ClassACT is the creation of over 250 classmates, each contributing to the fabric of a bold, highly innovative approach to creating positive change. Starting in 2013 with the 40th Reunion of the Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1973, more and more classmates have worked with one another to build an organization that has made multiple meaningful impacts. Our undergraduate aim to save the world has morphed into ClassACT’s mantra, “It’s not too late to save the world!”

Five years after launching, ClassACT is a vibrant nonprofit organization aiming to foster change in the United States and across the globe.

This report provides a view of our mission, strategies, accomplishments and vision for the future. We encourage all HR73 classmates and other Harvard alumni to consider our work and how you might become involved. Whether you are a member of our Class, organize your own classmates, alumni clubs and groups along the lines of our model, or participate in our initiatives, we hope that you will join the ClassACT Community, so that we all may engage in effective change-making.

Marion Dry and Jonathan Sprague, Co-Chairs, ClassACT HR73
**About ClassACT**

**FOUNDATION**

ClassACT (Class Achieving Change Together) is a bold initiative launched in 2013 by a small group of Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1973 classmates based on the premise that it is not too late for us to change the world. Since its founding, over 250 classmates have participated in various ClassACT activities.

**MISSION**

Working from our shared faith in civil and human rights and democratic principles, ClassACT has set itself two mutually reinforcing purposes: service and relationship-building. We hope to:

- Bring together HR73 classmates to address important local, national, and international issues by creating and supporting positive change
- Create or renew rewarding relationships among ourselves and with other Harvard classes

**CORE STRATEGIES**

We have four core strategies:

- **Change Acceleration**—To find great ideas or current initiatives that have classmate involvement and provide a boost of energy + expertise + resources to increase momentum
- **Change Influence**—To find ideas or issues at critical junctures or tipping points and effect positive resolution or movement
- **Change Innovation**—To identify important problems where interventions have been less than fully effective and forge new paths
- **Classmate Engagement**—To leverage the experience and knowledge drawn from the diverse backgrounds of a growing community of classmates (and others who support ClassACT) and engage them in projects, as well as through newsletters, bulletins, social media, surveys, and events

**VEHICLES FOR ACHIEVING CHANGE TOGETHER**

Our primary approaches for implementing these strategies depend on classmates’ volunteered expertise, skills, time, goodwill, and in some cases financial resources.

- **Class Acts**—Projects that engage many classmates and others in bringing new ideas to life or accelerating changes that classmates have initiated (The two best examples are the Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program, created by ClassACT; and ClassACT’s support for the multi-community Sports Analytics Club Program initiated by a classmate.)
- **Bridges**—Projects that connect the needs of socially responsible organizations started or actively supported by HR73 classmates to classmates with specific skills, expertise or interests; as well as other opportunities to link classmates via informal assistance, networking, gatherings that promote the exchange of ideas, and collaborative problem-solving
- **Sustained Collaborations**—Mutually supportive relationships arising from Bridges or Class Acts that provide continuing opportunities for substantive classmate involvement
- **ClassACT Outreach**—Initiatives in cooperation with the Harvard Alumni Association, to encourage other Harvard College classes to develop their own ClassACT structures and to provide an invitation to the University community at large to join ClassACT HR73 in its projects

“I have enjoyed working with old and new friends involved with ClassACT HR73, in particular as part of the Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program Steering Committee.”

—BARBARA BROSIOUS LINDSAY

**ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Steve Milliken and Sallie Gouverneur; Roger Myerson, Andrea Kirsh and Diane Sperling; Rick Weil, Anne Bailowitz, Marion Dry, Cliff Hendler, Deb Neipris Hendler and George Putnam
**Leadership**

*LEFT TO RIGHT:* Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani, Therese Steiner, Carl Muller, Marion Dry, Jonathan Sprague, George Putnam and Sallie Gouverneur. Not pictured: Leigh Hafrey, Stanley Mark, and Kevin Crane.

**Marion Dry**  
Co-Founder and Co-Chair  
November 2013–Present

**Sallie Gouverneur**  
Co-Founder and Board Member  
November 2013–Present

**Jonathan Sprague**  
Co-Founder and Co-Chair  
November 2013–Present

**George Putnam**  
Co-Founder and Treasurer  
November 2013–Present

**Leigh Hafrey**  
Board Member  
September 2017–Present

**Stanley Mark**  
Board Member  
September 2017–Present

**Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani**  
Board Member  
November 2016–Present

**Carl Muller**  
Co-Founder and Board Member  
November 2013–Present

**Therese Steiner**  
Co-Founder and Board Member  
November 2013–Present

**Kevin Crane**  
General Counsel and Clerk  
November 2013–Present

“It’s been enriching and surprising... that the values of human friendship and the values of a community of people who are interested in some of the same issues having to do with society and humankind—that we can be brought together through Class-ACT—it’s been amazingly rewarding. I can also say, it’s been fun.”

