



Summer 2022 Report

QVS serves as an incubator for social justice activists grounded in Spirit. In each of our program cities, we bring 6-8 young adults together in intentional community and place them in professional positions at service and change organizations. Their work helps to expand the capacity of community-based non-profits. Meanwhile, we partner with 17 Quaker meetings and churches that hold the local QVS houses under their care.

Quaker Service During COVID-19

QVS Fellows are woven into a network of over 30 service organizations, providing essential support for vulnerable communities. Due to COVID-19 safety concerns many sites and Fellows adjusted to serving their constituents from home. In each city, some Fellows continue to do direct service work in-person.



Looking Back on the First Decade of QVS

Quaker Voluntary Service was conceived in 2009 and began operations in the fall of 2012. In the past decade QVS:

- Opened programs in five cities over the course of seven years: Atlanta (2012), Philadelphia & Portland (2013), Boston (2015), and the Twin Cities (2018).
- Grew the annual budget from \$160k to \$1,000,000 — a near 6.5x increase.
- Supported over 270 young adult Fellows.
- Collaborated with local Friends: an estimated 210 Friends have served as Spiritual Nurturers & 100 Friends have served as LSC members.
- Onboarded and supported 17 City Coordinators as our primary points of contact with Fellows.
- Partnered with over 120 site placements across five cities.
- Experimented with a subsidized site placement fee (for organizations working with aging adults) with a grantmaker, Friends Foundation for the Aging, enabling QVS to consider moving to a sliding scale model.
- Dramatically increased offerings of financial resources and relational support for Fellows who hold marginalized identities (BIPOC, trans, queer, etc).
 - Hired a Director of Equity and Empowerment.
 - Started providing financial resources, including: Program Completion stipend (\$0-\$1,500 stipend based on Fellows' self-determined needs); Black hair fund; emergency discretionary fund; orientation travel fund.
- In response to feedback from Fellows, made key program shifts and evolved the way we organize curriculum and programming.
 - Hired a Director of Program to support City Coordinators, local Friends, and Fellows.

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- Supported Fellows and staff through an extremely volatile decade. During the last 10 years, our culture has been deeply polarized around issues including (and not limited to): sexual identity, gender identity, gun control, immigration, state sanctioned violence, critical race theory, climate change, healthcare, and the role of science in setting public policy.
- Transitioned from the QVS founder, Christina Repoley, to a second executive director.
- Successfully completed first-ever (multi-year) fundraising campaign, raising over \$2.2M.
- Secured seed funding for an endowment and began a planned giving program.

Envisioning the Next Decade of Quaker Service

As QVS enters our second decade, we are undertaking a strategic planning process. Through this process, we hope to celebrate the first 10 years of transformative work, and look towards another 10 years and beyond.

Ways for YOU to Engage

Quaker Voluntary Service is blessed to be embedded in Quaker communities – physically in our program cities, and spiritually with Friends across the world.

Over 50 Friends meetings and churches make financial contributions to QVS, allowing us to do all that you read about above. The majority of these meetings and churches aren't in a program city. Encouraging your meeting to donate (or vocally appreciating that your meeting donates already!) to QVS makes a difference to us. Fellows know that Friends across the country care about them and their experience.

Additionally, to learn more about QVS and see updates in real time, you can sign up for our [eNewsletter](#). This enables you to hold incoming Fellows in the Light as we announce them over the summer; respond to surveys and offer feedback as we continue a strategic planning process; and share with others what you know about QVS.

And, of course, you can [support QVS financially](#). We have a matching gift campaign until the end of July that every new gift or increase to your gift last year will be matched. (With recurring donations double-matched!)

Thank you for your support!

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Across the country, QVS supporters are coming together to invest in young adults' spiritual and vocational lives. Will you join us?



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