Communities Overcoming Division

Bridging our nation’s deep divides requires building lasting relationships. That is why One America brings communities together across divides to create “chapters” that engage long-term to address issues of shared concern in the community.

One America staff act as facilitators, supporting local leadership and chapter participants as they build strong relationships and overcome division. We partner with experts to empower chapter participants to understand the neuroscience and social science behind division and conflict, listen to their neighbors’ perspectives, and create shared experiences—all while taking action on issues that matter to them.

What Our Chapters Do

- **Houston**: Rebuilding communities after Hurricane Harvey
- **West Virginia**: Combating the opioid epidemic
- **Maryland**: Addressing race relations and racism

A Simple First Step

Is starting a One America chapter a good fit for your community? We hold initial events to bring people together across divides to test the waters. The events include a joint service project, a shared meal and a facilitated conversation.

Community leaders identify a project of shared interest and agree on event objectives and ground rules. One America provides financial and logistical support and facilitates the leaders and the event participants to have meaningful - and productive - conversations.

After these first events, community leaders reconvene to determine whether an ongoing partnership is the right choice for them.