—THERESE STEINER, FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER
The Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program

Using the skills and resources of the ClassACT community, and working in concert with Harvard’s Kennedy School, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFIA), and other supporters, we have launched the Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program (BBLP). The BBLP aims to advance peace and human rights, consistent with the principles espoused by our classmate Benazir Bhutto: *democracy, equality for women, reconciliation of religious and cultural differences,* and *education for all without gender or religious bias.*

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**CLASS ACTS**

- Supporting leadership development for promising individuals from a range of predominantly Muslim countries, who have a proven, ongoing commitment to these principles
- Assisting leaders from all sectors of these societies in *acquiring tools they need* to support their leadership
- Improving the American public’s understanding of leadership challenges within these countries

**BBLP ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Established a fellowship for the Mason Program at HKS—2018 Fellows: Natasha Jehangir Khan and Roohi Abdullah
- Engaged with students from predominantly Muslim countries at HKS and other Harvard graduate programs, who are now helping with the program
- Initiated an American public education element
- Co-hosted a one-day assembly at the Weatherhead Center in 2016—“Leading in the Muslim World: What Would Benazir Do Today?”
- Provided support of the Rama Mehta Lecture at the Radcliffe Institute in 2018 with continuing support for 2020 and 2022
- Raised $580,000 for the Program
- Supported and helped disseminate the Boston memorial for Asma Jahangir
- Met with Malala Yousafzai to further the mission
- A second BBLP/WCFIA assembly “What’s Wrong with Democracy?: The Challenges to and Promise of Democracy in Muslim-Majority Countries and the U.S.” was held on April 12, 2019
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The Sports Analytics Club Program

Robert Clayton ’73 developed the concept of a Sports Analytics Club Program (SACP) to expand STEM education opportunities to under-served high and middle school students. He had successfully implemented a pilot high school Sports Analytics Club in Baltimore, MD, and needed help developing and expanding the concept.

ClassACT has helped to bring together over thirty classmates to assist in the development of SACP. Classmates have helped to facilitate business planning, organization as a not-for-profit, development of a governance structure and financial strategies, and identification of program expansion models to help as SACP has expanded to a multi-city program. The SACP board includes four HR73 classmates, one of whom is ClassACT Board member Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani.
Bridges

Our Bridges comprise a range of opportunities to **engage classmates in meaningful work together**. Bridges can involve everything from simple connections leading to helpful conversations, to professional advice, from short-term focused work, such as sourcing children’s winter coats and sewing machines, to critiquing business plans, and can extend all the way to joining classmates’ nonprofit boards.

**CHILDREN’S ORCHESTRA SOCIETY**
- **LOCATION**: New York City, NY
- **WHAT THEY DO**: Children’s orchestra program
- **HOW WE HELPED**: Provided board development and leadership transition advice
- **SPONSOR**: Yeou-Cheng Ma

**KIDS CARE EVERYWHERE**
- **LOCATION**: Berkeley, CA
- **WHAT THEY DO**: Distribution of free, world-class software that supports the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric diseases and training of local professionals
- **HOW WE HELPED**: Arranged opportunity to introduce software in a classmate-connected clinic in Costa Rica
- **SPONSOR**: Ron Dieckmann

**THE CORNER INSTITUTE**
- **LOCATION**: Malinalco, Mexico
- **WHAT THEY DO**: Community center providing educational and economic development
- **HOW WE HELPED**: Provided educational meeting for its classmate director with classmates in D.C.
- **SPONSOR**: Ellen Calmus

**OLE AND NEW FELLAS SOCIAL AID AND PLEASURE CLUB**
- **LOCATION**: New Orleans, LA
- **WHAT THEY DO**: Provide support for children of Treme community
- **HOW WE HELPED**: 50 winter coats for kids donated by classmates
- **SPONSOR**: Rick Weil

**OSILIGI HOPE**
- **LOCATION**: Rift Valley of Kenya
- **WHAT THEY DO**: Educational, cultural and medical services for the Masai
- **HOW WE HELPED**: Medical supply procurement, advice on developing a cultural center
- **SPONSOR**: David Weeks

**SALIH VOCATIONAL CENTER**
- **LOCATION**: Kumasi, Ghana
- **WHAT THEY DO**: Vocational training and medical assistance
- **HOW WE HELPED**: Provided 20 sewing machines for the vocational center
- **SPONSOR**: David Weeks

**ROOTS OF MUSIC**
- **LOCATION**: New Orleans, LA
- **WHAT THEY DO**: Children’s music education and tutoring
- **HOW WE HELPED**: Provided promotion of the organization, classmate donations, donations of instruments, and coordinated NOLA House of Blues performance opportunity in conjunction with JusticeAid concert
- **SPONSOR**: Rick Weil

**WHITE PONY EXPRESS**
- **LOCATION**: San Francisco, CA
- **WHAT THEY DO**: Food and clothing recovery and distribution
- **HOW WE HELPED**: Provided board development advice, promotion of organization, classmate work day
- **SPONSOR**: Emily Karakashian

To broaden ClassACT’s ability to connect classmates, Bridges also facilitate informal networks, topical discussion groups, educational events, and regional gatherings. In addition to the help we have provided to classmate-sponsored nonprofits, we have gathered classmates in discussion about how we might improve healthcare delivery internationally, impact climate change, and improve conditions in prisons.

