



**VOICE is** an organization of 50+ churches, mosques, synagogues, schools and institutions of higher education throughout Northern Virginia. VOICE has always and will always bring people together across religious, racial, economic and political party to deliver on the issues that matter most to them. VOICE has a track record of winning millions for affordable housing, investment in youth, and winning on immigration issues and dental care.

**SOME OF VOICE’S RECENT VICTORIES INCLUDE:**

- **Secured \$3 million to renovate local parks and athletic facilities** for low-income African-American and immigrant residents in Southern Fairfax County, VA;
- **Trained and organized hundreds of immigrant leaders** to win on local housing, recreation, youth investment and immigration issues as well as to be a voice on national comprehensive and accountable immigration reform;
- **Won \$10 million to expand pre-kindergarten to serve 576 low-income children;**
- **Organized low-income tenants to preserve 1,000+ affordable apartments** and public housing units throughout Northern VA, to address housing and fire **code violations improving 2,000+ units** and to **win 1,000+ new affordable housing units** on public and non-profit owned land in Northern Virginia.

**VOICE’S WINNING STRATEGY:** VOICE and our sister IAF organizations have earned a long track record of success because we have always *started with deep listening* to determine the shared interests we want to act on and, next, have *built the relational power* needed to get officials to work with us to ensure real results—such as winning \$1.1 billion to renovate Baltimore schools, \$500 million for senior and family affordable housing in Montgomery County, or winning the funds for 576 new low-income children to attend Pre-K.

**WHERE AND WITH WHOM CAN WE LISTENING SESSIONS?** **Inside Your Institution:** (1) Before a meeting; (2) During small groups time; (3) With a specific group of people who have shared interests or duties (parents with school-age children, taxi cab drivers, small business owners, teachers); (4) After worship (invite people to stay for coffee and a chat); (5) With members from a congregation or institution that rents space in your congregation; (6) Any time more than 8 people are gathered for any meeting----you can start the meeting with a short listening session. **Outside Your Institution:** (1) At local schools; (2) With small business leaders; (3) With tenants at an apartment complex near you; (4) With participants of your institution’s outreach (food pantry, ESL classes).

\*Please go to VOICE’s website at [www.voice-iaf.org](http://www.voice-iaf.org) for more details\*