spearheaded by ANCA-ER, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a powerful proclamation commemorating the Ottoman Turkish Government's murder of over 2.5 million Armenians, Greeks, Assyrians and Syriacs, making the Hawkeye State the 47th U.S. state to properly recognize and condemn the Armenian Genocide, leaving only Mississippi, Alabama and Indiana to follow suit.





## DIVESTMENT

With overwhelming bipartisan support, the California State Assembly adopted Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian's measure (AB 1597) – a movement long championed by the Armenian National Committee of America Western Region (ANCA-WR) and Armenian Youth Federation Western USA (AYF-WUSA) – calling for the divestment of California public funds from Turkish government controlled financial instruments, ensuring taxpayer funds are no longer used in this manner to aid and abet Turkey's century long obstruction of justice for the Armenian Genocide. AB 1597 prohibits the boards of the California Public Retirement System (CalPERS) and California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) from making additional or new investments, or renewing existing investments issued, owned, controlled, or managed by the government of Turkey.

## PROTEST ATTACK IN D.C.

ANCA Executive Director Aram Hamparian was videotaping live at the scene of the May 16th attack, which took place in front of the Turkish Ambassador's residence in Washington D.C. Hamparian's video showed pro-Erdogan forces crossing a police line and beating peaceful protesters – elderly men and several women – who were on the ground bleeding during most of the attack. After heavy circulation of the video throughout countless media channels, and the tenacious pursuit of justice from ANCA, a grand jury in the United States capital issued indictments against 19 people, including 15 members of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's security detail. Consequently, responding to strong Congressional pressure condemning the attack, the Trump Administration officially withdrew its controversial proposal to allow the sale of U.S. semi-automatic handguns to Turkish President Recep Erdogan's security detail.





## ARCHITECTS OF DENIAL

When Caruso Affiliated, property owners of the Americana at Brand in Glendale, CA refused to sell space on its billboard to the “Architects of Denial” Armenian Genocide documentary film by calling it “too political,” the ANCA Glendale Chapter began a campaign to end Americana’s gag rule. After meetings with Glendale City Council members and the producers of the documentary, the Americana then sent a much harsher letter to the documentary producers stating once again that Americana declines the requested advertising because the shopping mall is for people “who can come together to enjoy themselves... that is why we have established policies prohibiting advertisements concerning political issues.” This type of rhetoric was unacceptable in the largest Armenian diasporan community in the world, and it was clear the Armenian American community had to react. The ANCA Glendale Chapter mobilized the community by utilizing action alerts, social media, and other avenues to inform and engage the community at large, even spearheading a coalition of other Armenian and non-Armenian organizations in Glendale. This resulted in the Americana and the entire Caruso team apologizing and reaffirming their commitment to preventing Armenian Genocide denial, as the ANCA Glendale Chapter continues to work on ways to further the Armenian American community’s interests with the Americana and more.



## HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL ACTIVISTS

In 2017, the ANCA-WR invested heavily into local activism throughout the country and indisputable progress was made in the western region. Tireless efforts went into forging long-lasting, robust relationships with various cultural, educational, athletic, charitable, and youth organizations. The ANCA-WR's local chapters played a paramount role in cultivating relationships with public officials, strengthening community development programs, and helping promote grassroots activism to more effectively advance the Armenian-American Cause.

Through all of this hard work, the ANCA-Western Region's local chapters have achieved prodigious amounts of success. As of this year, every state located within the Western Region has formally recognized the Armenian Genocide, with Wyoming and Texas being the two most recent and notable ones.



*"Serving one's community and culture and working towards improving it and the human condition in general, to my mind's eye, are among the most noble and highest callings anyone can ever aspire to. From the first moment that the gravity of this realization sprang root within and took hold of me, I understood clearly that those were the qualities I hoped to embody and who I aimed to be. Though there were several other well-intentioned organizations about, where I could possibly channel my time, energy and talents, the ANCA ultimately proved to be the most focused, faithful, committed and promising vehicle through which I could work and advance. The ANCA's commitment to truth and justice is unparalleled, and its ability to quickly and effectively mobilize its constituency, from the very young to the elderly is unmatched. The ANCA gives voice to the silenced, hope to the defeated, and direction to those who seek or require it. It's not perfect, but it does its best and it's the best we've got. Once all of these elements came together for me, the activist in me was born and I have undoubtedly, in the 25 years since, grown to be a better man, American and Armenian for it." - Boghos Patatian, Chair ANCA-Pasadena*

