

# 2018

ANNUAL REPORT





# GUN VIOLENCE IS AN AVOIDABLE EPIDEMIC

AND IS FAR TOO COMMON IN  
OUR COUNTRY AND STATE. THE  
PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON—  
FROM THE KIDS MARCHING  
FOR THEIR LIVES, TO THEIR  
PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS  
WHO ARE CALLING THEIR  
ELECTED OFFICIALS—DEMAND  
ACTION NOW.

- Renée Hopkins, CEO,  
Alliance for Gun Responsibility

March For Our Lives



# THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE, THE POWER OF OUR YOUTH

was the theme of 2018 at the Alliance for Gun Responsibility. Overall, 2018 was a phenomenal year for gun violence prevention (GVP) progress in Washington State. But that progress was born from tragedy and the remarkable failure of our elected officials. On February 14th, as the Parkland shooting that would galvanize a new generation of gun violence prevention advocates unfolded, our state legislature allowed a bill that would have raised the age to purchase a semi-automatic assault rifle to 21 and required state level background checks, to die in committee. Legislators lagging behind the will of the people they represent was never more clear in our Washington State movement.

While the 2018 legislative session saw three important gun violence prevention laws pass, the failure of our enhanced background checks on semi-automatic assault weapons demanded a response. So, respond—along with hundreds of thousands of people across our state—we did! Ultimately, this failure led to the passage of the most comprehensive GVP policy in our state, and the only gun initiative on the ballot in our country last years: Safe Schools, Safe Communities I-1639. I-1639 was the third ballot initiative in five years to pass in Washington. Passing with nearly 60 percent of the vote, this initiative sent the strongest message to our elected officials to date. Continuing to embrace data-driven policy in our approach to saving lives, I-1639 raised the age to purchase semi-automatic assault rifles to 21, and also required state-level background checks, a 10-day waiting period, and training to purchase these firearms. The initiative also includes life-saving dangerous access prevention provisions. This would not have been possible without the amazing growth in our grassroots GVP movement and unbelievable infusion of energy from our youth, which was on full display at the March for Our Lives (MFOL) event in Seattle and across the country.

In November, emboldened by the power of the people in Washington State and the enthusiasm around I-1639 and gun violence prevention candidates, the Alliance Victory Fund helped elect 67 candidates up and down the ticket, at every level of government. This included helping to flip the House with the election of Dr. Kim Schrier and electing 56 legislators, including nine challengers, to finally realize a true gun violence prevention majority in Olympia. We also helped elect two county prosecutors, a vital position for effective implementation of firearm laws. Overall 84 percent of our endorsed candidates are now serving in elected office—a strong record!



Finally, we saw the passage of De-Escalate Washington's Initiative 940, which requires de-escalation and mental health training for all law enforcement in the state. We know this proven policy will help save lives in our communities, especially those most impacted by gun violence.

We also experienced tremendous outcomes in our intensive work supporting the implementation of protection order laws—including Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) and Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPO). The newly-established Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit recovered nearly 600 firearms in 2018, an increase of more than 400 percent from the previous year. Of the 592 firearms retrieved, 188 were from extreme risk petitions. Research has demonstrated that for every 10-12 firearms retrieved by an executed ERPO, one suicide is prevented. This work is saving lives.

To further the implementation of protection orders and firearms surrender, we hosted two day-long educational summits focused on the intersections of domestic violence and gun violence. This included our first summit in Eastern Washington, partnering with the Spokane YWCA and the Spokane Police Department.

Finally, 2018 saw our engagement with impacted communities continue to grow with Education to Action, a civic engagement seminar, and increased engagement with youth through MFOL and our own intern and fellow program.

None of what we achieved in 2018, what we are on track to achieve in 2019, or what we envision for a future free from gun violence would be possible without you, our extraordinary coalition. Power is with the people, power is with our youth, and together we will continue marching toward that moment.



