



## SCG Seeks BBfP Program Representatives!

In July 2009, Seeking Common Ground (SCG) launched the Alumni in Action program for past participants of Building Bridges for Peace (BBfP). We held an inaugural symposium which convened eight alumni from the U.S., Israel, and Palestine to reflect on the BBfP program model and to help develop the Alumni in Action program. The alumni reconnected with local past participants at a Meet n'Greet, spoke to various community groups on their BBfP experience, and gained advanced facilitation training through staffing the Badlands International P.E.A.C.E. program.

In November 2009, SCG coordinated the first Regional Alumni Meet-up for U.S. alumni. The Meet-up offered alum the opportunity to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Circles of Change Awards Breakfast, participate in an interactive leadership work, volunteer in a daylong service project with Habitat for Humanity, socialize, and discuss the Alumni in Action program. Alumni from program years ranging from 1996 to 2009 came from across the U.S. – including Chicago, Vermont, San Francisco, Houston, Boulder, and Denver – to attend the Meet-up and to reconnect with SCG and with one another.

As part of the new Alumni in Action program, SCG is thrilled to announce the position of Program Representatives. We are looking to develop a group of Program Representatives from each year of the Building Bridges for Peace program who will take on a voluntary leadership role in reconnecting with their fellow alumni and helping to develop the Alumni in Action program.

The role of a Program Representative includes:

- Update contact lists of participants from her/his program year
- Communicate SCG's developments and information on Alumni in Action to alum from her/his program year
- Assist the SCG office in planning and recruiting alumni for Alumni in Action activities (trainings, social gatherings, conferences, etc.)
- Collect photographs, quotes, and testimonials from her/his program year and submit them to the SCG office

As the Alumni in Action program grows and develops to offer BBfP alumni with leadership training, professional development opportunities, advanced peacebuilding experience, and the forum to reconnect with the BBfP community, the Program Representatives will play a critical role in laying the ground-work to make the new program possible and effective. Program Representatives can be from any Home Group (American, Palestinian, Israeli, or Palestinian-Israeli) and from any program year. Please note that while this is a voluntary opportunity, SCG will work with you to compensate for some pre-approved communications expenses such as phone bills.

If you are interested in reconnecting with Seeking Common Ground and strengthening the community of Building Bridges for Peace alumni, please contact Aviva at (001) 303-691-2393 or [aviva@s-c-g.org](mailto:aviva@s-c-g.org) to discuss the possibility of becoming a Program Representative for your year of participation in Building Bridges for Peace.

If you are an alum of Denver PEACE, Face to Face/Faith to Faith, or any other SCG program, we are also developing alumni programming for you! Please contact us to discuss these opportunities.