

Annual Report 2015



A better Alabama for all!

Together, we're getting results.

The pace of change can feel frustratingly slow at times. But 2015 was not one of those times. Several breakthroughs brought us closer to the day when the shared vision we've worked toward for so long – a state where everyone has a voice and a chance to get ahead – moves from dream to reality. Your determination has fueled big wins for low-income Alabamians, and together, we're poised to enjoy even more victories in the years to come.

Your dedication is improving lives for Alabama families.

Your advocacy helped avert disaster for the most vulnerable Alabamians this year. When the state's latest General Fund budget shortfall collided with anti-tax sentiment in the Legislature, the picture looked bleak. Lawmakers weighed devastating cuts to child care, mental health care and other vital services. The House even voted for a budget that would have ended Medicaid, leaving one in five Alabamians – mostly children, seniors, and people with disabilities – with no coverage.

ACPP at a glance

Arise Citizens' Policy Project (ACPP), founded in 1994, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition of 150 congregations and organizations promoting public policies to improve the lives of low-income Alabamians. ACPP also has hundreds of individual members. We analyze state policies, educate the public on poverty and equip members to advocate for a better Alabama.

Your quick action helped stop those cuts. Arise teamed with numerous partners to educate lawmakers and the public on the devastating effects of the cuts. Meanwhile, your calls, emails and



postcards flooded into the State House by the thousands, sending a powerful message that Alabama needs new revenue to invest in our future. Your voice was heard: Lawmakers avoided cuts and approved new revenue to fund Medicaid and prison reforms.

The successes we've achieved together reach far beyond the budget. The prison reform law included a big victory for second chances: an end to the lifetime SNAP and TANF bans for people with a felony drug conviction. New Medicaid long-term care reforms will help more seniors live independently. Thousands of children are eating free school meals because their school districts accepted the new federal community eligibility option. A new state payday loan database is shedding light on the scope of high-cost lending in Alabama, and

President Obama's visit to Birmingham in March drew national attention to lending reform. (Did we mention he met with one of our analysts?!?) We're working to change the tone on other issues, too. We co-wrote a 48-page report on solutions to Alabama's public transportation challenges, and our 2015 edition of *The Alabama Tax & Budget Handbook* is a must-have resource on how our state can modernize and stabilize the ways it pays to support the common good.

Our movement for change is growing because of you.

It's been a remarkable year, and you're helping us build the momentum for greater success in the future. More than 300 people turned out to hear our message at an energetic Arise conference in Birmingham. Our annual meeting was so packed that we had to move to a larger location. Your support allowed us to move to a new office near the State House and to hire a full-time staffer to expand our e-advocacy and development efforts. Our social media following is soaring, and our strong relationships with print and broadcast media are invaluable in building awareness of Arise and our mission in every corner of the state.

Our work is making Alabama stronger. The seeds of change that we planted together years ago are bearing fruit now. And the work we're doing together today will yield an even better tomorrow for all Alabamians.

A letter from Kimble



Dear ACPP supporter,

We may remember the 2015 legislative session as “the session that would not die.” Gov. Robert Bentley, a late convert to the virtues of paying the bills with new taxes, had to call two special sessions to complete the General Fund budget. This annual report, which covers the ACPP budget year that ended on June 30, would not be complete without explaining how the long budget struggle finally ended.

ACPP regularly has convened nonprofit stakeholders for strategy meetings. Social service advocates know that when budgets grow tight, it’s usually low-income people who feel the brunt of the cuts. And as families and communities suffer hardship, the congregations and agencies serving them can find it tough to respond.

At our coalition table, we try to look at the big picture, not just our own budget areas. Whether our interest is health care, mental health, child care or nutrition, we all need a sound General Fund budget. For years we’ve agreed on a message: “Alabama can’t cut its way to a sound General Fund budget. It needs new revenue.” After four years of arguing that case to “no-new-taxes” hardliners, the cuts finally got so deep that legislators began to consider revenue options. We’d like to think our *Alabama Tax & Budget Handbook* helped them grasp how budgets and taxes work, and how we can improve our tax system.

