Third-parties have acted as peacemakers since the dawn of history. However, little is known about the causes and consequences of voluntary, informal third-party intervention in conflict. Eleven experiments investigated when, why, and how third-parties intervene in others’ conflicts, transform them, and promote cooperation. Overall, this program of research finds that: (a) The mere possibility of third-party intervention is sufficient to increase cooperation among disputants; (b) Third-parties’ willingness to intervene critically depends on their ability to secure gains and avoid costs to themselves; (c) The positive effects of introducing third-party intervention are evident even following a history of conflict; and (d) persist even after the third-party leaves; (e) higher-ranking group members are more likely to intervene in others’ conflicts, an effect mediated by powerholders’ heightened approach tendencies. Taken together, these findings highlight the potential benefits of constructively engaging third-parties in conflict.