

**Bill Threlkeld – Division Director of Community Building and Self-sufficiency Programs, Cornerstones**

Bill Threlkeld joined Cornerstones in 2005, directing Project Hope & Harmony, a neighborhood coalition that established and operated the Herndon Official Workers Center until 2007. He is currently division director of Community Building and Self-sufficiency Programs, where he oversees a number of programs that combine direct assistance supports with self-sufficiency and empowerment goals and approaches to create stronger communities. Bill has been involved in the community development field since 1983, as a land use planner in Virginia and in rural development projects in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. In 1993, he co-founded the Center for the Support of Native Lands as a non-profit organization to assist indigenous peoples to protect biological and cultural diversity around the world. Bill has a B.S. in geography and a Master of Public Policy, and is fluent in Spanish. He is treasurer of the Fondo Quisqueya Foundation, which provides financial support to low-income students in the Dominican Republic, and he is an active cyclist with Randonneurs USA, the World Ultracycling Association, and the W&OD Trail Patrols.