*"The ANCA serves as a bridge between our vast Armenian-American community and their elected representatives, diligently serving as the voice and grassroots advocacy machine for hundreds of thousands in our community." - Ashod Mooradian, ANCA-Montebello*

*"When we volunteer for the ANCA, we do not do it just to support an organization or a project. Volunteering for ANCA means volunteering for values that advocate human rights and social justice. The ANCA gives us the opportunity to help create that better world that we dream of for our children, both here in the United States as well as in our ancestral homeland, Armenia, with borders drawn and recognized by our own president Woodrow Wilson, on August 10, 1920." - Artin Manoukian, ANCA Glendale Chair*



# STRENGTHENING OUR PRESENCE OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

Although the strength of its local chapters has grown substantially over the years, the ANCA-WR continues to work vehemently to maintain the level of contact it has with policymakers and public officials through grassroots outreach, town hall meetings, advocacy days, and meetings with officials throughout the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Texas, Nebraska and Utah, to name a few. Given the unequivocally impactful outcomes which have been attained through the efforts of the various local chapters, the ANCA-WR will continue to heavily invest in building and engaging with Armenian communities outside of its headquarters in Los Angeles, CA.



*"ANCA gives us opportunities to connect with our elected officials and make our voice heard. Educating and activating our communities, including emphasizing the importance of voting, is what makes ANCA the best vehicle for elevating Armenian-American voices in politics." – Vrouir Frankian, ANCA-Houston Chair*

*"It is important to remember the past and work toward creating a better future, and giving time with ANCA to promote awareness of Armenian issues is a great way to do both." - Angela Heisel, ANCA-Arizona Co-Chair*

*"I started being interested in ANCA two years ago when members of the ANCA-WR visited our Church in Seattle. Since then I knew that I have to volunteer for this remarkable organization, as I feel it's our duty as Armenians to be involved in our Cause in any way we can, to encourage our community members to register and vote, and spread the word in the USA about Armenia and Armenians, the Armenian Genocide, and Artsakh." - Vana Tavitian, ANCA-Seattle Chair*



## BRINGING EDUCATION TO THE FRONTLINE

ANCA WR's Education Committee fosters and maintains relations with officials, administrators, and representatives from community based organizations that deal with education and youth matters. To ensure that the events leading up to, during and in the aftermath of the Armenian Genocide find their rightful place in school textbooks and are properly taught for generations to come, the ANCA-WR Education Committee continues on its journey to create partnerships with school districts, college boards, educators, administrators, local chapters, ANCA-WR committees, and community organizations throughout the region who in return helped fulfill that mission.

In February, the ANCA-WR Education Committee held its first Armenian Genocide Education Award Luncheon, which celebrated and honored K-12 instructors in public schools who have gone above their call of duty to teach their students about the Armenian Genocide. A diverse group of 19 educators who have shown exemplary use of technology, art, music, and/or theater in their lesson plans, while also empowering their students to apply in depth research on the specific topics within the context of the Armenian Genocide, were honored at the event.





## ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

No other Armenian-American public affairs organization in the United States benefits more from young activists than ANCA-WR. The contributions of each individual affiliated with the ANCA-WR are paramount to the organization's success. Hundreds of high school and college students and young professionals volunteer their time, energy, and talent to make the ANCA-WR the premier organization it is today.

Through its internship and development programs and its special relationship with the oldest and most active Armenian American youth groups - the Armenian Youth Federation (AYF) and the Armenian Student Associations (ASA) on campuses across the Western United States - the ANCA-WR fosters a spirit of community service, participation, and leadership in our community's youth. By exposing the youth to past and current work being done to advance the Armenian Cause, future generations are given the tools and opportunity to build upon and improve on the work of their predecessors. These efforts provide a valuable foundation for creating a new generation of Armenian-Americans who will be prepared and eager to advance Armenian issues for decades to come.

## ANCA-WR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Acknowledging the importance of providing a pipeline of support to the next generation of our community's leaders, in 2017 the ANCA-WR continued to educate, motivate, and activate our youth through its hands-on internship program. During their tenure, interns are given valuable opportunities to interact with public officials, develop leadership and advocacy skills, represent the ANCA-WR at community and media events, organize various grassroots campaigns and events, work with ANCA-WR and local chapter leadership as well as participate in weekly educational lectures. This year the interns were tasked with filming weekly vlogs which garnered a great deal of attention within the community. Each vlog allowed the public to gain insight into the experiences of the interns from their own personal viewpoints.