**Renée Hopkins**  
CEO



**Linda Parrish**  
C3 Board President



**Zach Silk**  
C4 Board President



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# ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

## ALLIANCE FOR GUN RESPONSIBILITY FOUNDATION

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization
- Original research
- Program work
- Implementation of laws
- Summit education series
- Grassroots advocacy



## ALLIANCE FOR GUN RESPONSIBILITY

- 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization
- Legislative policy agenda
- Legislative advocacy
- Helped to get four GVP bills passed:
  - **SB 5992** banned bump stocks
  - **SB 6298** increased protections for victims of domestic violence
  - **HB 2519** enhanced concealed pistol license requirements
  - **SB 5553** voluntary waiver bill to prevent suicides



## ALLIANCE FOR GUN RESPONSIBILITY VICTORY FUND & ALLIANCE FOR GUN RESPONSIBILITY FEDERAL VICTORY FUND

- WA State and federal political action committees
- Endorses municipal, state, and federal candidates
- 84% victory rate of endorsed candidates



## INITIATIVE 1639

- Statewide ballot initiative campaign
- Passed with nearly 60% of the vote
- Most comprehensive gun violence prevention law in WA State
- Only gun violence prevention law in the nation on the ballot in November 2018





# FINANCIALS

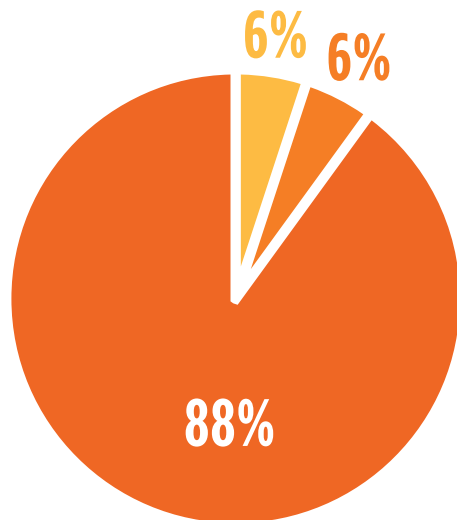
## AT THE ALLIANCE WE KNOW THAT OUR SUCCESS IS YOUR SUCCESS.

That with each new law, summit, hearing day, rally, and fundraising event, our partners, volunteers, faith community leaders, public health advocates, survivors, donors, and elected officials are the driving force behind making our communities safer.

Each year, we reach more passionate advocates like you and we are excited to see where the end of the next year takes us. We know that as long as we have you on our side, we will continue to make progress in this fight. Thank you to the dozens of partner organizations, in Washington State and across the country who work with us daily. Thank you to our hundreds of dedicated and passionate advocates who give their time and share their stories. Thank you to the thousands of volunteers who show up day after day. And THANK YOU to our thousands of donors who make our work possible. Together, we will continue to pass lifesaving laws and support programming to reduce gun violence in our communities.

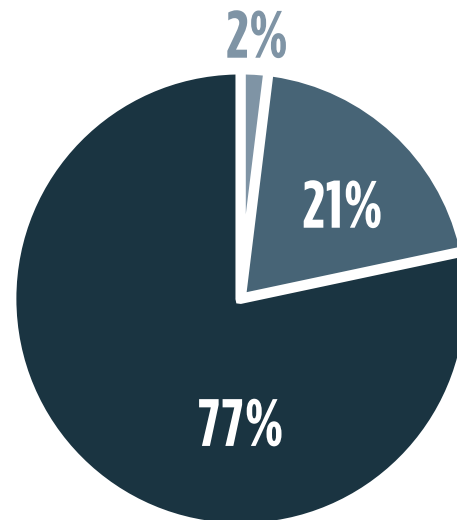
The Alliance is built on a foundation of supporters from across the state and country who financially support our work every year. We are proud that in 2018 we had **more than 8,800 donors with a median donation of \$25**. Every donation, of every size, is critical to our work. **THANK YOU!**

## EXPENSES



- Programs **\$6,066,720**
- Fundraising **\$418,500**
- Management **\$397,799**

