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Compassion is not a Magical Concept

Whatever Holiday you Celebrate During this Time of the Year, We Wish You happiness and Heart-filled Peace in 2025

2024: A YEAR OF IMPACT AT THE CHARTER FOR COMPASSION



40 DAYS OF PEACE

Reached 47,000+ viewers globally.



JOINT PROGRAMMING

20 Days of Compassion with ServiceSpace.



GLOBAL READS

Featured 15 transformative books,
including Indigenous authors.



HEALTHCARE SECTOR

Monthly Kitchen Chats with practitioners
worldwide.



PEACEBUILDING

Launched Camino de Paz y Compasión
with Peace Games.



NOBEL PEACE LAUREATES

Signed 5-year MOU with Permanent
Secretariat.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Hosted Global Youth Conference with
participants from 42 countries.



[The Charter for Compassion](#) began as an idea by author and scholar Karen Armstrong in her book “[12 Steps to a Compassionate Life](#),” that morphed into a written mission crafted by luminaries like the Dalai Lama who blended religion and secular spirituality in a way that everyone can comfortably sign onto. That idea has now evolved into a global organization with partners around the world. Charter partners envision a future where compassion is the genesis of every interaction on the planet. Every. Single. One.

The Charter calls **you into action** providing the framework, tools and programs to bring about a viral movement reaching a critical mass of compassion that generates and guarantees a just, peaceful and sustainable world—that we, ourselves, create and bring about.

Compassion is not a fluffy or magical concept; it’s **critical** in a world divided economically, politically, and socially. It’s essential for survival. Compassionate communities empower compassionate action from youth through elders who organize and mobilize to solve real-world problems.

Won’t you join us in the greatest quest this planet has ever seen— micro and macro compassion-in-action within a grassroots movement become shimmering reality. We need your talents, energy and contribution to build a world without division, loneliness or suffering. Together, let’s imagine it into being! Come, you’re not just welcome here, you’re an indispensable architect and catalyst for change building the kind-hearted benevolent world we all want to live in.

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Gifting Through the Charter: Unique and Meaningful Holiday Gifts

This holiday season, celebrate compassion and connection with gifts that inspire and uplift. As we approach three significant holidays—**Hanukkah** (December 25, 2024 - January 2, 2025), **Christmas** (December 25, 2024), and **Kwanzaa** (December 26, 2024 – January 1, 2025)—the Charter for Compassion Store has curated a selection of thoughtful offerings for your friends, family, and colleagues.

Explore our special holiday gifts, including:

- **The Spirit of Ubuntu:** Give the gift of this multi-award-winning documentary launching in 2025, a profound exploration of compassion and interconnectedness.
- **Wisdom Tales from Africa:** Enhance the Ubuntu experience by pairing the film with this beautifully illustrated book, available in hardcover or softcover, bringing African folklore to life.
- **The Essence of Compassion and The Science of Compassion:** Share the gift of learning with our newly revised online courses. Recipients will receive a course link, and upon completion, a certificate of achievement to commemorate their journey.

Browse these and many other thoughtful gifts in the Charter for Compassion Store. Each purchase supports our mission of fostering compassion and building a more connected world.

Together, let's give gifts that reflect the spirit of compassion. Thank you for supporting the Charter and spreading kindness this holiday season!

Click/tap the image above or the button below to explore our offerings and make this holiday season one of giving and meaning.

Shop Holiday Gifts

Charter for Compassion News, Programs, and Webinars



Martin Luther King Jr. 40 Days of Peace Campaign

Welcome the new year with our 40 Days of Peace campaign honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. Explore the many offerings and programming inspired by Dr. King's legacy.

Join us!



Creating a Beloved Community Course

**Every Wednesday
January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19, and 26**

**All sessions at
12pm - 1.30pm PT / 3pm - 4.30pm ET
8pm-9.30pm GMT / 7am-8.30am AEDT (Day after)**

By examining the work of four Community Builders this course will introduce participants to some of the challenges around the building of the Beloved Community in the midst of a divided nation and ideologically separated global community.

These sessions will address the need to create communities of human flourishing that are sensitive to the requirements for ecological sustainability. In seeking to build the Beloved Community, the course offers a Community Engagement component that encourages the pursuit of meaning, commitment to truth-seeking pluralism, and first-person engagement through participation in a community building activity.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

We have many more events coming up in 2025!

Take a quick peek at some of the upcoming ones:

[Jan. 16 @ 7:30 AM PT • EdNet Forum: My Hero Project](#)

[Jan. 29 @ 9:00 AM PT • Global Read: Witness](#)

[Feb. 26 @ 9:00 AM PT • Global Read: God and Nuclear Weapons](#)

[Feb. 28 @ 9:00 AM PT • Global Read: Being Nobel](#)

If you are a Partner organization, or belong to a registered Compassionate City/Community with us, and want to promote your events in The Spark, the Charter for Compassion's newsletter, email contact@charterforcompassion.org



Jan 9 - Lunice Stfort with New Partner organization [Camp Perrin Project](#) in Haiti.

Jan. 16 - Tracy Saad with New Partner [Commence Games](#)

Jan. 23 - Mugala Dervile with New Partner organization UJUZI Go-Creation Hub in Uganda.

*If you'd like to be featured in the LIVE show,
email felipe@charterforcompassion.org*



Featured items on the Store



Compassion Hoodie

US\$44

Everyone needs a cozy go-to hoodie to curl up in, so go for one that's soft, smooth, and stylish. It's the perfect choice for cooler evenings, especially when it has compassion all over!

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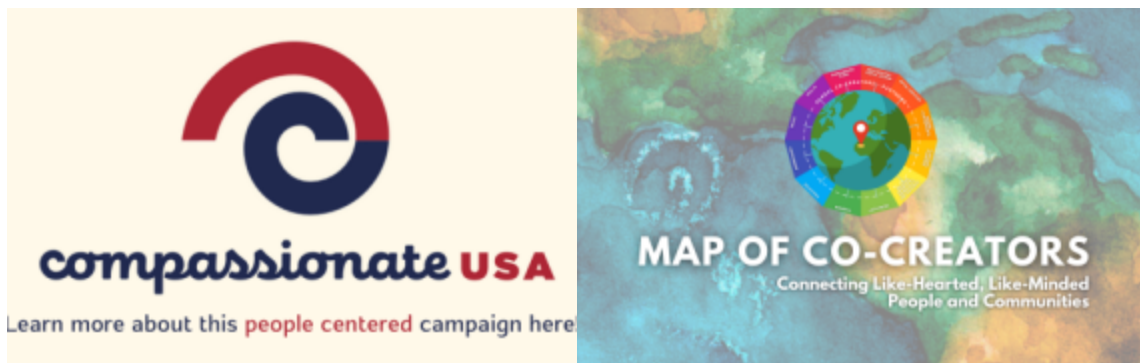


Infinity Logo Cuffed Beanie

US\$28

A snug, form-fitting beanie with the infinity sign. It's not only a great head-warming piece but a staple accessory in anyone's wardrobe.

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