The multi-faceted internship compounds professional skill-building with networking opportunities to promote well-rounded individuals with an in-depth understanding of community issues as well as advocacy efforts on the local, regional, and federal levels to serve in our community and on future ANCA Western Region and local chapter committees. The program hosts spring, summer, and fall sessions.







## ANCA LEO SARKISIAN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In that same spirit, the ANCA-WR also sponsored two students to participate in the prestigious ANCA Leo Sarkisian Internship Program in Washington, DC. The internship program provides Armenian American youth leaders hailing from California to Massachusetts, Michigan and Montreal, all gathering in Washington, DC for a common purpose to enhance their leadership in advancing Armenian American policy priorities and get a first-hand about the inner workings of the American political system during this eight-week training session in the nation's capital.

## ANCA-WR WALTER AND LAUREL KARABIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Building on opportunities already provided to youth and young professionals, the ANCA-WR also established the Walter and Laurel Karabian Fellowship for Public Policy. The nine-month-long fellowship, launched in 2016, is the first Sacramento-based program of its kind and promotes the vision and experience of its benefactor, Walter Karabian, who was the first Armenian American to serve in the California State Assembly. Its goal is to prepare the next generation of Armenian-American policy leaders through policy research, analysis projects and placements in state and administrative offices, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, labor unions and consulting firms, while also enhancing their professional and networking skills. This program will allow participants to gain an in depth understanding of nonprofit work, advocacy organization, think tanks, electoral politics, labor, as well as California State Legislature in general.





# HYE VOTES

Hye Votes is a project of the ANCA-Western Region to encourage higher civic participation in the community through voter registration and voting. The HyeVotes initiative is intended to register and encourage the community through volunteerism by partnering with a network of nonprofit organizations, student groups, and community members to vote in elections while also serving as a source for voter information. The fundamental goals of the ANCA-WR HyeVotes initiative are to increase the number of registered voters, to create public awareness regarding the importance of civic engagement and the electoral process and to provide voters with comprehensive nonpartisan information about their ballots. Through the active participation and involvement of a large number of Armenian community organizations and entities, Hye Votes reaches large segments of the community which have either refrained from registering or which have not actively voted in recent elections.

By recognizing the power of the internet, the ANCA-WR continued to build on its previous year's commitment to keep the community informed of critical issues through Action Alerts, and ANCA-WR's social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Armenian-Americans are better connected than ever to each other, to elected officials, the media, and the general public. This past year, the Armenian American community reached an unprecedented level of activism in the LA General electoral elections held in May. Although we were faced with both failures and successes, the endorsed candidates felt victorious nonetheless, with a strong track record of support on Armenian-American priorities and issues, and plan to keep their audiences aware of ongoing issues in the political arena.



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ONLINE

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DMV, Post Office

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WAYS TO VOTE

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FROM HOME

Ballot Via Mail

Submit application @ lavote.net.  
You will receive ballot via mail.  
Address, Sign, Date, Mail back at  
least 5 days before election day.

2

POLLING LOCATION

On Election Day

Polling locations open 7 am - 8 pm  
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## RAPID RESPONDER PROGRAM

Over the past year, the ANCA-WR has continued its efforts to unify a broad coalition of Armenian-Americans by urging community members to sign up for the Rapid Responders program.

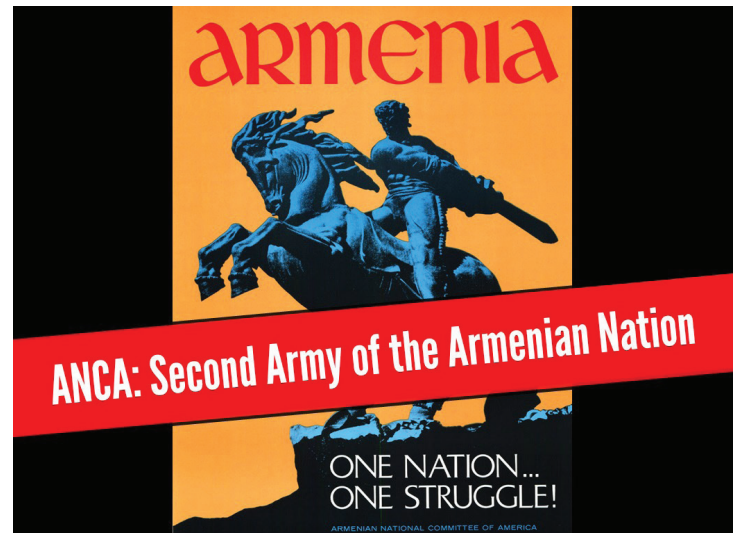
It is easier than ever to ensure the Armenian-American voice is heard in the Halls of Government on the federal, state and local levels, with the ANCA Rapid Responder System. By signing up, constituents allow the ANCA to automatically send pre-written letters on their behalf to their legislators. This system ensures that the views and values of Armenian-Americans are shared immediately with key decision makers, every time that the ANCA posts an action alert. This is especially vital when events develop quickly and every minute counts. Before any letters are sent on someone's behalf they are first sent to the person to ensure advance knowledge of what is being sent, and an opportunity to opt out if needed.