## REVENUE



- Major Donors **\$5,184,000**
- Individual **\$1,413,000**
- Grants **\$165,000**

\*Financials include expenses and revenue from **AGR, AGRF, AGR Victory Fund, and SAFE SCHOOLS, SAFE COMMUNITIES**



# IMPLEMENTATION

**OUR DEDICATION TO ENSURING THAT RESPONSIBLE GUN LAWS ARE NOT JUST PASSED – BUT ALSO IMPLEMENTED PER THEIR INTENT – REMAINS A PRIORITY. IN 2018, OUR IMPLEMENTATION WORK FOCUSED ON TWO PRIMARY AREAS: PROTECTION ORDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIM SAFETY.**

## PROTECTION ORDERS

In 2018, the Foundation continued to work on implementation of protection order laws, including Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) and Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), in King County and expanded that work to include Spokane and Snohomish counties. This was the first full year the Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit (RDVFEU) was operational, tackling the challenges of domestic abusers and people in behavioral health crisis with easy access to firearms, as a public health and public safety priority. As a result of this approach, in King County alone, there was a 400 percent increase in surrendered firearms.

The Alliance and the RDVFEU worked with the state law enforcement training commission to develop curriculum for officers in training for firearms surrender. This project was later combined and expanded on in partnership with Johns Hopkins and the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence (EFSGV). The draft training is complete and will be launched in Q1 2019 and evaluated in 2019.

Finally, in partnership with the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, EFSGV, and the Prosecutors Against Gun Violence, we launched a new initiative: Disarm Domestic Violence, a tool that allows individuals to research state-specific laws on domestic violence restraining order firearm removals. Phase I of the website (DisarmDV.org) was launched in November.

The Alliance also published the first toolkit on ERPOs for states wanting to pass and implement this life-saving tool. The toolkit is presented jointly by the Alliance, EFSGV, and Giffords Law Center. Our organizations worked together, each contributing unique expertise and resources, to develop this guiding document that overviews how extreme risk laws can be successfully utilized. These laws empower families and law enforcement to prevent gun tragedies by temporarily reducing access to guns by individuals at an elevated risk of endangering themselves or others. Extreme risk laws are a type of state-level policy that are quickly gaining traction across the United States. In King county alone, ERPOs were responsible for the successful removal of more than 180 firearms from potentially dangerous situations. Based on research conducted in 2016, it can be estimated that for every 10-12 guns removed due to an ERPO, one suicide is prevented. This law is saving lives.

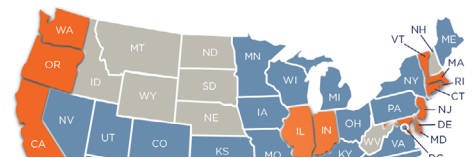
## EXTREME RISK LAWS TOOLKIT

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A **Toolkit** for Developing  
Life-Saving Policy in Your State

[efsgv.org](http://efsgv.org)  
[gunresponsibility.org](http://gunresponsibility.org)  
[giffords.org](http://giffords.org)

#### DOES YOUR STATE HAVE AN EXTREME RISK LAW?



**WE ENVISION A FUTURE WHERE EXTREME RISK LAWS ARE ENACTED, IMPLEMENTED, AND SAVING LIVES NATIONWIDE.**

### LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIM SAFETY

In 2017 Washington became the first state to require authorities to notify local law enforcement AND victims when a prohibited person attempts to purchase a firearm, a practice known as “lie and try.” Implementation of LEVA ensures law enforcement and victims are notified when felons, domestic abusers and other ineligible people illegally attempt to purchase guns. Based on a report from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), estimates put the numbers at nearly 4,000 denials and 850 referrals since the inception of the law.



# ADVOCACY

## CONSTANT PRESENCE PROGRAM

Maintaining a consistent presence in Olympia has been a hallmark of our past legislative successes and 2018 was no different. In the legislature, as well as in coalition building, the Alliance advocacy and field programs continued to lead the way for gun violence prevention. We mobilized our volunteer network to contact legislators in record numbers, across multiple means of communication. Our constant presence no doubt delivered the message that Washington voters are dedicated to preventing gun violence statewide.

