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A Community Voice • New Orleans, Louisiana
Action Communication and Education Reform • Duck Hill, Mississippi
Activist San Diego • San Diego, California
Alianza Indigena Sin Fronteras • Tucson, Arizona
allgo • Austin, Texas
Aloha DREAM Team • Honolulu, Hawaii
Arise for Social Justice • Springfield, Massachusetts
Arizona Queer Undocumented Immigrant Project • Phoenix, Arizona
Assata’s Daughters • Chicago, Illinois
Atlanta Jobs with Justice • Atlanta, Georgia
Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (BAAITS) • San Francisco, California
BAY-Peace: Better Alternatives for Youth • Oakland, California
Beantown Society • Boston, Massachusetts
California Coalition for Women Prisoners • San Francisco, California
California Environmental Justice Coalition • San Francisco, California
California Prison Focus • Oakland, California
Chainbreaker Collective • Santé Fe, New Mexico
Chicago Anti-Eviction Campaign • Chicago, Illinois
Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger • Merrimac, Wisconsin
Colectiva Legal del Pueblo • Burien, Washington
Concerned Citizens of Richmond County • Hamlet, North Carolina
Connecticut Students for a DREAM • Bridgeport, Connecticut
Countywide Family Development Center • Laurel, Mississippi
Crawford Stewardship Project • Gays Mills, Wisconsin
Critical Resistance Los Angeles • Los Angeles, California
Critical Resistance • Oakland, California
Decarcerate PA • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Desiree Alliance • Fort Smith, Arkansas
Detroit REPRESENT! • Detroit, Michigan
Dignity and Power Now • Los Angeles, California
Economic Justice Coalition • Athens, Georgia
Families for Justice as Healing •

Boston, Massachusetts
Family Farm Defenders • Madison, Wisconsin
Fuerza Laboral - Power of Workers • Central Falls, Rhode Island
Gender Justice LA • Los Angeles, California
Gender Justice League • Seattle, Washington

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The Next 50 Years...
Looking back while dreaming about the future

By The Resist Staff

Whatever you do, life don’t stop. It only sits a minute and dreams a dream.”
- Grace Paley, Resist Co-founder

On the eve of our semi-centennial, it is only natural to stop, take some time, and look back over the past 50 years. But Resist is also looking forward.

***The struggle for Civil, Women’s, Student, Farmworker, LGBTQ, and Indigenous rights. Anti-Vietnam War, anti-intervention in Latin America, labor, anti-apartheid, anti-corporate globalization, and anti-Iraq War movements. The fight for reproductive, environmental, economic, and racial justice.***

These movements, and countless others, have propelled our world forward on the path to justice and liberation over the past five decades. While all of the credit in the world goes to the brave organizers, activists, and artists who continually imagine that another world is possible and put everything on the line to build it, we are proud to say that Resist has played a small, yet crucial role in each of those movements.

Change. It is a word that seems to be tossed around by almost everyone. Politicians, corporations, conservatives, liberals, almost everyone who wields power invokes the word as if they own it, trying to make us believe that the fate of our communities rests in their hands.

As Dr. Martin Luther King famously said, “the arc of history bends toward justice.”

But who bends that arc? Where do the seeds need to be planted? How do we actually forge a new path towards justice?

History shows that when those on the ground, who have the least institutional power, come together and fight, they are the ones who change everything and ultimately bend the arc of history towards justice. The groups listed on these pages of the Newsletter are the unsung heroes we have to thank for doing just that.

Our theory of change starts with them - those brave souls who are resisting, organizing, visioning, and creating. Their movements happen in homes, in communities, and in the streets.

This past year, because of supporters like you, their fight was made a little bit easier by the financial assistance they needed, deserved, and for far too long have been denied. They are the ones that have been taking on those in power and have changed the political climate so that racial justice, transgender justice, reproductive justice, economic justice, and environmental justice are now at the center of everything. Investing in those communities has been the best investment you or anyone could have made for the past 50 years and will continue to be the best investment for the next 50 years.

We aren’t going anywhere. As long as there is injustice in the world, Resist will be there to provide support to those radical communities that are building the world that we all dream about.

In solidarity,
Jax, Kendra, Ravi, Saif, and Seth
From protests and marches, to nonviolent direct actions and acts of civil disobedience, to teach-ins and educational events, messages need to spread. The political poster is as old as political organizing itself. Whether print or online, the mix of artistry and message never loses its beauty.

