



# GIVING PROJECT 2019

## GRANTS

At North Star Fund, we believe in our collective power to transform New York by supporting grassroots organizing led by communities most impacted by injustice. Our 2018-2019 **People Power Giving Project** brought together over 20 New Yorkers from a wide range of backgrounds to share stories and develop a common analysis of how systemic oppression impacts our lives and intentions. From there, the members learned about fundraising and grantmaking through a collective power lens.

Through this collaborative process, Giving Project members raised **over \$240,000** in just under three months from over 300 friends, family and neighbors! They reviewed applications from 27 groups, led site

visits and met community leaders working on some of the toughest challenges facing our city.

In February, 2019, the **Giving Project made 20 awards to groups working across New York City** on issues affecting all of us, as well as a gift to North Star Fund so we can continue building Giving Projects for future participants.

**Here's the community organizing that was supported by the People Power Giving Project grants.** These groups are on the frontlines of building a broader vision and movement for social justice in New York City. This year's Giving Project supported grassroots groups with small budgets, providing extra support to organizations who are often overlooked by larger foundations, but have deep connections in their communities. ▀



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### WANT TO JOIN THE GIVING PROJECT IN FALL 2019?

To learn more about joining a future North Star Fund Giving Project, reach out to Helen Stillman, Donor Program Director, at [helen@northstarfund.org](mailto:helen@northstarfund.org) or 212.620.9110.

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**Black Trans Media** A community of trans and gender non-conforming Black media makers creating narratives that challenge racism and transphobia.

**Crown Heights Tenant Union** A 900-household strong project of the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board in Crown Heights, Brooklyn fighting to preserve rent-regulated housing and prevent local displacement.

**Damayan Migrant Workers Association** A Filipina-led organization educating and engaging domestic workers and survivors of human trafficking to take on employers and systems that perpetuate their exploitation.

**Families for Freedom** A unique organizing support center working to build a critical mass of immigration justice leaders who have been drawn into the detention and deportation system because of racialized policing.

**Families United for Racial and Economic Equality (FUREE)** A powerful coalition of low-income renters and NYCHA tenants united to fight the gentrification of downtown Brooklyn and to preserve federal housing funds.



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**Flushing Workers Center** The center addresses workplace exploitation among low-wage, undocumented Chinese, Latinx, and Korean immigrants in Queens working in the car service, nail salon, and restaurant industries.

**Jahajee Sisters** A women-led organization in Richmond Hill, Queens, activating Indo-Caribbean leaders to challenge gender-based violence within their local religious congregations and heal generational trauma.

**Justice Committee** A powerful force of families who have lost loved ones to police violence winning changes to NYPD policies and holding police accountable in the courts and the streets.

**LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent** A network of clergy and lay people working to make Black religious institutions more welcoming of LGBTQ members with special attention to LGBTQ youth who've had negative experiences in religious communities.

**Laundry Workers Center** A member-led organizing powerhouse that organizes workers in restaurants, laundromats, and warehouses to fight for fair working conditions, with the support of their community allies.

**MASA** A hybrid service/organizing model that brings together Mexican immigrant youth and families in the South Bronx to end bullying, discrimination and violence toward immigrant students in District 7 schools.

**Movimiento por Justicia del Barrio / Movement for Justice in El Barrio** A Latina-led movement of El Barrio residents advocating for dignified housing conditions, an end to landlord harassment and fair and just immigration policies that don't separate parents from their children.

**New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement** A network of currently and formerly incarcerated people, their families and advocates shining a light on the torturous reality of solitary confinement so that New York State will ban its use.

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**New York State Youth Leadership Council (NYSYLC)** An immigrant youth-led organization in New York in pursuit of increasing access to higher education, gender justice and immigrant rights through organizing, advocacy and community building.

**Parent Action Committee / New Settlement Apartments** Immigrant mothers and grandmothers in the South Bronx elevating parents' voices and perspectives to advance culturally responsive education and other strategies to decrease inequities in NYC public schools.

**Project Hajra** An immigrant women-led group organizing to create community safety and freedom from family violence in Queens through mutual aid, safety planning, and the development of a worker cooperative.

**Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP)** Current and former prisoners working to end mass incarceration and promote racial justice by reforming the punitive NYS Board of Parole and securing the release of elders from prison.

**Rockaway Youth Task Force** A youth-founded and youth-led organization in the Rockaways developing politically-conscious youth leadership to fight for food justice, and an end to discriminatory policing and punitive school discipline policies.

**Urban Youth Collaborative** A powerful coalition of youth-led organizing groups working to end the school-to-prison pipeline by winning funding for restorative justice practices in schools and creating Student Success Centers that give youth a path to college.

**Voces Ciudadanas** A parent-led organization in Sunset Park fighting school overcrowding and reducing the barriers for involvement for Latinx and Chinese parents who want to be part of their children's education. ▀