

2015 Bosnia Peace Fellowship Project Description

Sponsoring Organization: The Advocacy Project

Host Organization: BOSFAM

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With the support of the Washington, DC-based non-profit, The Advocacy Project, and the Jessica Jennifer Cohen Foundation, Sarah has been hired as a 2015 Peace Fellow to support the grassroots women's organization, BOSFAM, in Tuzla, Bosnia. Many of BOSFAM's members are genocide survivors, having lost many friends and family members. BOSFAM seeks to create an environment where women from different ethnic groups can come to a safe space, weave, drink coffee, and talk about their experiences, as well as sustain themselves economically. Further information about the project can be found at <http://www.advocacynet.org/partners/bosfam/>

Sarah will be based in the Tuzla office of BOSFAM and will be focused on a diverse set of projects:

1. Develop business and fundraising plans and a budget for the grassroots women's organization, BOSFAM, for sustainable NGO development and growth.
2. Work with female genocide survivors to assess needs, hear stories and grievances, forge relationships, and provide both economic and psychosocial support.
3. Plan and host exhibitions of BOSFAM members' handmade carpets and quilts to observe the 20th anniversary of the massacre.
4. Produce blog posts, photographs, and videos documenting work at BOSFAM to be shared by the Advocacy Project.
5. Write reports and advocate for BOSFAM's work upon return to the United States.