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10 YEARS OF SUPPORTING SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

PEACE DEVELOPMENT FUND IS MORE THAN A GRANT-MAKER

Peace Development Fund is more than a grant-maker. 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of our expanded Fiscal Sponsorship program — a key part of our mission to build the capacity of community-based organizations and to foster a more peaceful, just and sustainable world. Agape Foundation handed off to PDF nearly 80 fiscally sponsored projects in 2010, and we took it from there. Over the years, we have supported hundreds of projects and organizations working at the local, national and international level on issues ranging from global peacekeeping, prison support services, Indigenous sovereignty, reproductive justice, as well as arts, cultural and educational projects.

Organizations like the Prison Birth Project and the Cambodia Water Project were some of those earliest sponsored projects, and the San Francisco Living Wage Coalition and Women for Genuine Security are still with us ten years later. Fiscal sponsorship enables PDF to extend our nonprofit status to grassroots groups and charitable projects, providing an administrative home so they can carry out their mission and their donors can make tax deductible gifts to support them.

Many groups have utilized our program as an incubator before starting their own non-profit organization, like the East Point Peace Academy and Insight–Out. While just this year we welcomed new fiscally sponsored organizations like Mrs. Green's World, Western Massachusetts Asylum Support Network, and Migrant, Immigrant and Refugee Rights Alliance.

Your support of Peace Development Fund enables us to provide community organizations and projects with administrative infrastructure and individualized technical assistance. PDF provides a supportive home for these budding organizations and projects — a home with nearly forty years of experience in the nonprofit sector and social justice movements.

Thank you to all our friends and donors, whether you support our fiscally sponsored projects or PDF's Community Organizing Grants program. Together, we back hundreds of community organizations every year, often at the earliest stages of their organizing and movement work. Together, we are making a difference, strengthening our movements and making headway toward lasting, systemic change.



Alicia Rodriguez, Director of Taller Guaguarey

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP SPOTLIGHT:

TALLER GUAGUAREY

"I started working with clay in 1996 while doing time in the United States as a political prisoner," said Alicia Rodriguez. "I was incarcerated in 1980 because of my commitment to Puerto Rico's struggle for self-determination." Rodriguez received Executive Clemency in 1999.

Today, in the mountain town of Cayey, Puerto Rico, she is the director of **Taller Guaguarey**, which began in 2018 with a mission to provide year-round, free pottery classes in the community. Taller Guaguarey uses the art of pottery to preserve cultural traditions and to foster a healing connection between the Puerto Rican people and their native land.

Rodriguez said, "Our classes create a safe, welcoming and supportive environment, and are attended by a wide range of community members." She has run classes for students with visual impairments and for survivors of domestic violence, and she continues to see steadily increasing enrollment in their classes. "Working with clay is one of the few art forms that involves direct touch," Rodriguez notes, "The process helps students practice mindfulness, release stress and build a spiritual connection with the Earth." Student Leida E. López, an elementary visual arts teacher, said "Working with clay has helped me to channel the anxiety and stress of daily life. I feel peace and joy when working clay, and not only is this beneficial for me but also for my students."

According to Alicia Rodriquez, Taller Guaguarey's focus is on the personal transformation of the potter, not necessarily what is produced, and their programs fit into the larger context of struggles for social justice and self-determination for the Puerto Rican people.

Puerto Rico has been under colonial occupation since the US invasion in 1898, ending the island's short-lived independence from Spain. After the 2008 Great Recession, Puerto Rico's debt crisis accelerated, leaving the economy reeling. In 2016, the U.S. Congress passed the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act, which in effect, was a financial coup d'etat



that put Puerto Rico's economy in the hands of an unelected financial board. It resulted in the gutting of virtually all public services and utilities including health care, education, energy, and transit, and left the island in a deeply vulnerable economic state.

Then Puerto Rico was hit by two hurricanes in 2017, including Maria, one of the most consequential hurricanes in recorded history. Intensified by the effects of climate change, the storm resulted in approximately 3,000 to 5,000 deaths and an electrical blackout that left over a million residents without power, many for more than a year, and some still without power today.

