



*Displaced Refugees*



*Carl Wilkens*



# GENOCIDE INTERVENTION

— NETWORK —

Have a hand in stopping genocide

## CARL WILKENS FELLOWSHIP

*Our vision of a world without genocide begins with the creation of a permanent anti-genocide constituency: a group of educated and empowered Americans who will hold elected officials responsible for their actions to prevent and stop genocide.*

Recognizing that conflicts like the ones in Sudan, Burma, and the Congo are symptoms of a larger problem—a world in which genocide is allowed to continue unchecked by world leaders—GI-NET is launching a program designed to foster *sustained political will* for the prevention and cessation of genocide.

The Carl Wilkens Fellowship Program trains emerging leaders to build lasting networks of citizens who believe that protecting men, women and children from genocide is *everyone's* responsibility.

### Program Details

GI-NET's Carl Wilkens Fellowship is a selective year-long, part-time program that aims to give a diverse set of individuals at every level of experience the tools and resources to build sustained political will to end genocide. This program is designed to accommodate the schedules of working professionals as well as community members who have families, are active in other organizations, and have other commitments.

Named in honor of Carl Wilkens, the only American to remain in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide, the Carl Wilkens Fellowship gives emerging leaders the skills and networks they need to build in their communities sustained political will to end genocide. Over the course of one year, Wilkens Fellows receive leadership training, conflict and legislative education, organizing tools and resources, and one-on-one and group advising.

The Wilkens Fellowship is a year-long program designed to fit the schedules of

working professionals that includes five main components:

- 2 weekend retreats in Washington, DC.
- Monthly training calls
- One-on-one, peer, and group advising
- Participation in GI-NET campaigns
- Political and social networking

With the help of international experts, guest trainers and GI-NET staff, the Wilkens Fellowship focuses on training around the following core topics:

- Anti-genocide philosophy, vision and values
- Legislation and advocacy training
- Ongoing conflict education
- Grassroots organizing and campaign planning
- Fundraising
- Communications and messaging

In addition, Wilkens Fellows receive:

- **\$1,500 stipend** for the year to use towards organizing events in their communities
- **Connections to experts, elected officials, and GI-NET staff:** Fellows receive the chance to meet, correspond and work regularly with experts, guests, elected officials and GI-NET staff through the retreats, events, and program curriculum over the course of the year.
- **A social network** with other fellows and prominent anti-genocide advocates

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*Destroyed Village*

## Selection Process

Wilkins Fellows are selected through a rigorous application process based on their willingness, ability, and potential to become movement leaders in their own communities.

## Qualifications

Wilkins Fellows are selected based on the following criteria:

- Commitment to building a permanent anti-genocide constituency.
- Compassion and empathy for those affected by genocides past and present.
- Proven leadership in creating positive change in their community.
- Enthusiasm for learning and improving their leadership skills.
- Clear understanding of their community and the unique resources and challenges to building political will to end genocide within it.
- Interest in engaging the political process and building relationships with influential groups and persons within their community.

In order to be considered for the 2009 Carl Wilkins Fellowship, applications are due by **November 30, 2008**.

## Do I Have the Time?

The Wilkins Fellowship is a part-time program designed for busy people with full-time personal or professional commitments. The Fellowship requires, on average, 2–5 hours a week for one year. If you're an exceptional individual looking for training and resources to become a stronger anti-genocide advocate in your community and you are willing to give a few hours each week, the Carl Wilkins Fellowship is right for you.



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## Who is Carl Wilkens?

A self-described “ordinary guy,” Carl Wilkens is a pastor with three children who was the only American to remain in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide. Carl was working in Rwanda and decided to stay when the violence began, even after United Nations peacekeepers pulled out. After ensuring the safe escape of his wife and children, Carl did everything in his power to protect civilians from harm—from secretly ferrying food and water to those in need talking to militia leaders of the death squads, even urging one of the leaders of the genocide to provide protection. As a result of Carl's decision to stand up to genocide, countless lives were saved. His story demonstrates each individual's ability to have a hand in stopping genocide.

