

NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAC informed and activated our action email network and you responded!

Together we helped prevent further cuts to programs serving people in poverty, kept up the pressure to welcome refugees, demonstrated for immigrants, protested for worker rights, called for peace.

Thank you!

- Working in coalition, we aided millions of families by successfully advocating for permanent extension of Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.
- We helped preserved domestic and overseas funding for anti-poverty efforts at the federal level during the 2015 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering where Larry Couch served as the Maryland State Captain.
- We met with congressional staff to urge the end of mass incarceration in conjunction with the 2015 Ecumenical Advocacy Days Gathering. The 2015 EAD theme was *Breaking the Chains: Mass Incarceration & Systems of Exploitation*.
- NAC assisted in the formation of a WISC (Washington Interfaith Service Community) Working Group on Race to focus on institutional racism within the advocacy community.
- NAC protested throughout a two-day demonstration in Georgia to close down the School of the Americas for its role in assassinations and the destabilization of Central American governments.
- We kept the pressure up and the moral perspective on immigration front-and-center through numerous meetings with congressional and senior White House staff, as a core member of the Justice for Immigrants Campaign of the USCCB.
- We demonstrated and held prayer vigils in front of detention centers in Illinois and in Georgia to protest family immigration detention.
- NAC submitted an official statement for a congressional hearing calling to preserve an open door for highly vetted Syrian refugees of all religions who are fleeing violence and persecution.
- NAC initiated and co-sponsored, with the American Friends Service Committee, a panel presentation on *Islam in America: A conversation on what it means to be Muslim in the U.S.* Larry Couch served as moderator.
- We met with congressional staff urging passage of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Trafficking Prevention Act of 2015 to address human trafficking.
- To help end discrimination against women, NAC co-sponsored Cities for CEDAW event in Washington DC.
- We participated in a rally and demonstration to encourage President Obama to pay all federal contract workers a minimum of \$15 and hour, ensure the right to establish a union, and for federal contracts to be given exclusively to model employers, i.e., employers who provide good working conditions.

- NAC conducted advocacy training for 40 students from Jesuit high schools across the U.S. for the 2015 Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice.
- NAC visited across the country with the ministries and programs of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to engage their staff in social justice advocacy work and to support them in their mission.
- NAC created a new dynamic website/logo/tagline; launched a social media presence on Twitter/Facebook; designed a new brochure – all to expand our voice and engage a wider audience to “Rise Up & Act for Justice.”