"The whole infrastructure just broke down because of disinvestment and austerity,"

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PEACE TALKS ONLINE

Prison, Protest & Indigenous Leadership
Featuring Nick Tilsen
President and CEO of NDN Collective
October 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM EST

Community Organizing Grants Town Hall

Roundtable featuring PDF grantees November 17 at 3:00 PM EST and November 19 at 6:00 PM EST

For more information on these online events go to www.peacedevelopmentfund.org

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING GRANTS

A ★ denotes a new grantee

A ▲ denotes The Sustainability Project participant

American Indian Prison Project Working Group, St. Paul. MN

- API Equality Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA www.apiequalityla.org
- Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center, Las Vegas, NV www.arribalasvegas.org
- Community Movement Builders, Atlanta, GA www.communitymovementbuilders.org
- Cooperative Economics Alliance of NYC, New York, NY www.gocoopnyc.com
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- Nation Outside: The Voice of Formerly Incarcerated People, Lansing, MI www.nationoutside.org
- Pa'lante Restorative Justice, Holyoke, MA www.palanteholyoke.org
- ★ ▲ Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights, Olympia, WA www.m.mamapower.org
- Phoenix Local Organizing Committee, Phoenix, AZ www.phxloc.org
- Rise St. James, St. James, LA www.stopformosa.org
- ★ Southside Worker Center, Tucson, AZ www.southsidecentro.org
- ★ ▲ Spencer Pride, Spencer, IN www.spencerpride.org
- Sunflower Community Action, Wichita, KS www.scapower.org
- ★ Taller GIRASOL, San Jose, CA www.tallergirasol.org
- Transit Riders Union, Seattle, WA www.transitriders.org
- Unchained, Syracuse, NY www.weareunchained.org
- Voces Ciudadanas, INC, New York, NY www.vocesciudadanasinc.org
- Wellspring Cooperative Corporation, Springfield, MA www.wellspring.coop
- Women Against Mass Incarceration, Bridgeport, CT www.wamict.org

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A bequest to The Peace Development Fund written into your will can help ensure a more just future. Together, we can provide the critical support to strengthen the social justice movement. Bequests can be as simple as making PDF a beneficiary of your IRA or life insurance policy.

You can leave PDF a percentage of your estate, a specific sum of money, or you can make PDF the residual beneficiary of your estate after other bequests. For more information about leaving a bequest to PDF and specific wording, call 413-256-8306 or email delia@peacefund.org.

SPOTLIGHT ON FISCAL SPONSORSHIP

Taller Guaguarey

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said Rodriguez, "FEMA and the government didn't provide the necessary emergency services, they mishandled and even withheld vital funds and supplies from the Puerto Rican people. These traumatic and challenging experiences have fortified us and made us aware of what we are up against. Of what we have to do. Of how we have to respond."

The people of Puerto Rico are now not only battling COVID-19, but are still fighting back against what's been dubbed, "Disaster Capitalism" – the systematic exploitation of the shocks caused by hurricanes or other crises in order to achieve corporate privatization and windfall profits, as well as the slashing of public commons and social programs.

"Just as it was decades ago," said Alicia, "young people with their backs against the wall, are organizing and leading the movement, marching against banks and colonial rule." She pointed to the 2010 student strikes against austerity, or just last year

when mass protests forced the resignation of Puerto Rico's Governor Ricardo Rosselló.

How will the people of Puerto Rico respond to this current moment and build agency for social change? "What is needed is for protests to go hand and hand with community programs like Taller Guaguarey," said Alicia, "It starts with community building, personal transformation and working collectively to solve our own problems – as Maria showed us, the government has no interest in supporting our people."

"Today, the need for Puerto Rico's self-determination is more urgent than ever before." Taller Guaguarey, through art, community building and personal healing, provides regenerative economic activity to a community where over half the people live in poverty. Working with clay is just one of the many ways that the struggle for justice and self-determination in Puerto Rico continues.