For more information about these organizations and the classmates who sponsor them, go to classacthr73.org/bridges.
JusticeAid

Our relationship with JusticeAid began as a Bridge Project and evolved to several complementary bridging opportunities. Founded by classmate Stephen Milliken, JusticeAid uses music, art, and inclusive public conversation and outreach to fight injustice and promote the exercise of inalienable civil and human rights. Over the past five years, ClassACT has partnered with JusticeAid on concert and educational initiatives relating to juvenile justice, mass incarceration, the incarceration of innocent individuals, and mental health issues in prison systems. ClassACT has provided expertise in strategy, communications, and social media for JusticeAid events in New Orleans, Washington, D.C., and New York. Close to 50 classmates have been involved and ClassACT founding board member Therese Steiner has joined the board of JusticeAid.

“It’s a combination of being with colleagues and being with friends and doing your best to help other people. It’s a great way to spend time.”

—SALLIE GOUVERNEUR, FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
Riverside Church 2018, classmates Robert Clayton, Henrietta Wigglesworth Lodge, Phil Straus, Helen Torelli, Therese Steiner, Steve Milliken, Marion Dry and Ryan O’Connell
Gina Clayton (Essie Justice Group), Vanita Gupta (Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights), and Alec Karakatsanis (Civil Rights Corp)
Classmates Charles Bush, Rick Weil, Marion Dry, Sallie Gouverneur, Steve Milliken, George Putnam and Therese Steiner in NOLA
Charles Bush, Kathy Putnam and Marion Dry in Treme
Musicians performing at the JusticeAid concert, The Music of Billie Holiday, Washington, D.C., 2018

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: SUSTAINED COLLABORATIONS
The Sports Analytics Club Program

ClassACT’s relationship with the Sports Analytics Club Program, founded by classmate, Robert Clayton, began as a Class Act as previously discussed. It has evolved to be a new independent not-for-profit corporation and transitioned to a Sustained Collaboration. ClassACT continues to assist in the development of this organization, positioning it for growth.

“I was amazed that young men—who had no particular skill set in data analytics—had actually gone in and done this type of weighted research. And that was the first time the [National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame] had looked at data-driven decision-making for an induction.”

—Robert L. Clayton, Co-founder of the Sports Analytics Club Program on ESPN’s E:60 Special, “Defy the Odds”
Every classmate who engages with ClassACT is a donor. As an organization we are focused on providing opportunities for collaborative service. Both service and working together are rewarding. We donate our time, expertise, interest, enthusiasm, friendship, and funds.

From time to time we have asked classmates for monetary support for a particular project initiated by ClassACT or to provide support for our operating expenses. The list below includes the names of those who have provided monetary donations directly or in kind to one or more of the following: ClassACT, the Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program, and the Radcliffe Institute’s Rama Mehta Lecture.

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“[I am] proud that our Class provides a good model through ClassACT HR73 of what ongoing involvement in causes greater than oneself can do for the country and the world.”

—HENRIETTA WIGGLESWORTH LODGE
“Thanks to the ClassACT initiative, I attended a scintillating discussion on the U.S. prison system. Some of the participants had worked in the criminal justice system, as lawyers and judges. Most of us had not. No matter. As the wine flowed, so did the ideas and the debates. I think we all left the dinner with a clearer understanding of the deeply flawed nature of our system—which is remarkably focused on punishment, rather than on rehabilitation, compared to Western European countries—and the racial issues underlying our policies toward criminals. I am very grateful to the classmates who sponsored this evening, which was one of the most stimulating I have experienced since our last reunion. If nothing else, Harvard folks know how to talk!”

—RYAN O’CONNELL
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—WINKIE CREAMER

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“I’ve loved being involved with ClassACT. I’ve been able to reconnect with classmates in ways that are both delightful and meaningful. It has brought much-needed expertise to the organization I volunteer with, White Pony Express. And it’s provided ways to use our talents and experience to benefit hundreds of people across the country and beyond.”

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“At a BBLP reception at Peter Galbraith’s house we talked and laughed so much we barely ate and wouldn’t leave.”

