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Public Education Grantees

Action Communications and Education Reform (ACAER)

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Founded in 1997, Action Communication and Education Reform (ACAER) works to make the Montgomery County School District responsive to the needs of all children. One of their first major victories was to overturn the electoral process for the Montgomery School Board, resulting in a shift from a 100% white school board to one that, with three African American and two white members, is more representative of the school population. The Foundation's grant of **\$30,000** will support ACAER's work to ensure community input in the financial planning process for the school system and to impact the formulation of school policy around disciplinary and tracking issues.

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For more than a decade, affiliates of the national community organizing network, ACORN, have prioritized education organizing in their local work, focusing particularly on issues of equity. Their efforts have identified inequitable treatment of parents and students of color and in low-income communities, increased resources to schools serving low income students, changed the distribution of resources among schools and classrooms, and ensured that all families have equal access and information to high quality educational experiences. As a national network, ACORN realizes that there is enormous potential for cross-site replication of successful strategies, collective research and action. With the Foundation's grant of **\$50,000**, ACORN will increase the effectiveness of local education organizing through national, local and cross-site training and research and will build national campaigns based upon local work and the opportunities presented by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

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Around the country, community organizations are entering into relationships with teachers' unions, and identifying common goals for the children in their neighborhood schools. Although very new and somewhat rare, these alliances are proving to be powerful in campaigns around pay raises to retain qualified teachers, anti-privatization efforts, professional development opportunities, adequate funding and more. With a grant of **\$20,000**, the Center for Community Change will convene a working meeting of teacher unions and community organizations that have begun to work together to explore collaborative work to improve public schools.



Parent leaders and graduates of Van Humboldt school invite House Representative Cynthia Soto (center) on site to begin relationship building dialogues. The Van Humboldt school is one of six schools where West Town Leadership United (WTLU) provides leadership development, parent-teacher mentoring and "reading-at-home" workshops.

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Members of the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council (BPNC) founded the BPNC School Reform Committee to address community concerns about gang-related school violence, the inaccessibility of schools for Spanish speaking immigrants, overcrowded and inadequate facilities and insufficient school-based health services. With a two-year grant of **\$80,000**, BPNC School Reform Committee will expand the base of trained parents and community members and undertake campaigns to increase police and bike patrols around schools, amend the police shift change so that it does not coincide with school release times, expand bilingual education through the 7th grade, secure funding for bilingual support staff and reduce class size. All Saints Catholic Church for

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Over the past three years the El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization (EPISO) has created and organized support for the Alliance Scholars Initiative, an effort to ensure that students are prepared for and have the financial support to attend college. Through EPISO's efforts, the school district has doubled the enrollment in the Pre-Advanced Placement Math and Language Arts classes and founded the first Pre-Advanced Placement Science class at Ysleta Middle School. A two-year renewal grant of **\$100,000** will enable EPISO to continue to organize parents in collaboration with teachers, school administrators and the local business community to continue this work in the Ysleta schools and to expand to the El Paso and Clint School Districts.

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Through the Family Empowerment Program of the Farmworker Association of Florida (FWAF) parents in Volusia County are monitoring school district compliance with policies affecting Limited English Proficient Students, pushing for facilities improvements, and have brought teachers from Mexico to participate in staff development sessions with local teachers. With a grant of **\$45,000**, FWAF will replicate the Family Empowerment Program in Dade County. Specifically, during the grant period, FWAF will train 40 Latino and Haitian families to work on improving the quality of education for migrant/LEP students through effective participation in formal school processes such as Parent Leadership Councils and school boards and also as an organized force pushing for change from outside of the system.

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Three years ago Greater Homewood Community Coalition (GHCC) founded an education committee to work on school improvement. Their efforts have resulted in an increase in volunteer and financial resources for schools in the Greater Homewood area of Baltimore. Realizing, however, that these are short term measures, GHCC's education committee is entering into a process of training and organizing parents and community members to hold the schools accountable for sustained improvement in the quality of education in these schools. A grant of **\$50,000** will enable GHCC to train six teams of education advocates in affiliation with GHCC member institutions to develop and implement issue campaigns in their neighborhood schools.

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The Haitian Refugee Center was founded in 1983 to assist Haitian refugees settling in the Miami area. Since the late 1990's a primary focus for the Center has been the educational success of the children in their community. Over the past decade, the Center has developed a variety of enrichment and remediation opportunities. Students and parents from the Center were pushed to action when, in 1999, the school district withheld Haitian American students' test scores on the presumption that the remarkable improvements in performance were a result of cheating rather than the intense effort of the students and Center volunteers and staff. A two-year grant of **\$90,000** will enable the Center to work with students and parents to push for policies and practices that will counter the low expectations for Haitian American students in the Miami school system.