Indigenous Peoples Justice Struggle

Peace Development Fund has supported and built lasting relationships with dozens of Native-led organizations over our nearly forty-year history. Our Criminal Justice Initiative spent years establishing a broad network of funders and organizations to bring about change to our broken criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Two of our fiscally sponsored organizations, **Restoring Justice for Indigenous People** (RJIP) and the **American Indian Prison Project Working Group** (AIP-PWG), work at the intersections of justice for Indigenous people and criminal justice reform. These two organizations are among a handful of Native-led Criminal Justice advocates throughout the US, as the Native community, and particularly Native women, are so often invisible in the larger movement struggles.

RJIP works in Northern California to expose

and address the disparities facing Indigenous people, especially women and youth in the carceral system, by using traditional and cultural lifeways and practices, community organizing and advocacy to restore justice to their communities and ancestral homelands. Led by Morning Star Gali, RJIP has been a statewide leader in advocacy around the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women and has provided healing circles to impacted families. RJIP is dedicated to Indigenous pathways to heal for system impacted Native youth who are disproportionately impacted by school suspensions and juvenile detention.

AIPPWG is based in St. Paul and Minneapolis Minnesota, and works to create systemic policy change and increase services, resources, and culturally-based restorative justice programs to detained and incarcerated American Indian youth and adults. In 2019–2020, AIPPWG provided pre and post release services to over 500 Native youth, women and men at four state prisons and one federal prison, and are piloting a new program to support formerly incarcerated Native women through equine therapy.

Stephanie Autumn, Director for AIPPWG, said "Our work is not always understood or appreciated by funders, but because PDF 'gets us and supports us,' other foundations are more willing to fund our work." Morning Star Gali said, "The access to technical assistance trainings, information on grant opportunities and a strong sense of partnership are the main benefits of being fiscally sponsored by PDF."

PDF is committed to supporting organizations that are most directly impacted by systems of injustice and we invite you to join us in investing in their leadership. When you support PDF or our fiscally sponsored organizations, you are building the capacity of organizations who are making concrete, positive interventions toward justice in their community. Thank you for being part of our long history as a leading progressive foundation supporting grassroots organizations like AIPPWG and RJIP – we could not do it without you!



Courtesy of Restoring Justice for Indigenous People

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Courtesy of AIPPWG



Courtesy of Morning Star Gali

Reproductive Justice

Self-Managed Abortion, Safe and Supported

Your support is critical to strengthening the reproductive justice movement across the country. Through our Fiscal Sponsorship Program, PDF supports communitybased projects, like the Springfield Community-Based Doula Initiative and the Boston Abortion Support Collective, and national projects, like Self-Managed Abortion, Safe and Supported (SASS).

SASS provides one-on-one support and information to those in the US who choose to self-manage abortion outside of the healthcare system, through secure, online communications with trained English and Spanish speaking counselors.

Director Susan Yanow, said "Looking at self-managed abortion through a reproductive justice lens highlights how the practice lies at the intersection of human rights, public health, empowerment and access. Supporting the use of pills on one's own and putting the tools for safe abortion directly in the hands of those who want and need them is an empowerment strategy." She continued, "Self-managed abortion is an expression of the fundamental feminist principle and human right to bodily autonomy, and to our right to control our own health care: core tenets of reproductive justice." Abortion pills help democratize access to safe abortion and flatten health inequities, which is especially critical during the COVID-19 pandemic in ensuring continued, safe access to abortions.

The reproductive justice framework also reminds us that individuals do not exist in isolation from communities. Yanow said, "Supporting a culture of self-help at the community level emphasizes this connection and builds collective power, while simultaneously giving individuals immediate relief and support."

SASS provides on the ground trainings in communities about how to share information about abortion pills to ensure medical and legal safety for those who choose to self-manage their abortion. Over the last year they have reached hundreds of

people through direct trainings. In 2020 they piloted the Self-Managed Abortion Training Corps, providing intensive support for developing additional trainers, most of whom work in the South, Southeast and Midwest of the United States, where abortion access is particularly restrictive.

