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Embracing Courage and Compassion

As we approach January 20, 2025, a pivotal moment in history, the Charter for Compassion reaffirms its commitment to justice, respect, and the interconnected values that uphold our shared humanity.

In these challenging times, the principles of compassion demand that we rise above division and fear, embodying the courage to address injustice while honoring the dignity and perspectives of all. This is no easy task, but as Karen Armstrong, the Charter's founder, has reminded us: "Compassion is the key to our survival."

The Charter for Compassion's mission is rooted in the belief that compassion must be expressed not only as an emotion but as a practical guide for action in our personal lives, communities, and global systems.

In the face of the current climate: ...

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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.

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Charter for Compassion News, Programs, and Webinars



Harmony Of Humanity: Exploring Common Ground Through Music with Marilyn Turkovich

**Last session of 2024, Wednesday, Dec. 18
at 8am PT / 11pm ET / 4pm GMT / 9.30pm
IST**

Music has been an integral part of every culture throughout history, reflecting the unique characteristics and traditions of different societies. From the rhythmic beats of African drums to the intricate melodies of Indian ragas, music provides insight into the lives, histories, and identities of people around the world. By studying various musical traditions, we gain a deeper appreciation for the diversity and richness of global cultures.

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EdNet Forum: "Compassion in Action" with Andrea Monsanto from Prosocial

Thursday, December 19 at 7.30am PT / 10.30am ET / 3.30pm GMT / 9pm IST

The "Inspire, Compassion in Action" project exemplifies how educational interventions can cultivate collaboration, compassion, and psychological flexibility while providing valuable service to under-resourced communities. The fact that college students played a key role in designing and delivering experiential learning activities for different groups—parents, teachers, and children—demonstrates the power of active teaching in fostering deeper learning and internalization of social-emotional skills.

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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.

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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](#)

From our Partners



Global Online Pre-Launch Screening

Ubuntu International, in partnership with The Charter for Compassion and Compassionate Africa, is thrilled to host an exclusive pre-launch screening of the award-winning documentary "The Spirit of Ubuntu." At the heart of this global movement is the concept of Ubuntu: "I am because you are, and you are because I am," a powerful reminder of our shared humanity and interconnectedness.

Be part of this inspiring journey to spread unity and compassion worldwide. Tickets are limited and all sales and donations go into the Ubuntu Empowerment Fund, so reserve your spot today and join us in advancing this transformative movement!

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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

Dec. 19 - Mugala Dervile with New Partner organization [UJUZI Go-Creation Hub](#) in Uganda.

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

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

*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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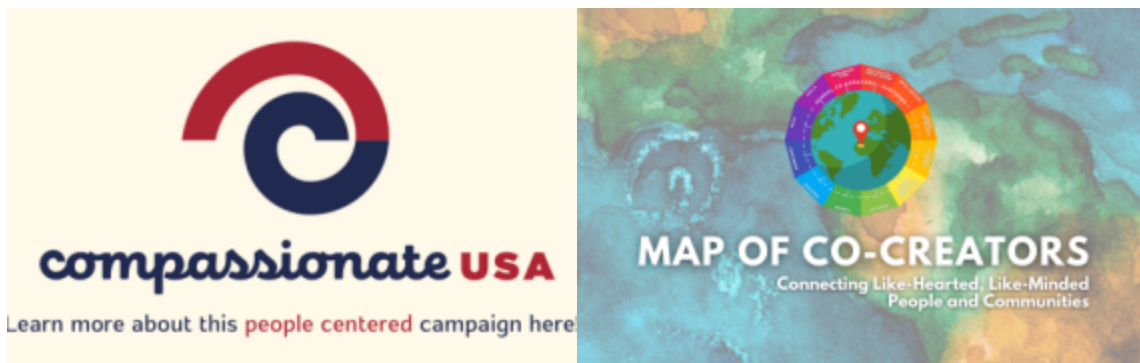


Infinity Logo Cuffed Beanie

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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