

CELEBRATION OF GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING IN BOSTON

EVENT REPORT

Saturday, June 29, 2024

First Parish Dorchester



THE CELEBRATION OF GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING is an annual lobster picnic where Boston's frontline movement leaders come together to practice sustainable fundraising and grow movements for racial, economic, and climate justice. 15 partner organizations envision and lead the event, extending collaboration beyond the coalition table into collective fundraising, an act that pushes against the scarcity and competition embedded in nonprofit funding. For the 11th year, partners worked collectively to unite the community and exceed our \$200,000 fundraising goal.

Beyond the financial success, the event served as a powerful platform for interdependence, connection, joy, and integrity in action. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this collaborative achievement. Special shoutout to our co-coordinator Neha Rayamajhi, our emcee Payal Kumar, and to volunteer captains Andy Nash, Jamiah Tappin, Kelsey Barowich, Laurence Louie, Madeline Higgins, and Sara Sargent. Year after year with your support, we are one step closer to sustainable movements for justice and liberation.

Why this Report? Because accountability and transparency shouldn't just be to funders. The Celebration is possible because of an entire community's contributions, so the whole community should see the impact of our collective work.



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WE RAISED

\$228,000

FOR THE MOVEMENT

TICKET SALES	DONATIONS	SPONSORSHIPS
\$30k	\$64k	\$134k

THANKS TO

548	★	107	★	243
ATTENDEES		VOLUNTEERS		DONORS

51	★	29	★	23
SPONSORS		TABLE HOSTS AND CAPTAINS		HOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS

15	★	1
PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS		FEATURED PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION

EVENT EXPENSES

\$40,000*

\$16k PEOPLE (COORDINATOR, CHEF, INTERPRETERS, ETC)

\$13k VENUE, SUPPLIES, RENTALS, AND PERMITS

\$11k FOOD

*Last year we put aside a \$4,000 reserve for this year's expenses, so we only had to spend \$36,000 this year

DISBURSEMENT TO ALL 16 GROUPS
(15 PARTNERS)

\$12,000

Partner Organizations ✨

Partners collectively organize the event and split the proceeds, and add new partners through a consensus decision-making process.

Additionally, partners this year have elected to make a special one-time disbursement to Palestinian Youth Movement – Boston to support their organizing and their mutual aid work.

Finally, longtime partner Resist Inc is transitioning its role from partner to ally, given its positioning as a radical funder. Thank you Resist Inc for your many years of participation in the event!



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Sponsors ✨

ABUNDANCE (\$50,000 +)



HARVEST (\$10,000)



COLLECTIVE WORK (\$5,000)



Josie Greene & Glenn Asch

RESISTANCE (\$2,500)

Access Strategies
Anonymous
Boston Medical Center
Episcopal City Mission

Harvard Chan School of Public Health
Health Resources In Action
The Lazu Group

Reparations Interfaith Coalition
United Way of Massachusetts Bay

JOY (\$1,000)

617MediaGroup
The Boston Beer Company
Boston Children's Hospital
Boston Democratic Socialists of America
Boston Teachers Union

Center for Economic Democracy
Dorchester Bay EDC
Eastern Bank
Embrace Boston
First Parish in Bedford:
Unitarian Universalist

First Parish Dorchester
Move Money Shift Power
Phillips Brooks House Association
Resource Generation (National)
Tamarack Media

TRUST (\$300)

Brianna Boggs Coaching & Consulting
CERO Cooperative, Inc
City Feed and Supply
Commonwealth Kitchen
Conditioning Leaders
Conservation Law Foundation
Drive By Pies
Empire Party Rentals

First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington
The Food Project
GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)
home.stead bakery & cafe
Iggy's Bread
Jewish Voice for Peace Boston

Northeastern University Office of City and Community Engagement
Peak Event Services
Reynders, McVeigh Capital Management, LLC
Studio24Graphix
Saher Selod
Vatsady Sivongxay and Stephen Gray



JUNE
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SAVE THE DATE: The 12th Annual Celebration of Grassroots Organizing will be on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