According to Yanow, "PDF's sponsorship has allowed SASS to expand our budget and reach ever-increasing numbers of individuals and organizations with information about safe self-managed abortion." PDF helps to make this work possible and more accessible, and none of it would be possible without the generous support of our community of donors. When you partner with PDF to support our operations, we can continue to partner with more organizations working for social justice and human rights. ■



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Courtesy of Boston Abortion Support Collective

Donor Advised Fund

A Donor Advised Fund, or DAF, is a giving vehicle established at a public charity. DAFs allow donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction and then recommend grants from the fund over time. A Donor Advised Fund is straight forward to establish and manage at PDF. We provide 40 years of grantmaking experience to donor activists interested in funding specific, progressive interests.

PDF has a top rating from Charity Navigator and Forbes Magazine highlighted PDF in its article "How to Find the Right Donor Advised Fund (And Why)."

For more information on Donor Advised Funds, call Delia Kovac at 413-256-8306 x101 or email, Delia@peacefund.org.

Through his DAF, The Babson 2020 **Fund, Jamie Babson supports** Indigenous rights organizations and projects, including the Nolumbeka **Project in Massachusetts and The Crow Language Consortium in** Montana.

"PDF's Donor Advised Fund program enabled me to have a bigger impact with my giving, in terms of both the quality and quantity of organizations I support. PDF's national and international visibility in the movement and expert giving advice makes for an ideal partnership for my Donor Advised Fund."

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Brennan Tierney joined PDF as a Foundation Associate in November, 2019. He coordinates communications and events, facilitates PDF's annual Special Initiative, and assists with the Community Organizing Grant cycle. Brennan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies and Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he was involved with the UMass Fossil Fuel Divestment Campaign, a student-run cooperative and a program that facilitated courses on grass-

roots community organizing. He remains active in the Massachusetts Solidarity Economy Network, a local prison book project and he is a participant in the 2020 Hiroshima and International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security. Brennan says, "I am humbled to be a part of PDF's rich history as a progressive, peace-building foundation and look forward to continuing to help resource community organizing groups nationwide working for social justice."



Rose Westbrook joined PDF as the Director of Administration & Finance in August of 2020. She is the strategic thought-partner and team leader that oversees all PDF administrative and financial functions. Rose has over two decades of experience managing nonprofit operations, strategic board development and having fiduciary responsibilities. She has played a key role in organizational development of the Public Health Institute of Western MA, helped advance Baystate Health's diversity and inclusion goals as an Employee Resource

Group leader; and served on several nonprofit boards in Springfield, MA. She successfully developed an urban pre-service teacher education program at Springfield Technical Community College. She holds a Bachelor's in Human Services Administration and Master's in Human Resource Development from American international College, and has been Adjunct Faculty at her alma mater as well as at Framingham State University. Rose is a Fellow graduate of The Partnership Inc., trained Facilitative Leader for Social Change and a Toastmaster.

The Pioneer Valley Community Advised Fund is made possible by generous supporters in the Valley like you. The fund brings together community members, students and donors to be part of a grant-making process supporting social justice organizations in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.

This year's grantees are



Courtesy of Pa'lante

Pa'lante Restorative Justice, a youth-led transformative justice program at Holyoke High School working to build youth power and dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline; Wellspring Cooperative Corporation, a network of worker-owned businesses in Springfield which creates employment and wealth-building opportunities for residents; and **Great Falls Books** Through Bars in Franklin County, which sends free books, resources and reading materials to people who are incarcerated.

Justin Helepololei, a collective member of Great Falls Books Through Bars, said, "With many prisons on lockdown, and educational programs suspended, books have become even more critical for incarcerated people to stay connected to the outside world. The grant from PDF has allowed us to send free books, print and mail information about COVID-19, and encourage the community to support incarcerated organizers and political prisoners working toward long-term decarceration."

