

As Founder and Executive Director of Fly Fishing Collaborative, Bucky Buchstaber provides twenty plus years as a development-focused leader. He served as a vocational and pastoral director from 1997 to 2015. His leadership experience includes designing and consulting on major development programs for large non-profits and ministry organizations; creating curriculum and staff training for children's education programs; facilitating youth camps; recruiting and equipping adult leaders for youth programs; and providing coaching and mentorship for individuals and couples. Central to Bucky's life is a strong compassion for serving children, especially those who have been victimized unjustly. In 2010, he became a camp director for the non-profit, Royal Family Kids Camp. For four summers Bucky devoted his time organizing and leading weeklong camps for abused and neglected children in the foster care system.

In 2013, Bucky's passions were realized as his love for kids, creative ingenuity, and entrepreneurship were combined to found Fly Fishing Collaborative (FFC). Through his leadership he has inspired FFC to flourish into an international non-profit building environmentally safe and sustainable aquaponics farms for orphanages and schools preventing kids from entering human trafficking. This has been accomplished by establishing a global network of partners in fly fishing and beyond who use their passions to give financially and through works of volunteer labor. Partners of FFC include Adventure Sun Valley, Teton Valley Lodge, Little Creek Outfitters, a number of Simms and Patagonia ambassadors, and hundreds of fly shops, fly tiers and expert guides. When Bucky is not on the river fishing with FFC collaborators or building a farm in a developing country, he's treasuring the time he has with Britta, his wife of 19 years, and their four kids, Lucy, Crosby, Griffin, and George, who all share the same passion for their non-profit work.

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