## VOLUNTEERS IN OLYMPIA

On-the-ground advocacy in Olympia continued to be our most effective method to demonstrate our strength and the power of our supporter network, partly due to renewed youth-focused engagement. The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting on February 14, 2018 helped to galvanize voter outrage on inaction on gun violence measures, leading to a noticeable difference in volunteer engagement.

Weekly visits to the Capitol by volunteers delivered the message that we are serious about fixing our state's gun laws. By far, however, our hearing days were the largest events of the legislative session. The importance of those days went beyond our legislative effort. They were a show of force by and for our volunteers and a counter to the gun lobby presence in Olympia. To maximize the number of supporters, we provided transportation to the Capitol for volunteers and testifiers. And our volunteers showed up big, wearing orange scarves and t-shirts and proudly displaying buttons and stickers calling for an end to the epidemic of gun violence.

## HANDWRITTEN LETTERS AND POSTCARDS

Handwritten letters and postcards provided legislators with tangible, physical evidence of support for gun violence prevention measures from their constituents and Washington voters. The time and personality put into each letter showed legislators the depth of support from individual supporters.

## EMAIL

The year of 2018 was an outstanding year for contact with legislators by email. A whopping 432,551 emails were sent to legislators by our gun responsibility advocates!

## STATS



\*Emails to Legislators: **432,551**

## YES ON 1639 CAMPAIGN:

The Yes On I-1639 Campaign saw some of the most robust, engaged, and diverse volunteer activity ever facilitated by the Alliance. Together with our incredible base of grassroots volunteer networks, we mounted a signature gathering drive followed by a statewide Get Out The Vote (GOTV) campaign that saw active volunteers in almost every single legislative district. Altogether, the Alliance's volunteer network accomplished the following on the Yes On I-1639 Campaign:

- More than **70,000** signatures in **25 days**
- **4,239** volunteer hours campaigning
- Made **28,107** GOTV voter contacts

Throughout the course of the I-1639 campaign the Alliance worked with eight fellows and six interns. These 14 individuals provided invaluable support not just to the Alliance as a whole, but to the success of the I-1639 Campaign. Our fellows and interns ranged in age from 16 to 28 years old, coming from all different backgrounds and education levels. Together, our interns and fellows were able to knock on 2,256 doors and make over 10,000 calls to Washington voters on behalf of the I-1639 campaign.

# 1639 CAMPAIGN

## OVERVIEW

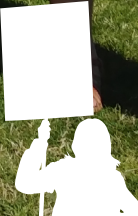
Initiative 1639 was the most comprehensive gun violence prevention measure ever proposed in Washington state. It was also the only gun safety measure on the ballot anywhere in the country during the November 2018 elections, despite the influx of energy to the gun violence prevention movement in the wake of Parkland. Both of these factors were crucial in shaping our communications and outreach strategies throughout the campaign.

Parkland brought new voices to the gun violence prevention movement here in Washington state. Many of those new faces were key voices of support throughout the Initiative 1639 campaign where we sought to center the stories of gun violence survivors and of students who have grown up in the shadow of mass shootings.

Featuring personal stories allowed us to illustrate the urgent need for commonsense policies like those included in Initiative 1639. It also helped demonstrate the overwhelming support Washington voters have for bold, comprehensive solutions like Initiative 1639. We focused media outreach around key events in Seattle and a statewide press tour where we highlighted local voices in Vancouver, Tacoma, Yakima, Spokane, Sequim, and Mill Creek. These events helped us both showcase existing support and build new relationships outside our traditional support networks.

The national media landscape was very crowded leading into the 2018 election, but because Initiative 1639 was the only gun safety measure on the ballot we were able to capture attention and continue to position Washington as a national leader on gun violence prevention.