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In 2001, Temple University Center for Public Policy's Research for Democracy Project implemented the first Organizing for Educational Excellence Institute, attended by more than 70 parent leaders, community members and organizers from 10 different community organizations around the country. Also participating in the four-day conference were national resource people with a recognized expertise in education reform. Follow up interviews with participants indicate that the experience has led to an increased understanding of education reform and pedagogy which has, in turn, enhanced their ability to organize around issues that directly impact the quality of teaching and learning in their children's schools. With a renewal grant of **\$50,000** from Hazen, Research for Democracy will hold the second annual Institute comprising a combination of organizations new to the event and some that participated in the first Institute.

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Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) was founded in 1996 and in 1998 launched its first education campaign focusing on after school programs and facilities issues in the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS). Through these efforts, developed a model after school program that has now been adopted by DCPS and secured \$12.5 million of repairs to school facilities. With a three-year renewal grant of **\$135,000**, WIN will press the District to reduce the number of provisionally certified teachers by 15% each year; develop and push for proposals to increase resources for key staffing gaps such as librarians, science teachers and counselors; and continue to press for the completion of facility repairs and an ongoing maintenance plan to counter future problems due to deferred maintenance.

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Citizens for a Better Greenville (CBG) was formed three years ago in reaction to a reform plan by the School Board that would reduce the higher level educational and enrichment opportunities for African American high school students in the Greenville Public Schools. Of the District's 9,000 students, approximately 70% are African American and the proposed plan would limit availability of advanced placement and extracurricular offerings at the high school attended by most of the black students. Concerned that District policies and school practices are contributing to the low graduation rate of 51%—26 percentage points below the state average—CBG has developed a core group of parents and leaders that have been monitoring City Council and school board meetings and researching strategies to address the high student drop out rate. Hazen's grant of **\$50,000** will enable this emerging group of community leaders to press the District to be responsive to the educational needs of African American students in the schools.

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In the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, the home of Make the Road by Walking (MTRBW), nearly 70% of the students read below grade level, making it one of the lowest performing school districts in New York City. Concerned with the quality of their schools, the members of MTRBW founded the Education Justice Project in 2001 and, since February 2002, parents have been meeting weekly to increase their understanding of education issues and develop the skills to organize for changes that will improve their children's education. During the coming year, with a grant of **\$50,000** from Hazen, the Education Justice Project will build their core leadership of parents and will work on changing practices regarding the referrals of students to remedial education, special education and gifted and talented programs.



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In 1995, the Donors' Education Collaborative (DEC) was created by funders interested in improving the quality of public education in New York City schools and increasing the level of public engagement in issues of education reform. Based on the findings of an external evaluation by the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago documenting the impact that DEC's grantmaking has had on a range of issues from opportunities for English language learners, to the engagement of community based organizations and their constituencies as legitimate participants in education policy reform, to improvements in policies regarding school facilities construction, the members of DEC decided to continue the initiative for an additional three years. Hazen's three-year renewal grant of **\$120,000** will enable DEC to continue its work to engage multiple constituencies in education policy reform during a period of considerable change in New York City's schools.

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The schools in North Midtown in Jackson, Mississippi serve a population of students that are approximately 95% African American and rank the lowest of any school district in the Jackson Public School District. As a community organization with a holistic approach to community development, the North Midtown Community Development Corporation (NMCDC) has recently begun to train and organize parents who have expressed serious concerns about the quality of education in these schools. NMCDC has been awarded a grant of **\$55,000** to build the capacity of parents to be effective advocates at the school level, to educate these parents about their rights and responsibilities under Title 1 and the No Child Left Behind Act, and to secure appropriate representation on school site councils.

Philadelphia Student Union

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Founded seven years ago, the Philadelphia Student Union (PSU) has built an organized and informed base of students that are having an impact on education issues in the Philadelphia school system. Through a convening of 400 students from 27 schools, PSU developed and ratified a "Student Platform on School Reform" defining specific issues of equity, access and quality of education and suggesting remedies for each. Over the next three years, with a **\$120,000** multi-year grant from Hazen, PSU will pursue a three level strategy for change that includes school based organizing on local issues, District level organizing for changes in relation to the issues in the Student Platform, and the mobilization and organizing of Philadelphia young people around the funding gap between Philadelphia schools and the surrounding suburbs.