Through the Rapid Responder program, ANCA-WR activists have sent thousands upon thousands of letters, to have their voices heard when quick action was required and the loud, unified voice of the Armenian-American Community needed to assert its collective power.

## MARCHING ON FOR JUSTICE

The ANCA-WR is a proud member the Armenian Genocide Committee-Western United States of America (AGC-WUSA), a coalition of eighteen Armenian organizations and religious entities. The committee was established to steer and coordinate the multifaceted commemorative activities for the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in the Western United States and has continued its work annually thereafter.

The March for Justice on April 24, 2017, brought out tens of thousands of Armenians, who marched through Los Angeles, demanding the recognition of the Armenian Genocide by the Turkish government and justice for its consequences. Joining the March for Justice in solidarity were over twenty-nine organizations of various ethnic backgrounds, including Assyrian, Greek, Ezidi, Kurdish, Jewish, Irish, Palestinian, as well as numerous human rights groups, student associations, and other advocacy organizations. Since the Armenian Genocide Centennial of 2015, the annual March for Justice has served as a collective rallying cry by Armenians and non-Armenians alike to finally resolve the issue of this unpunished crime against humanity.





## SIGNATURE EVENTS

### GRASSROOTS CONFERENCE

This biennial conference brings together experts and hundreds of activists from all over the world to analyze issues related to the Armenian Cause and to develop and promote new avenues of leadership and advocacy. The ANCA-WR Grassroots Conference is composed of a groundbreaking series of informative and inspirational panel discussions, which successfully educate and empower the community to become a more active and dominant force in the collective pursuit of the Armenian Cause. This dynamic 2 day conference consists of compelling discussions on topics such as Advocacy through Film & the Arts, Transnational Justice: The Road to Reparations, Politics in Action: Congress On Our Side, Profiles in Courage, and ANCA On The Move .With its renowned Grassroots panelists, this conference will keep you intrigued all weekend.



### ANCA-WR ANNUAL GALA BANQUET

The Annual Gala Banquet is the premiere event for the ANCA-WR and the Armenian-American community, where activists, supporters, donors, and public officials come together to acknowledge the work of the organization and to pay homage to annual honorees whose contribution to the Armenian Cause is recognized each year. The annual dinner provides crucial financial support to the ANCA Western Region, which serves as a vital center for advocacy, activism, education, and community development.



### ADVOCACY DAY

The ANCA-WR leads hundreds of activists from respective states in the western region to their state's capitol where they lobby their state legislators face to face. The breadth and depth of the ANCA-WR Advocacy Days is captured in the diversity of our activists, coming from nearly every age group and from all backgrounds.





# BECOME AN ANCA-WR E-ACTIVIST

Get active online. Share and like our Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn updates, re-tweet our Twitter posts and get your family and network of friends engaged in advancing the Armenian Cause. Becoming an ANCA-WR E-Activist is just a click away.

## Get Involved in your ANCA-WR

Let us know what you want to join in on the efforts. Submit form online at [ancawr.org/getinvolved](http://ancawr.org/getinvolved)

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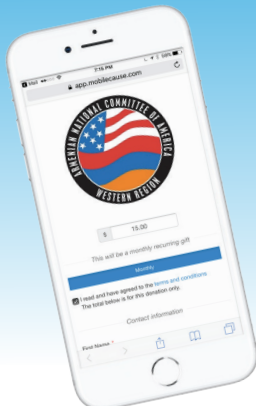


# HOW DOES ALL OF THIS HAPPEN...

Hundreds of dedicated community members across the region serve as volunteers on our regional and local boards, committees, and subcommittees, while others graciously contribute financially to make our programs and initiatives possible. This selfless dedication and commitment from community members is a direct result of the ANCA-WR's proven track record and the critical work carried out for the advancement of the Armenian Cause and the promotion of interests of the Armenian American community.

**OUR STRENGTH LIES IN OUR NUMBERS AND THE PASSION OF OUR GRASSROOTS ACTIVISTS, DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND SUPPORTERS.**

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