Do you live in the Pioneer Valley and want to support local grassroots organizing? Consider contributing to support the Pioneer Valley **Community Advised Fund** and be a part of a community-led grantmaking process. Contact Delia Kovac for more information on how to get involved at 413-256-8306 x101 or email, Delia@peacefund.org.. ■

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PDF'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

PDF mobilized our **De Colores Rapid Response Fund** early on in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. **Movement for Justice in El Barrio** and **Chelsea Greenroots** received \$1,000 grants in March, right as the country moved into lockdown, helping them adapt their organizing strategies to this unprecedented crisis.

Chelsea Greenroots is based in Chelsea, MA, a working-class city where over 60% of residents are Latino, almost half are immigrants, and 80% of the workforce are considered "essential employees." Chelsea had the worst COVID-19 outbreak in Massachusetts and among the worst nationally in those early days.

Chelsea Greenroots began organizing city-wide fundraising efforts, set up food distribution centers, and produced multilingual communications of essential information. Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni said, "Funding from PDF allowed us to ensure our COVID19 response was accessible in 8 major languages spoken by people in Chelsea. This is so important in ensuring our community has access to the information and resources



Courtesy of Chelsea Greenroots

they need during the most significant crisis hitting our community in a century."

Movement for Justice in El Barrio is a majority-women led community organization that fights for housing, immigrant and gender justice in East Harlem, NYC. PDF's grant supported 'Movimiento's COVID-19 Emergency Response for Immigrants in El Barrio.' They said of the grant, "Just as quickly as we were able to pivot organizational efforts toward our COVID program and dispersing aid to the immigrant community in East Harlem, PDF was able to just as quickly disperse funds we needed for this unexpected and urgent program." PDF's De Colores Fund has supported over a dozen organizations since the start of the outbreak, in communities around the country, and we continue to do so today.

MISSION STATEMENT

The PEACE DEVELOPMENT FUND works to build the capacity of community based organizations through grants, training, and other resources as partners in the human rights and social justice movements. As a public foundation, we nourish, foster and encourage the diverse, self-sustaining and economically viable communities that are essential to building a peaceful, just and equitable world.

2020 SPECIAL INITIATIVE: ECONOMIC DISLOCATION AND THE SOLIDARITY

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PDF's 2020 Special Initiative on Economic Dislocation and the Solidarity Economy brought five workers centers and recent PDF grantees together from across the country: Arriba Las Vegas Workers Center, Adelante Alabama Workers Center, the Pioneer Valley Workers Center, Miami Workers Center and the Southside Workers Center in Tucson, AZ. They were joined by other PDF grantees like Community Movement Builders in Atlanta, and labor organizers from Chicago and New York.

The **Cooperative Economics Alliance of New York City** helped facilitate the Special Initiative, introducing the Solidarity Economy to participants and organizing a panel of labor organizers, workers and cooperative developers. The trainers highlighted worker ownership as a tool for worker centers to build power for systemic change, the role cooperatives have played in social movements in the United States and how immigrant communities can utilize cooperatives in response to economic dislocation. Participants left with relationships to other workers centers nationwide, and practical tools and resources for integrating co-op development into their organizing.

Leninn Torres, a member of the Pioneer Valley Workers Center and volunteer with Riquezas del Campo Co-op Farm said of the training

"I didn't know a lot about co-ops and how they really work, but after taking the training, I loved the goals, the shared values, and the seven cooperative principles. It was great meeting co-op leaders from other states who shared with us the importance of co-ops for their communities. The next step for me is being a member rather than a volunteer at Riquezas del Campo so I'm excited to learn more and make a difference for our communities."

Your support helps Peace Development Fund grant to front-line community organizations and respond to new directions in movement building. PDF is a capacity-builder for grassroots organizing and because of you, we are playing a key role in building more intersectional and robust movements.

Peace through **Justice**



Courtesy of Arriba Las Vegas Workers Center



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Courtesy of Community Movement Builders