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Throughout California, the Pacific Institute for Community Organization (PICO) affiliates are working to improve schools in 28 school districts. Some of these local organizations have made substantive improvements around issues of equity and quality of education and, at the state level, the organization has moved legislation and impacted funding to enhance the effectiveness of school districts throughout California. With a two-year Hazen grant of **\$100,000**, the PICO California Project will work with leaders of affiliate organizations to disseminate the learning and experience of each of the groups throughout the network, analyze state policies in light of their local work and conduct a joint campaign around at least one policy issue of concern.



The Alliance for Quality (AQE) received a two-year, \$100,000 grant from Hazen in 2000 to organize parents and community leaders for public education reform. In a 2002 New York City rally to halt New York State Governor George Pataki's budget cuts, and to protest his recommendation of completing 8th grade as an acceptable educational standard, AQE draws the attention of a local television station toward their cause.

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Quitman County Development Corporation Inc.

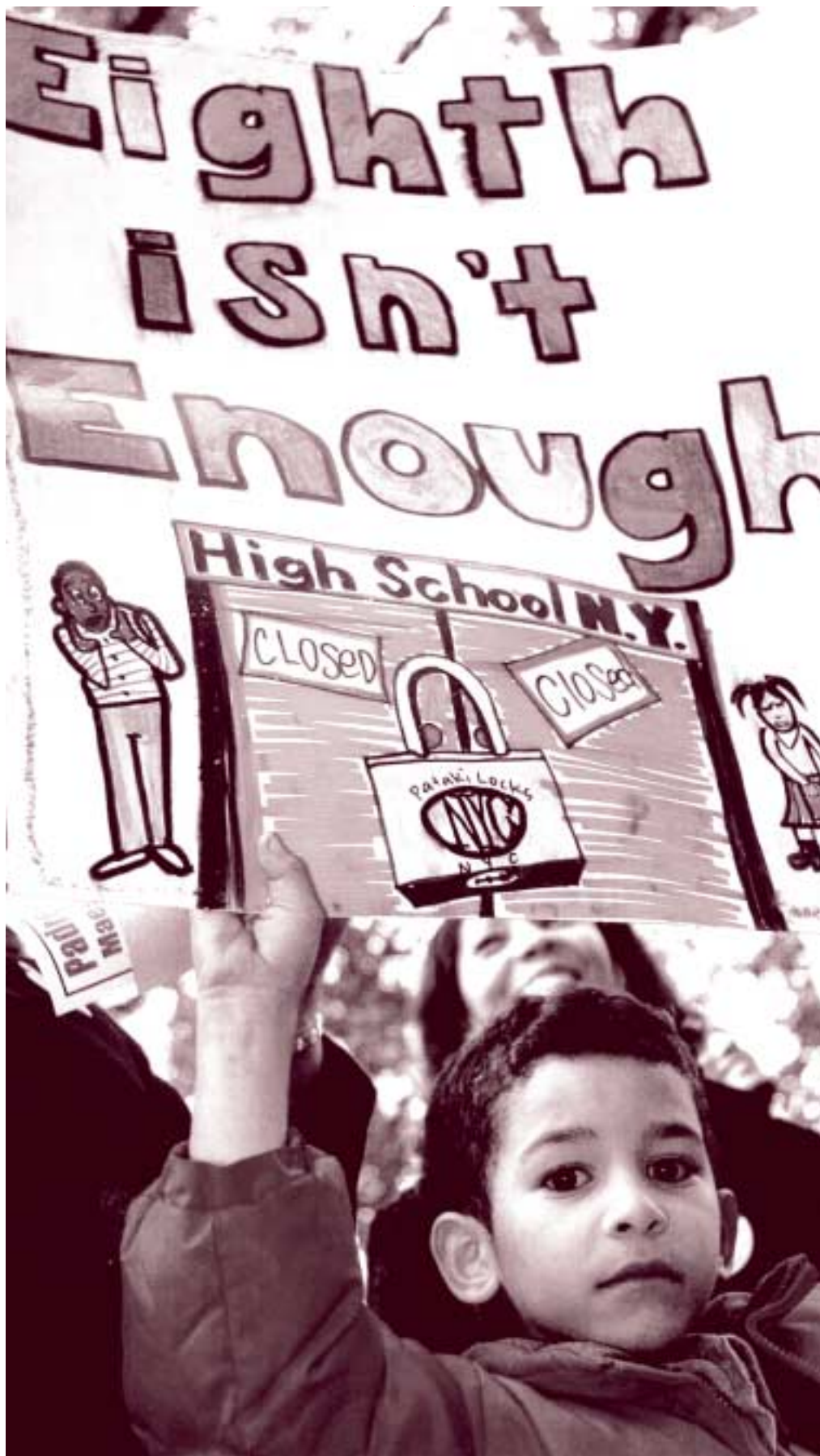
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Quitman County is an economically depressed, rural community. Of the county's 12,000 residents, the average per capita income is approximately \$13,300; in Marks, the town that is the home to Quitman County Community Development Corporation (QCDO), the per capita income is \$6,500, 28.4% of the adult population has nine or fewer years of formal education. The local school system, with a student population that is nearly 100% African American, reflects a long history of disinvestment by the nearly all white school board and board of supervisors. Hazen's grant of **\$50,000** will enable QCDO to hold the Superintendent and school board accountable to the community for resource decisions that have led to crumbling facilities and questionable practices such as hiring retired teachers on 90-day contracts and inequitable enforcement of school attendance laws.