Kathleen O'Grady  
& Jane Fonda

## SIGNATURE GATHERING

I-1639 was able to qualify for the ballot in no small part because of the tremendous efforts of dedicated volunteers across Washington state. Petitions were transported from the print shop to Seattle First Baptist Church where dozens of volunteers were waiting to insert them into signature gathering packets which included pens, buttons, clipboards, return envelopes, and instructions.

Hundreds of online sign-up forms were created for volunteers to sign up for a multi-hour signature gathering shift at a grocery store, farmers market, ferry, or special event like the Pride Parade. The field and operations teams supported these volunteers by hand-delivering or mailing signature gathering packets, emailing and calling them to remind them about their shifts, answering questions and providing instructional videos on how to collect signatures, and following up with them post-shift to ensure that the petitions ended up back in the team's hands.

As completed petitions were returned to the campaign headquarters, a tedious operation to process the petitions began. Again, dozens of volunteers were on hand to help count, verify and record the signatures and the signature gatherers. More often than not, the daily amount of completed petitions could not fit in our PO Box and we had to receive a special delivery from post office staff.

By the end of the month-long effort, more than 1,300 volunteers gathered nearly 70,000 signatures! Combined with the signature gathering firm that was hired for the campaign, we were able to surpass the minimum required for the ballot in the shortest time on record for a WA State initiative.

In July, we invited volunteers to a small reception at the South Lake Union Discovery Center. We celebrated all of their efforts to date but also laid the groundwork for the Get Out the Vote effort to come.

**OUR TOP SIGNATURE GATHERER, ANACORTES RESIDENT KATHLEEN O'GRADY, GATHERED 888 SIGNATURES!**

## DEVELOPING THE MODEL

At the start of Initiative 1639, we reviewed existing modeling on Gun Violence Prevention (GVP) conducted by the Washington State Democrats and Democratic National Committee. We found that these models were based primarily on party affiliation. Since our State does not use a closed primary, and does not require a public party identification, these models were not just incomplete but were statistically more likely to predict a negative support for GVP than positive.

We worked with our public policy polling firm Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research (GQR) and a Washington D.C. based modeling firm Clarity Campaign Labs, to create a Washington State specific model for GVP support. This model was created from three main data points. First, existing polling conducted by GQR for 1639 as well as other GVP policies. Second, initiative signature data from 594, 1491, 940, and 1639. Third, a new survey conducted by Clarity Campaigns and GQR that polled the specific modeling question. This question was a two-track assessment. First, is the individual a strong supporter of Gun Violence Prevention policy? Second, how likely is this individual to make a decision on who to vote for based on their support for GVP? The data from this modeling exercise was ranked on a scale of 0-100. Each band of 10 points corresponded to a 10-15 percent likelihood of supporting GVP policy. Between the bands 60 and 100, the values were weighted by likelihood of supporting GVP candidates. This model was then applied to 95 percent of the voters in the Washington State database as of September 2018.

Our campaign utilized this model for our door to door and phone volunteer efforts. We used this model to create Get Out The Vote target sets in priority districts. In particular, we used the model to identify areas and voters by which we could influence a positive support for 1639 and a positive support for the priority candidate in that district. In addition, we used this modeling to direct our highly successful digital advertisement buy. We gave this model to our digital advertisement team, and they were able to use it to well above industry standard engagement with our digital ads. Finally, we used this target set to assist our mail programs and give it more specificity in its target set. This model was especially useful in helping our programs work in conjunction with each other. Since the model set is identified not just by demographics but by specific names, we were able to ensure that each mode of contact (field, digital, mail) were going to the same individual people. That way, they each received contacts across all of their platforms rather than just one.

**GOING FORWARD, THE MODEL WILL ALLOW THE ALLIANCE TO MORE STRATEGICALLY AND INTENTIONALLY TARGET OUR WORK TO ADVOCATE FOR GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION POLICES AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE.**





## SUCCESS OF I-1639

Initiative 1639 passed by an overwhelming majority of the vote in November 2018. Staff, supporters, and elected officials watched the results roll in from the ballroom of the Edgewater Hotel in Seattle. Citizen sponsor Paul Kramer was on hand along with Attorney General Bob Ferguson, and Campaign Manager Stephen Paolini to speak to the ups and downs of the campaign and what its success meant to them and to all of Washington State.