—HOLLY WEEKS
ClassACT Community

Classmates and friends listed as members of the ClassACT community may be board members, Bridge sponsors and volunteers, BBLP Steering Committee or Advisors, SACP developers, discussion participants, event attendees, survey respondents, boosters or these things combined. We welcome classmates to participate in any way they can.

Fred Adair
John Adams
Rob Adams
Bart Alexander
Michael Alexander
Lee Allen
Stuart Ambler
Sally Arsove
Phyllis August
Jesse Ausubel
Thomas Backenstose
Anne Bailowitz
John Bank
Ken Bartels
Marc Baskin
William Beckett
Kevin Benjaman
Earl Bennett
Harriet Bering
Stu Berman
Joe Bertagna
Craig Bergstrom
Gary Bond
Linda Bond
Bob Bowie
Ken Bolyard
Charlie Bradshaw
Donna Brony
Gil Brodsky
Rick Brotman
James Brown
Steve Bundy
Peg Waller Burhoe
Ira Burnim
Charles Bush
Jonathan Butcher
Brian Butler
Ralph Cafarelli
Ellen Calmus
Sam Campbell
Mark Cancian
David Caploe
Susan Carney
Tom Castellano
Zech Chaffee
Margaret Cheever
Kimball Chen
Ruth Chodrow
Jason Clay
Robert Clayton
Catherine Clinton
Brock Coburn
Craig Coit
Pat Cook
Tom Cooper
Harold Cottman
Charlotte Crane
Kevin Crane
Winifred Creamer
Brian Dacey
Beverly Davenport
Alan Dean
Jan Deming
Ron Dieckmann
E. J. Dionne
Carol Distefano
John Dodge
Terry Downes
Marion Dry
Martha Dwyer
Len Easter
Ben Edes
Paula Edwards
James Engell
Nick Everett
Madeleine Fang
Ellen Faran
Mark Ferguson
David Fichter
Vaughan Finn
Ellen Fireman
Ham Fish
Alan Fine
Anne Baille Fisher
David Fisher
Chris Fletcher
Richard Foote
Petra Horner Fossel
Eric Fox
Julia Frank
Al Franken
Dick Friedman
Boris Furman
Mel Furman
Shanti Fry
Peter Galbraith
Rich Gatto
Ruth Goldston
Rich Golob
Larry Goloulder
Sallie Gouverneur
Michael Graff
Sara Greenberg
David Griffin
Sarah Groves
Frank Guerra
Nat Guild
Donna Brown Guillaume
Jim Harbison
Leigh Hafrey
John Hagerty
Sharmar Haley
Sam Harrington
Jerome Harris
George Haywood
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Jeff Herrmann
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Tony Hill
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Dan Hoffheimer
Missy Holland
Sven Holmes
Charles Horn
Tom Howell
Terry Hunt
Ann Juergens
Emily Fields Karakashian
Kavery Dutta Kaul
Karen Rahnastu Kay
Howard Keenan
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Andrea Kirsh
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Fritz Klein
Brad Kopp
John Kress
Sarah Kuhn
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Rob Lawrence
Begababi Lenihan
Vivian Lewis
Seth Lichter
Barbara Brosius Lindsay
Linda Motto Lippa
Ann Fay Mick
Charlie Miller
Steve Milliken
Wilise York Minor
Sylvester Monroe
Walter Morris
Bahnman
Mossavar-Rahmani
Carl Muller
Betsy Munnell
Jerry Murphy
John Murray
Tom Mustoe

David Lipset
Wayne Lipton
Heniessa Wigglesworth
Lodge
Harold Logan
Michael Luskin
Jane Lusoton
Daniel Lyman
Yeou Cheng Ma
Tom Mahoney
Charlene Marchant
Stan Mark
Teri Martin
Rex Mason
Mike Mayer
Jeff Myersohn
Tom Mattair
Peter Mazares
Ann McKinnon
Tom McNamara
Gordon Medenica
David Meikle
Rick Melvoin
Robert Mendelsohn
Gina Myerson
Roger Myerson
Gerald Neuman
Ned Noffs-McConarty
Ryan O’Connell
Arthur Page
Arunas Palulis
Demetri Papulos
Meredith Palmer
Vito Palmieri
Seth Pappin
Doug Pastel
Ellen Peel
Russ Penney
Karen Peterson
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Patty Potter
George Putnam
Kathleen Putnam
Laurie Quaires
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Bernard Quinlan
Ray Urban
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Bob Waldinger
Seth Waxman
Deborah Wechsler
David Weeks
Holly Weeks
Rick Weil
Sandy Weisent
Scott Werner
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“There are many ways to contribute to the world. ClassACT is an opportunity to have an impact well beyond our individual capabilities. As a group, we have been particularly fortunate. Here is a way to give back.”

—HUGH KELLEHER