



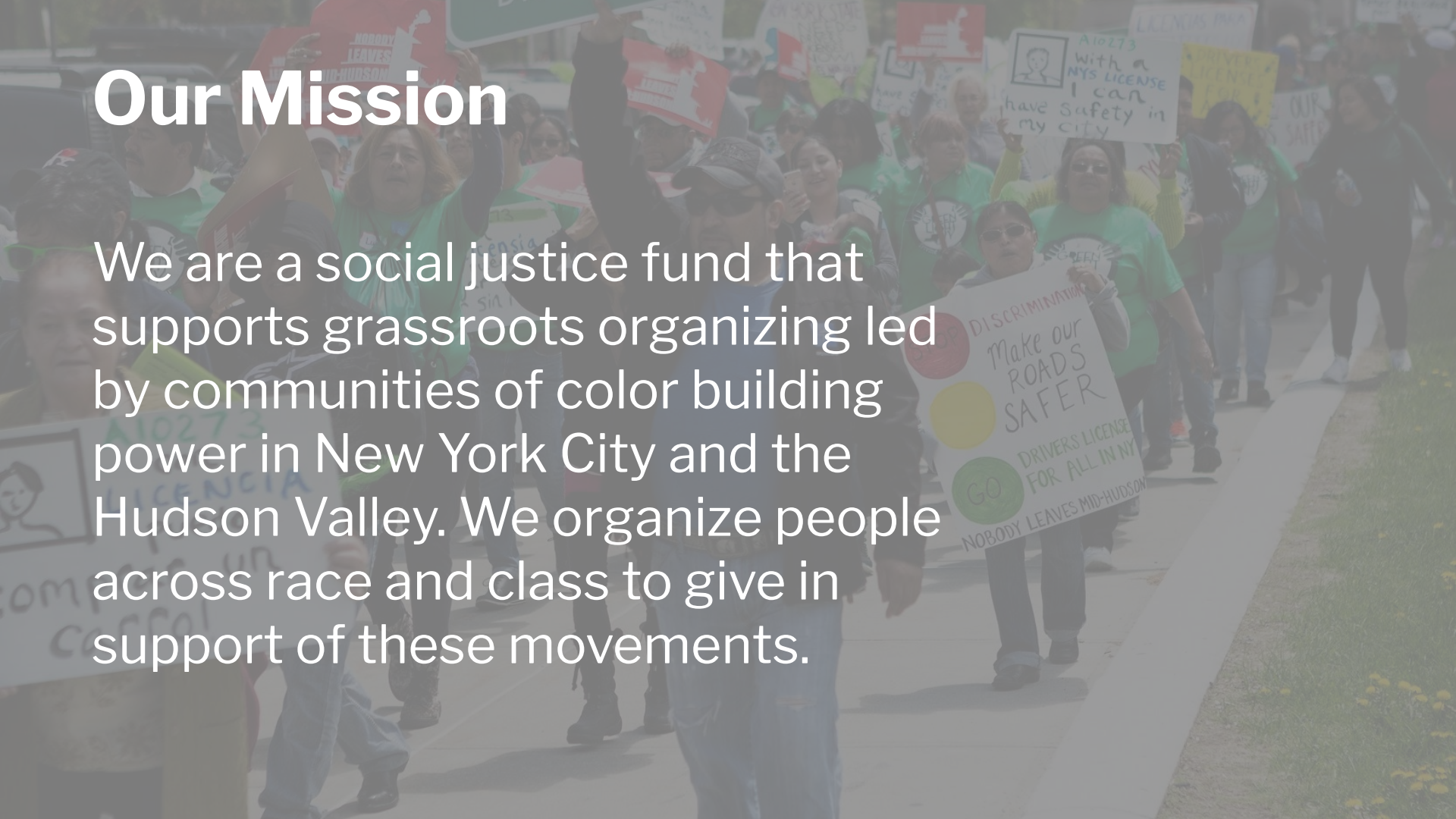
Supporting
Black-led
Community
Safety and
Abolition for
NYC

Welcome!

- Please introduce yourself in the chat.
- Captioning by ACS. Please chat with *NSF - Kathleen Pequeño* if you have questions about them.
- You can ask questions using the Q&A function. We will collect questions throughout and there will be a time for Q&A later in the program.
- Today's session will be recorded and we will send out the link following the webinar.

Our Mission

We are a social justice fund that supports grassroots organizing led by communities of color building power in New York City and the Hudson Valley. We organize people across race and class to give in support of these movements.



A photograph of two women from behind, wearing white t-shirts with the text 'Together We Build America's Future!' on the back. The image is overlaid with a purple tint. The text 'What We Do' is centered over the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

What We Do

1. We give grants through a process that **shifts decision-making power** to communities fighting for justice.
 2. We **strengthen the leadership** of grassroots organizers.
 3. We **organize people across race and class** to mobilize resources towards social justice movements.
 4. Challenge entrenched **racism and power imbalances** in philanthropy.
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A photograph of a diverse crowd of people at a protest or rally, overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter. In the foreground, a woman with a patterned headwrap and a man with glasses and a patterned scarf are visible. The background shows many other people, some with their arms raised.

Let Us Breathe Fund

- Founded in 2015 following the murder of Eric Garner.
 - The only NYC fund **led by and for Black communities** organizing around police reform and building Black liberation.
 - The Fund supports the **long-term leadership of Black New Yorkers** fighting state violence and structural racism.
 - We've awarded over \$1M to 35+ groups.
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Today's speakers:



Ejeris Dixon, North Star Fund board member and founding director of Vision Change Win



Piper Anderson, founder and president of Create Forward

Transformative Justice



A community-based strategy for responding to harm outside of the criminal legal system. TJ recognizes that interpersonal harm is rooted in oppression and works to change conditions that create, maintain, sustain, and support oppression, exploitation, domination and harm.

TJ/CA links justice for individuals and social justice by recognizing oppression and privilege and its effects on the survivor and the person who caused harm. TJ/CA works to meet individual needs for justice (safety, healing, repair, connection accountability) while also working towards a long term vision for liberation.

Examples: accountability processes, neighborhood based safety projects



Incite Women of Color and Trans People of Color

Black Self Defense and Community Safety Legacies



Types of TJ Efforts

- Skill building and Education
- Community Violence Intervention
- Groups Holding Accountability Processes



NYC Specific TJ Efforts

- Sista Il Sista
- YMPJ
- INCITE
- CR's Harm Free Zone NYC
- ALP's -- Safe OUTside the System Collective
- Support New York
- Challenging Male Supremacy Project
- Transform NYC
- BMC's Street Harassment Project
- NYC TJ Hub



What You Can Do

Get Involved in Ongoing Campaigns: Follow our calls to action and learn more about how to get involved. Questions about local work? Contact catherine@northstarfund.org or gabriela@northstarfund.org.

Support the Let Us Breathe Fund: Donate at northstarfund.org or talk to elz@northstarfund.org or kofo@northstarfund.org about making a gift.

Mobilize Money for Black-Led Organizing Movements: We can help you think about barriers to moving more money to grassroots organizing groups as an individual, with your family, or at your foundation. Contact helen@northstarfund.org or jillian@northstarfund.org.

Learn More From Ejeris and Piper

Ejeris and Leah's Newly Released Book:

Beyond Survival: Strategies and Stories from the Transformative Justice Movement

<https://www.akpress.org/beyond-survival.html>

Piper's TED Talk:

Can Stories Create Justice?

https://www.ted.com/talks/piper_anderson_can_stories_create_justice



Thank you!

Look out for a follow-up email with links to resources and a recording of this webinar.