The campaign period for I-1639 exemplified the motivation and commitment Washingtonians have toward gun violence prevention. Over the course of the campaign, approximately 3,000 volunteers worked on I-1639 with the Alliance across the state of Washington. For many of these volunteers, it was their first time working with the Alliance. These volunteers helped the Alliance gather signatures and talk to citizens regarding the Initiative. In total, there were nearly 70,000 total signatures gathered by our dedicated volunteers who worked a combined 4,239 hours.

Our hard work paid off! Because of the tireless efforts of our volunteers across the state, and the millions of voters who supported the initiative on the ballot, Washington schools and communities will be safer, guns will be less likely to fall into the wrong hands, and lives will be saved. The victory of I-1639 sent the message to Olympia and Washington D.C. that voters are demanding action.

The work done with I-1639 was the start of bolder gun violence prevention legislation. Undeniably, there is a lot more work to be done, but with the support of our volunteer and voter base, a safer and more responsible Washington can be achieved.



I-1639 CAMPAIGN LOGO





I-1639 Rally

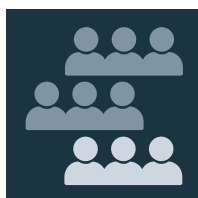
# PROGRAMMING

## EDUCATION TO ACTION

Our Education to Action workshops have become an integral part of collaborative efforts to reduce gun violence in some of the most impacted communities in our state. We prepare young people to be a part of the legislative process — organizing, testifying for the legislature, and informing policy. In 2018, the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Foundation successfully and safely offered our support and guidance to thousands of students through marches, rallies, workshops, and student-led walkouts demanding common sense gun laws.



**17** Training workshops held



## STATS

**249** attendees,  
**67%** of whom were persons of color



**110** Youth participants from workshops in Seattle Public Schools

Education and programming opportunities for young people from diverse backgrounds are crucial to empowering people to feel like they have a voice and a choice in matters within their own communities. We traveled with area youth to Washington D.C. where we joined students and teachers from across the nation, to review existing student plans to reduce gun violence and combine them into a single “Student Bill of Rights” on school safety along with a corresponding action plan.

This year also saw our first lobby day in Olympia specifically aimed at those in the black community. The Charles Roland African American Legislation Day was a huge success for us and our partners: A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) and Seattle University. Through opportunities like these, along with our Education to Action workshops, the Alliance is building key relationships with organizations that serve some of our most impacted communities in the King County area.





Student Gun Violence Summit

**INTERN/FELLOW PROGRAM:**

Our intern and fellow program is designed to introduce students and community members to the workings of a nonprofit as well as to how grassroots and field campaigns function. We recruit for this program primarily from universities across Washington, opening the opportunity for any student who would be able to work remotely or in person or in person at our office. Working together with many university departments, we are able to offer our internships and fellowships to students from a varying range of degrees. During 2018, we had interns and fellows come to the Alliance from colleges, universities, and communities across our state. We recruit fellows and interns from colleges, universities, and communities across our state.

Fellows and interns provide support on tasks such as phone-banking, signature gathering, door knocking, data entry, event planning, and many other projects during their time at the Alliance. Not only do fellows and interns work with our advocacy team to reach Washington voters across the state, but they also get to work with every department of our organization while they are with the Alliance. Whether it be writing a piece for our communications manager or working in the community with our program manager, interns and fellows can participate in all aspects of the Alliance's work.