Your advocacy helped turn the tide on tax increases. Many lawmakers claimed they weren’t hearing from anyone back home about raising taxes. But your handwritten postcards, as well as thousands from other groups, hit State House offices in September. Suddenly they quit claiming no one was

calling for new taxes. Your quick response was a game-changer, and it provided the margin of victory. In the end, a majority of Republicans in each chamber voted for tax increases.

Cracking the “no-new-taxes” wall was only a first step, but a critical one. To put our state budgets on sound footing, we have to keep up the pressure to address our structural problems. Alabama needs to close tax loopholes in both income and property taxes. We need to rely less on sales taxes, especially the tax on groceries. Increasing the cigarette tax can lead to better health and lower spending on smoking-related diseases. Gradually, a fairer, more efficient tax system can

provide enough money to pay the bills. And a General Fund budget that properly funds vital services will boost our state’s economy for the long term.

You and the hundreds of ACPP members on the following pages helped change the landscape at the State House in 2015. Let’s resolve to get even more folks on board in 2016 so we can accelerate the pace of change in Alabama.

Yours in hope,

Kimble Forrister
Executive Director

ACPP’s organizing work

As an ACPP member, you understand that people are hurting because of decisions made in the State House. You support ACPP because you believe low-income Alabamians deserve a voice in developing the policies that affect their lives. ACPP organizers work closely with low-income communities to help make their voices heard about unfair state policies and the attitudes that produce them.

We strengthen our coalition by deepening member involvement. Your support allows us to host educational workshops and other meetings where the public can discuss poverty issues and policy alternatives. ACPP organizers this year held 154 meetings across Alabama, including 20 events focused on health care reform.

With your help, we’ve expanded our e-advocacy network. It’s an exciting way to help people learn about our issues, inform others, and advocate for policy change. Our online outreach builds on our in-person work and gets even more people involved in the democratic process.

Providing quick and accessible policy information is the goal of our website, arisecitizens.org. Here you’ll find all our fact sheets, handbooks and other resources.

You also can get the latest news coverage of poverty issues through our *Daily News Digest* and stay connected with Arise through email, Facebook and Twitter.



ACPP’s policy analysis

Policy analysis is a vital part of our work, and your support allows us to keep it going. Our policy team analyzes proposed and current laws to assess their effects on low-income Alabamians. The policy team this year produced 28 legislative updates, five fact sheets, nine newsletters and five issue briefs. ACPP co-wrote a major public transportation report and published an update of *The Alabama Tax & Budget Handbook*. We also issued 28 news releases and advisories, wrote seven op-eds, and appeared in dozens of media stories on how better public policy can improve lives.

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A note from Brenda



The past year was a roller coaster ride on several levels. For me personally, the first half of the year ended on a joyous note with the birth of my grandson Wallace Boman Ritter on Dec. 4, 2014. In March, my heart stopped when I learned Wallace was experiencing serious health problems, which precipitated my taking a two-month leave from ACPP.

I am grateful to all who offered support during this time, especially staff and board members who stepped up to the plate and helped with a successful fundraising drive in June. And I am happy to report that Wallace is now a healthy, thriving toddler!

Individual member giving this year held steady, thanks to your gifts and outreach. Member group dues support ACPP's sister organization, Alabama Arise, but several groups gave ACPP honoraria to help cover staff travel to talk about our issues at their special engagements.

While our funding from some foundations came to an end, we continued to receive strong support for our health care work from both national and local foundations. Our statewide conference in February was well attended by a great crowd of citizen advocates, and we received generous sponsorships to help us pay for the event.

It was a rocky year in some ways but one with many blessings. Thank you to all of you for your continued support!

With appreciation and hope,

*Brenda Boman
Development Director*



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Dues of member groups	\$306
Individuals' contributions	93,313
Foundation grants	650,500
Sponsorships	3,500
Alabama foundations	7,100
Interest	489
Other income	20,749
Total income	\$775,957
EXPENDITURES	
Personnel	\$643,068
Office expenses	107,672
Travel/meeting expenses	41,632
Contract expenses	84,322
Total expenses	\$876,694
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