



*Ambassador*  
*Yearbook*  
**2025-2026**

## *A moment of gratitude*

When we launched our Ambassador Program in July 2025, we set out to build a network of people committed to elevating social connection as a national priority and mobilizing collective action. Over the past year, this program has grown into an extraordinary community that continually inspires us.

Today, our 113 ambassadors represent more than 80 cities across the country, each bringing unique lived experiences and expertise to this work, yet all united by a shared belief that social connection is essential to a vibrant society.

Throughout this first year, ambassadors have fostered social connection in their own communities and fields in countless ways. Whether launching coalitions, publishing research and thought leadership, developing curriculum and community programs, improving community design and organizational cultures, or sparking conversations in their everyday lives, our ambassadors are demonstrating how social connection can be cultivated in every sector and every community — and proving that everyone has a role to play in this movement.

Just as importantly, our ambassadors have shown up for one another by sharing knowledge, offering support, celebrating each other's accomplishments, and building relationships that extend well beyond this program. They've also helped the Foundation for Social Connection grow — introducing our resources to new audiences, lending their ideas and voices to storytelling campaigns, and providing valuable feedback that continues to strengthen this program.

In the pages that follow, you'll find the remarkable individuals who have shaped this first year of the Ambassador Program. To them, we say: thank you for supporting our mission, sharing your time and stories so generously, inspiring us with your creativity and joy, and helping grow a movement rooted in evidence, compassion, and community.

We look forward to continuing this journey together.



# 113

Ambassadors



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States & Territories



"Throughout the course of my Ambassador experience, I have been able to share F4SC's research-based findings with my network and new connections that has helped illustrate the broader story about the critical nature of social connection as it pertains to community and a well-functioning society."



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Cities



"I've learned so much about the research behind social connection, the ecosystem of players involved, and how this work could expand locally in New York State. The F4SC team has provided me with better language, more understanding of nuances, and a stronger vision for how I contribute to the space."



"Since social connection still feels like an up-and-coming subject, it can feel isolating at times doing it in our individual communities. Being able to swap insights with people who understand and who do this work all over the country is encouraging."



# Meet Our Ambassadors

Explore our incredible ambassador community alphabetically by state.  
Click any headshot to learn more about their work and background.

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## Arizona



**Joseph Sprietsma**  
*Benson, AZ*

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## California



**Ashley Kelly-Holden**

*Nipomo, CA*



**Ashley Rouse**

*Oakland, CA*



**Ben Jáuregui**

*Rancho Cucamonga, CA*



**Bridget Walcott**

*Santa Cruz, CA*



**Corene Canaan**

*San Luis Obispo, CA*



**Eleanor Huntington**

*Santa Monica, CA*



**Jared Joiner**

*Oakland, CA*



**Jeremy Yu**

*Los Altos Hills, CA*



**Jonathan Jacobs**

*Playa del Rey, CA*





**Kari deLongpre**  
*Oceanside, CA*  
**Meera Varma**  
*Burbank, CA*  
**Meg Enthoven**  
*San Francisco, CA*



**Orly Israel**  
*Pacific Palisades, CA*  
**Ted Kagan**  
*El Cajon, CA*  
**Victoria Myers**  
*San Diego, CA*



**Wendy Walsh**  
*Los Angeles, CA*  
**WoeiJing Teng**  
*Novato, CA*  
**Wyatt Lim-Temper**  
*San Francisco, CA*

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## Colorado



**Cherri Jacobs Pruitt**  
*Lafayette, CO*  
**Erica Friedman**  
*Golden, CO*  
**Linda Lipsius**  
*Denver, CO*



**Sara Nadelman**  
*Denver, CO*

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## Connecticut



**Michael Lee Stallard**

*Greenwich, CT*



**Tony Bacigalupo**

*Norwalk, CT*

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## District of Columbia



**Amy Wilson**

*Washington, DC*



**Bethany Rubin Henderson**

*Washington, DC*



**Crystal Bettenhausen**

*Washington, DC*



**Gregory Anthony**

*Washington, DC*

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## Florida



**Julie Radlauer**

*Lighthouse Point, FL*



**Kady Yellow**

*Jacksonville, FL*



**Sameera Shaik**

*Tallahassee, FL*



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# Georgia



**Arianna Brooks**

*Atlanta, GA*

**Arkia Ivey**

*Augusta, GA*

**Cassenda Nelson**

*Camilla, GA*



**Kyle Bower**

*Statham, GA*

**Matthew Garbett**

*Atlanta, GA*

**Nakya Marshall**

*Social Circle, GA*

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# Illinois



**Ashley Allen Smith**

*Moline, IL*

**Pam Davis**

*Chicago, IL*

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# Kansas



**Chris Miller**

*Lawrence, KS*

**Kendra Nguyen**

*Wichita, KS*



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# Maine



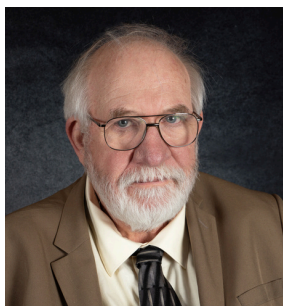
**Cynthia Cushing**  
*Readfield, ME*

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# Maryland



**Anthony Sartori**  
*Baltimore, MD*  
**Jessica Schrank**  
*Gaithersburg, MD*  
**Lauren Messina**  
*Silver Spring, MD*