Joe Richter



## STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Since the beginning of the Alliance, we have been lucky to work with some extraordinary people. People willing to contribute their time and energy to gun violence prevention efforts. Joe Richter is a special example of someone who has left his mark on our team in a big way. Joe began his time with the Alliance as an intern and, due to his incredible phone banking skills, was brought on during the Yes On I-1639 campaign as a paid Outreach Coordinator specializing in volunteer recruitment. Joe's genuine and outgoing personality, along with his innate ability to connect with people made him one of our most successful recruiting team members. "In the beginning," he says, "you start with people who support you and then you start talking to those who don't." It was that kind of positive attitude and quiet determination that also helped to keep our team's spirits up during the long evenings of work to pass I-1639.*

*Joe's attributes his interest in advocacy and activism to growing up with a disability. He saw firsthand how persons from marginalized groups are mistreated and ostracized. He says that in order to make a difference, actively participating in raising awareness is vital. Moreover, he believes that "when people get together in groups, it gives them more of a voice." Instead of sitting on the sidelines, he encourages others to get involved in trying to create positive change.*

*When he got involved with the Alliance, Joe was in the last year of his undergraduate degree at Seattle University. He joined the Alliance, working as an unpaid intern, because he wanted to be around people who were energetic and passionate about making positive change. Joe says that through his time as an intern and then a campaign staffer he met "a whole rainbow of people" from diverse social and cultural backgrounds. Talking to different people, learning new organizational skills, and realizing that the work he did was making a difference, had a life-changing impact on Joe.*

*One of those memorable moments was driving down to Olympia to be there for the I-1639 campaign signature drop-off and press conference with the Alliance staff. Throughout his time at the Alliance, Joe says he not only made lasting friendships, but learned critical life lessons. "You can make change. You absolutely can. Even if the system seems to be broken and stacked against—you still can."*

- Joe Richter

## DV AND FIREARM SUMMITS

A key tenet of the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Foundation's public education efforts is our bi-annual Summits. We convene national and local subject matter experts together to share information and discuss the intersectionality of gun violence with a number of research and advocacy issues. In 2018, both of our Summits focused on domestic violence and firearms and highlighted the effectiveness of the recently-formed King County Regional Domestic Violence Firearm Enforcement Unit (RDVFEU).

The RDVFEU has successfully utilized orders to surrender weapons (protection orders) to remove nearly 600 firearms from dangerous abusers in 2018 and is committed to serving as a model for counties statewide.

Our Spokane Summit also provided a venue to unveil our DisarmDV website ([DisarmDV.org](http://DisarmDV.org)), created in partnership with the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Each Summit includes data-rich presentations, panel discussions, and group breakout sessions to brainstorm opportunities for improvement and outline next steps.





## YOUTH OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

In 2018, we saw youth engagement around the issue of gun violence prevention like never before. This was in large part, a result of the tragic Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting which took the lives of 14 teens and two adults on February 14, 2018. Just over five, short weeks later, GVP supporters of all ages attended youth-sponsored “March for Our Lives” events in cities across the county. Here in Seattle, several groups sprang up to make their voices heard as part of this nationwide youth activism aimed at giving a voice to students on the frontlines of gun violence in our schools.

We partnered with March For Our Lives Seattle, We Won’t Be Next, Community Passageways, Choose 180, and other student groups to work on youth advocacy throughout the year. During the 2018 legislative session, the Alliance participated in African American Lobby Day in Olympia, sponsoring a bus to escort youth to the Capitol and on March 6, “Students Take Olympia” saw dozens of students raise their voices to demand that legislators “Take the Vote!” on an important bill that would later become the foundation of Initiative 1639. Later in the year, we accompanied a group of students to the Student Violence Summit in Washington D.C. to create and ratify a Students’ Bill of Rights that addresses gun violence and safer schools and communities. This Bill aims to protect students, teachers and their communities and prevent gun violence by offering solutions to the many issues students see in and out of school that give way to gun violence.

Our workshops and partnerships with youth helped lay the groundwork for the huge impact they had on making I-1639 a success. Students gathered signatures with us, they spoke at rallies and press conferences, and they came out in force to get out the vote. We look forward to the continued growth of the youth voice in diverse communities across western Washington and beyond as part of the GVP movement.



# GUN VIOLENCE IS PREVENTABLE