Featuring posters by grantees: UNIDOS, San Francisco Sex Worker Film and Arts Festival, Assata's Daughters, Critical Resistance Oakland, San Francisco Sex Worker Film and Arts Festival, Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (BAAITS), Decarcerate PA, Stop LAPD Spying Coalition, Hearing Youth Voices, Gender Justice LA, Black and Pink, Youth Organizing Institute, BreakOUT, Desiree Alliance, Peaceful Uprising, 9to5 California, Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha

“I wish I was rich, I’d send you cats lots of money.” – Donor from Colville, Washington

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Portland, Oregon

Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Preserve Flody: Citizens Preserving Floyd County • Floyd, VA

Prison Birth Project • Northampton, Massachusetts

Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO) • Encitas, California

Providence Student Union • Providence, Rhode Island

Qilombo • Oakland, California

Queer Detainee Empowerment Project • Brooklyn, New York

Racial Justice NOW! • Dayton, Ohio

Release Aging People in Prison • New York, New York

Resilient Sisterhood Project • Boston, Massachusetts

Right 2 Survive • Portland, Oregon

Right to Housing Alliance • Baltimore, Maryland

San Francisco Sex Work Film and Arts Festival • San Francisco

Seattle Young People’s Project • Seattle, Washington

Sex Workers Outreach Project • Chicago, Illinois

Southern Maine Workers’ Center • Portland, Maine

Standing Against Foreclosures and Eviction (SAFE) • Seattle, Washington

Spirit House Inc. • Durham, North Carolina

Standing Against Foreclosure & Eviction • Seattle, Washington

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Thank you for the folder listing so many progressive groups that have been making a difference through the grants you send. If you listen to the news – or read a newspaper – you would never know so many citizens are involved in trying to make this a better world. – Donor from Mount Juliet, Tennessee
North, South, East, West
Regional breakdown of Resist grantees

- Stop LAPD Spying Coalition • Los Angeles, California
- Student / Farmworker Alliance • Immokalee, Florida
- Texans United for Families • Austin, Texas
- The Rise of Holyoke School • Holyoke, Massachusetts
- The Seed House / La Casa de la Semilla • Wichita, Kansas
- Transit Riders Union (TRU) • Seattle, Washington
- UNIDOS • Tucson, Arizona
- Voices of the Sacred • Missoula, Montana
- Welfare Warriors • Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Women Encouraging Empowerment • Revere, Massachusetts
- Women in Transition • Louisville, Kentucky
- Workers Center For Racial Justice • Chicago, Illinois
- Workers’ Center of Central New York
- Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Youth Justice and Power Union • Boston, Massachusetts
- Youth Organizing Institute • Durham, North Carolina

“As the Board Chair of Chattanooga Organized for Action, a locally-focused Tennessee nonprofit dedicated to community organizing around social justice issues, I can say that Resist’s support in our formative years has been invaluable. Folks who create and sustain the material support for social change rarely get the credit, but this organization is a national resource. Like, Share, and Contribute, so that this important work continues.”

- Michael Gilliland, Chattanooga Organized for Action
Letter from Resist’s Development Director

“The lack of money is the root of all evil.” - Mark Twain

In 2015, 4,863 donors donated $941,095 to Resist, this was about $100,000 more than we received from individual donors in 2014! Thank you! We all at Resist are most grateful for your generosity and commitment to supporting the most radical frontline organizing happening across the United States and (occupied) territories.

Throughout the year, a number of you wrote to tell us that you were on fixed incomes due to retiring, disabilities, or unemployment, yet you wanted to share what you could with grassroots groups working to change our world. That is no small thing.

For the geeks among you (like myself) who love numbers, here is a breakdown of our donations in 2015. We received $113,485 in small donations of less than $100, from 3,560 donors, which represents 73% of all donors to Resist. In addition, 1,198 donors made gifts of between $100 and $999 for a total of $228,261 in donations and 105 donors donated the remaining $599,349. We are very proud of the broad base of support Resist enjoys from progressive working class and wealthy individuals.

We are truly humbled by the gifts you shared with us. As Arundhati Roy said, “Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.” Your support is part of the breathe which help sustain the movement and brings us closer to that other world.

In solidarity,
Ravi Khanna, Director of Development at Resist

Programs: 69.77% ($746,931)
Fundraising: 21.29% ($227,929)
Administration: 8.93% ($95,638)

Total 2015 Expenses
$1,070,498
2015 Memorial Grants

The Arthur Raymond Cohen Memorial Fund Award:
Immigrant Youth Coalition (IYC) - Los Angeles, California

The Arthur Raymond Cohen Memorial Fund Award is designed to support the causes to which Arthur Cohen (1918-1986) was committed: opposition to the arms race, the cold war, and American intervention abroad as well as the support for civil liberties, the fight against racism, and the struggle of workers and unions at home.

