

Kathy Kelly

and

David Smith-Ferri:

"A Community Response to the Casualties of War"

Saturday, November 14, 2009 7pm

The Sanctuary for Independent Media

3361 6th Avenue in North Troy, NY

Admission: by donation

(\$10 suggested, \$5 student/low income)

Kathy Kelly: Nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize, Kathy has been an eye witness and vocal peace activist. Her Nobel nominations were for her work defying the UN sanctions on Iraq that caused severe hardships and thousands of deaths in the years leading up to the 2003 invasion. She and her team of peace witnesses were in Baghdad during shock and awe and were there to greet the first Marines to enter the city in March of 2003. Since that time she has been in Jordan and Syria with the nearly two million Iraqi refugees, in Beirut during the Israeli bombings and more recently in Gaza during the latest conflict there. She was in Pakistan writing about the half million refugees fleeing the Swat Valley where the combined devastation of Taliban fighters, Pakistani Soldiers and American unmanned drone attacks made life impossible.



David Smith-Ferri: Haley's Publishing produced a volume of poetry by David Smith-Ferri in February, 2007. David wrote two thirds of the poems while in Iraq after encounters with Iraqi people, in a wide-range of settings – from hospitals to homes to bomb sites. The book sold out in four months, and in November, 2007, Haley's published a second edition of the book, with twelve new poems and a new foreword by Kathy Kelly. This book is being sold to raise funds for Direct Aid Iraq, which provides urgent medical assistance to some of the 2.25 million Iraqis who've fled their country and now live in Amman, Jordan or Damascus, Syria.

Special invitations are being sent to members of the local refugee communities, veterans, aid agencies, and the many volunteers who work with them. There will also be a Photography exhibit featuring Nina Berman's work with disabled vets and a special viewing of the Iraqi/American Student Mural Project.