**Michael Splaine**  
*Columbia, MD*  
**Shannon Ward**  
*Ellicott City, MD*

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# Massachusetts



**Arielle Galinsky**  
*Canton, MA*  
**Barbara Perlo**  
*Newton, MA*  
**Eric Leslie**  
*Boston, MA*



**Grace-Rebecca Mecha**

*Boston, MA*



**Karina Duffy**

*Boston, MA*



**Stephen Coté**

*Boston, MA*



**Trey Leveque**

*Cambridge, MA*

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## *Michigan*



**Angel Zhong**

*Ann Arbor, MI*



**Suzzanne Suleiman**

*Canton, MI*



**Tanner Derror**

*Saginaw, MI*

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## *Minnesota*



**Annette Fellows**

*Plymouth, MN*



**Carrie Henning-Smith**

*Minneapolis, MN*



**Lori Blaukat**

*Anoka, MN*



**Maree Hampton**

*Minneapolis, MN*



**Paurvi Bhatt**

*Minneapolis, MN*



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# Missouri



**Mercedes Carter-Cone**  
*Columbia, MO*

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# New Hampshire



**Carolyn Eastman**  
*Hampton, NH*

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# New Jersey



**Alice Davison**  
*Summit, NJ*



**Jorge Alvarez**  
*Jersey City, NJ*



**Ken Waitz**  
*Montclair, NJ*



**Polly Palumbo**  
*Summit, NJ*



**Ron Rapatalo**  
*Jersey City, NJ*



**Siri Komanduri**  
*Kendall Park, NJ*





**Zach Seiger**  
*Princeton, NJ*

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## *New York*



**Andrew Ingall**

*New York, NY*



**Crystal Clarke**

*Brooklyn, NY*



**Daniel McKiernan**

*New York, NY*



**Deborah Coffy**

*Brooklyn, NY*



**Ellen Cosgrove**

*Albany, NY*



**Gemma Wang**

*New York, NY*



**Kayla Foster**

*Brooklyn, NY*



**Liz Nellis**

*New York, NY*



**Nina Joung**

*Brooklyn, NY*



**Priya Elangovan**

*Brooklyn, NY*



**Sage Arias Vargas**

*New York, NY*



**Yuko Kudo**

*Queens, NY*

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## North Carolina



**Jen Diaz**  
*Charlotte, NC*  
**Kendra Glasgow**  
*Cary, NC*  
**Megan Smith**  
*Charlotte, NC*



**Mike Perko**  
*Jamestown, NC*  
**Tawanda Robbins**  
*Charlotte, NC*

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## Ohio



**Elissa Yancey**  
*Cincinnati, OH*  
**Erin Creeden**  
*Marion, OH*  
**Krystal Culler**  
*Columbiana, OH*

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## Oklahoma



**Brigitte Zorn**  
*Oklahoma City, OK*

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## Oregon



**Mary Finn**

*Portland, OR*

**Sarah Berkemeier**

*Portland, OR*

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## Pennsylvania



**Haley Ingersoll**

*Pittsburgh, PA*

**Medha Saharya**

*Philadelphia, PA*

**Natalie Byrd**

*State College, PA*

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## Puerto Rico



**Amy Yotopoulos**

*Dorado, Puerto Rico*

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## Rhode Island



**Trent Batson**

*Warwick, RI*



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# South Carolina



**Erin Walters**  
*Myrtle Beach, SC*

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# Tennessee



**Beth English**  
*Nashville, TN*  
**Kate Rudder**  
*Chattanooga, TN*

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# Texas



**Jill Eoff**  
*Leander, TX*  
**Kena Bush**  
*Houston, TX*  
**Pam Ota**  
*Houston, TX*



**Steph West**  
*San Antonio, TX*

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## Utah



**Amy Richards**  
*Salt Lake City, UT*

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## Virginia



**Caitlyn Berry**  
*Richmond, VA*  
**Mary-Lynn Bender**  
*McLean, VA*

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## Washington



**Alexandra Friedman**  
*Seattle, WA*

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## Wisconsin



**Karen Iverson Riggers**  
*Appleton, WI*  
**Michael Kirsch**  
*Saint Francis, WI*

## *Join the community*

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