The Ed Baker Memorial Fund Award:
Detroit REPRESENT!, Detroit, Michigan

The Ed Baker Memorial Fund Award commemorates the life of C. Edwin Baker, a law professor and lifelong activist for civil rights and social justice, who dedicated his life to making the world a more just and humane place for those around him. Ed was committed to grassroots, participatory democracy, and the belief that the values of individual liberty, equality, and non-coercive freedom of expression (speech in an expanded sense) are essential to real democracy. He was an opponent of the concentration of media control and the loss of investigative reporting which prevents the communication of information required for democracy.

Freda Friedman Salzman Memorial Endowment Fund Award:
Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment, Pullman, Washington

The Freda Friedman Salzman Memorial Endowment Fund is dedicated to the purpose of supporting organized resistance to the institutions and practices that rob people of their dignity as full human beings.

The Leslie D'Corra Holmes Memorial Fund Award:
Assata’s Daughters, Chicago, Illinois

The Leslie D’Corra Holmes Memorial Fund is committed to continuing the inspiring work and legacy of Leslie D’Corra Holmes. This fund supports activities and organizations that embody the characteristics, values, and principles that reflect the spirit-filled mission of Leslie D’Corra Holmes, including: empowerment for communities and individuals, self-determination through education and community organizing, harmonization of diverse communities of interest, actualization and recognition of individual potential, courage of conviction, and pride in culture, community and self.

The Mike Riegle Tribute Grant Award:
Families for Justice as Healing, Boston, Massachusetts

The Mike Riegle Tribute Grant is given in memory of the life and work of local Boston activist Mike Riegle. Mike was a supporter of prisoners’ rights, gay and lesbian liberation, and the radical movement for justice. We believe that Mike would have been heartened and inspired by the incredible work of the Gender Justice League in its pursuit of queer liberation, and dedicate this award in his memory.

The Ken Hale Tribute Grant Award:
Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (BAAITS), San Francisco, California

The Ken Hale Tribute Grant is given in memory of the life and work of Ken Hale, one of the world’s foremost linguists and a passionate activist for justice. This grant is given to support organizations which ensure that the voices of those most impacted are given primacy in the struggle to protect and expand civil, cultural and political rights, with a high priority given to the efforts of indigenous peoples. We believe that Ken would have been heartened and inspired by the Western Shoshone people in your struggle for environmental and economic justice on native lands, and dedicate this award in his memory.

The Sharon Kurtz Memorial Grant Award:
Fuerza Laboral - Power of Workers, Central Falls, Rhode Island

The Sharon Kurtz Memorial Grant is committed to supporting workplace justice campaigns that address the issues of race, class, and gender in building a movement for workers’ rights. We believe that Sharon would have been heartened and inspired by the incredible work of Community to Community Development in your intersectional justice work, and dedicate this award in her memory.
“Dear Resist – Although money is tight – I enjoy where it goes and what it does when goes to folks like you!” Thank you!
– Donor from Garden Valley, California

“We are so appreciative of Resist for supporting our work. Thank YOU!”
– Racial Justice NOW

“Resist makes our work possible. Thank you, Resist!”
– Nevada Cure

“Thank you for your absolutely vital presence and work in this critical time!”
– Donor from Franconia, New Hampshire

“A big shout out from Valley Improvement Projects in California to Resist! You have ensured that we can continue to fight all oppressive systems in our neighborhoods, cities, state, nation, and Earth as a whole. Resist is what all other foundations should aspire to be! All power to the people!”
– Emiliano Mataka, Valley Improvement Projects

Photo: Decarcerate PA

2016 grantee Decarcerate PA
Support the Forefront of the Movement for Social Justice

Your contribution to Resist supports hundreds of activist groups resisting, organizing, and building a better world. We will never have the money that those in power have, but Resist believes in a simple equation: a little bit of support plus grassroots creativity and passion can equal radical social change.

- Yes! Here is a one-time contribution of $_____ Enclosed is my check.
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- I want to become a Pledge! Deduct $_____ (note card information below)
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  - quarterly
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  - yearly

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2016 grantees Immigrant Youth Coalition (top) and California Coalition for Women Prisoners (bottom)