

# UP YOUR GAME FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE



## WE NEED YOU NOW !



Please act now to help sustain and grow the Syracuse Peace Council at this crucial time

### Please Donate What You Can

Hot wars are raging in Ukraine, the Middle East, and around the world at the same time increasing polarization and violence divide us at home. More than ever, the Peace Council has a critical role in educating and organizing for peaceful solutions. If you have ever donated to the Peace Council, thank you. If you haven't donated yet, or can "up your game," we need you now. **We can be much more effective if we can count on your financial support and your contributions of time and energy.**

Your donations will help us keep the lights on, pay our staff a fair wage, SPC staff now consists of only two part-time activists (who together work a total of 45 hours per week) and a very part-time bookkeeper. Donations would allow us increase our staff/hours and better support our active committees.

Your time and energy are also invaluable resources to the Peace Council. And, getting involved with a group of committed and positive activists may be the best way to create hope when it's easy to feel despair.

Please see the other side for information on how to donate.



### More Ways to Up Your Game

- Make sure you are on our SPC Announcements e-mailing list to take advantage of regular opportunities to learn and get involved.
- Show up at events.
- Join one of SPC's working committees: Justice for Palestine, Nuclear Free World Committee, Beyond War and Militarism, Neighbors of Onondaga Nation, Plowshares, Sustainability
- If your time is short, watch SPC Announcements for one-time opportunities to help and or add your name to our volunteer call list.
- Share any skills you have like technology, marketing, fundraising, data entry, writing, social media, graphics, organizing, or public speaking.

# How to Donate

## Donate Directly to SPC

- Send a check and the coupon to our office address below.
- Donate through our website ([peacecouncil.net](http://peacecouncil.net)) using either PayPal or your credit card.
- Pledge a certain amount each month or quarter via check or recurring transfers through PayPal, or your financial institution. These recurring donations are one of the best ways to help us plan.

A reminder: SPC is not a non-profit. Donations made directly to SPC are not tax deductible. For any fund appeal donation please use the enclosed coupon.

## Donate to the Peace Action Fund of NYS for SPC for a tax-deductible contribution

If you want to make a tax-deductible donation of at least \$50, you can write a check to our “fiscal sponsor”, Peace Action Fund of New York State (PAFNYS) and put “SPC” in the memo. To donate to PAFNYS for SPC electronically, contact the office at [spc@peacecouncil.net](mailto:spc@peacecouncil.net) or 315-472-5478 for instructions. Send checks directly to SPC for forwarding.

Note: Donating to SPC through our fiscal sponsor PAFNYS makes sense if you itemize on your tax return. Most people don’t itemize but instead take a standard deduction. If you won’t benefit from a tax deduction, we appreciate donations made directly to SPC as we can spend the money on anything we need (staffing, rent, political activity) in contrast to the monies coming back from PAFNYS which can only be spent on educational activities.

## Donate from a Tax-Deferred Retirement Account

Donating to PAFNYS for SPC is a good option if you are at least 70.5 years old and want to contribute from a tax-deferred retirement account. Ask your financial professional about making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) in which a direct donation from your retirement account to a non-profit (in this case to PAFNYS for the benefit of SPC) incurs no taxes. (Typically any money withdrawn from a retirement account will be taxed as income even if you later donate some of that money.)

For more information contact Wendy Yost at [wyst@verizon.net](mailto:wyst@verizon.net)

## Make a Bequest

Remembering SPC in your will or designating the Peace Council as a beneficiary on an insurance policy, annuity, or retirement account is a great way to ensure our work continues. You may wish to speak to a tax advisor or a lawyer about this type of contribution.

Questions?

Call 315-478-5478 or write us at [spc@peacecouncil.net](mailto:spc@peacecouncil.net)

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