

## ***Spotlight on Human Rights - December 2016***

### **Amnesty International**

<https://www.amnesty.org> & <http://www.amnestyusa.org>

With its global staff and membership of 7 million, Amnesty International (AI) is one of the world's great warriors for human rights. AI, which began in 1961, operates in 160 countries. Its work includes investigating and exposing human rights abuses, lobbying governments and private interests on behalf of victims, and mobilizing its members to change policies and practices. AI also supports people in claiming their rights through education and training. Each year AI produces a report on human rights practices in virtually every country in the world, including the United States: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/pol10/2552/2016/en/>.

Opportunities for advocacy are offered on a constant basis and each fall a Write for Rights Campaign is undertaken to advocate for a specially selected group of activists who may be in jail or undergoing abuse from authorities. For more information on this campaign, see <http://write.amnestyusa.org>. AI has offices in London, New York and other locations around the world.

There is an active AI chapter in Philadelphia. Check out their Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/PhillyAmnestyInternational/?hc\\_ref=PAGES\\_TIMELINE&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/PhillyAmnestyInternational/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE&fref=nf)

