



# CELEBRATION OF GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING IN BOSTON

## EVENT REPORT

Saturday, June 28, 2025  
First Parish Dorchester

**T**HE 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 12th 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-coordinators **Liza Behrendt** and **Neha Rayamajhi**; our emcees **Collique Williams**, **Briana**, and **Maciel**; our DJ **Najwa Al-Aswad**; and our volunteer captains **Kelsey Barowich**, **Dylan Breuer**, **Sharon Cho**, **Jiin Cruz**, **Laurence Louie**, **Andy Nash**, **Jamiah Tappin**, and **Sara Sargent**. Year after year with your support, we are one step closer to sustainable movements for justice and liberation.



## WE RAISED

# \$256,545

## FOR THE MOVEMENT

TICKET SALES	DONATIONS	SPONSORSHIPS
<b>\$30,998</b>	<b>\$66,832</b>	<b>\$158,715</b>

## THANKS TO

**562** \* **119** \* **264**

ATTENDEES VOLUNTEERS DONORS

**41** \* **26** \* **16** \* **15**

SPONSORS TABLE HOSTS AND CAPTAINS HOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

## EVENT EXPENSES

# \$43,960

**\$15,911** PEOPLE (COORDINATOR, CHEF, INTERPRETERS, ARTISTS, ETC)

**\$12,457** VENUE, TENT, AND RENTALS

**\$15,592** FOOD AND SUPPLIES

## DISBURSEMENT TO 15 PARTERS

# \$14,000



# Partner Organizations

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



## Sponsors

**ABUNDANCE (\$50,000 +)**



**SUSTAINABILITY (\$20,000)**

Josie Greene & Glenn Asch

**HARVEST (\$10,000)**



**COLLECTIVE WORK (\$5,000)**



**RESISTANCE (\$2,500)**

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Access Strategies  
Boston Medical Center  
First Parish Dorchester

Gabriella Mora & John-Paul Hezel  
Health Resources In Action

TSNE  
One Project

**JOY (\$1,000)**

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Boston Children's Hospital  
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Center for Economic Democracy  
Eastern Bank Foundation  
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Phillips Brooks House Association  
Point32Health  
Tamarack Media

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## 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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