Association House of Chicago for West Town Leadership United

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West Town is among the fastest gentrifying communities in Chicago. The rapidly changing demographics have led to a 30% mobility rate in the student population and loss of funds that have required discontinuation of school programs and shortened school days. Since 1996, West Town Leadership United (WTLU) has been working on school issues, focusing thus far on safety, participation in Local School Councils, and establishment of after-school programs. With a two-year grant of **\$50,000**, WTLU will expand its work to two new schools while pushing for improvement in the quality of reading and math instruction in local schools.



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Youth Development Grantees

Action for Community Empowerment (ACE)

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Last year, ACE's Harlem Youth in Action (HYA) launched the Youth to Work Experience Project, a campaign to increase the number of employment opportunities for Harlem youth. HYA members wrote letters, met with local political leaders, and served on a local Council member's youth task force. The local Assembly member agreed to broker meetings with the local chamber of commerce and the Harlem Business Alliance, and to create a 24-hour kiosk in the local state building to provide youth information on jobs, trainings, and advanced education. HYA also is part of a coalition that advocates for the need of a permanent summer employment program. ACE received a **\$25,000** renewal grant to engage 12-15 young people (ages 13-21) in efforts to build on this campaign.

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Girls and young women in San Francisco's juvenile halls experience challenging conditions that affect their time there and often affect their rate of recidivism. They are not allowed to have regular visits with their children. Many are prevented from actively advocating for themselves when arrested, in the courts, and with probation officers. In addition, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LBTQ) youth residents experience degrading treatment by the staff/counselors. CYWD received a **\$25,000** grant in support of Sister for Change Community Organizing Project, to engage 10 young women leaders (ages 14-20) in campaigns to increase services for the youth residents and change the juvenile justice department's non-discrimination human resource policy.

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Children make up more than one-third of the United States' homeless population and are the fastest growing segment of this population. Homeless youth are reluctant to talk about and organize themselves to address the injustices they face. In 2000, the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) began the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) to empower homeless youth through leadership development and by engaging them in campaigns to improve conditions for homeless children, families and youth throughout Ohio. YEP has developed six youth councils in urban and rural Ohio involving 75 youth leaders and representing hundreds of homeless youth. YEP was instrumental in a campaign to pressure Ohio lawmakers to pass a law protecting the educational rights of homeless children and youth and in changing the policy of state funded shelters to allow teenage boys to stay with their families. COHHIO received a **\$35,000** renewal grant to expand the number of youth councils, and to improve housing options and mainstream educational opportunities for homeless children and youth.



The Young Women's Project's Sexual Harassment Team flex their muscles and big smiles after a successful session. (photo by Earl Dotter)

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Southern New Mexico's colonias are among the most economically and environmentally challenged communities in the United States. The people in these communities are predominantly Latinos of Mexican descent, and are mostly seasonal agricultural laborers. In 1995, CDC formed the Recreational Organizing Council (ROC) in the city of Hatch to involve young people in efforts to improve their community, particularly the lack of youth recreational opportunities. In 1997, the ROC successfully negotiated with the Hatch Board of Trustees to obtain a building to house the group and recreational equipment. In 1999, the ROC began monitoring border patrol to hold the officers accountable for abuses and violations. CDC received a **\$25,000** grant to expand its Youth Organizing Project (YOP) and to engage 45-70 young people (ages 13-18) in campaigns that seek to increase recreational opportunities for youth and to reduce human and civil rights violations.

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Colorado Progressive Coalition

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In 1998, the Denver Public School system was rated the 2nd worst school district for educating Latino students by the National Council of La Raza, and in 2001, the Colorado State Civil Rights Commission uncovered racially biased school practices and tracking in schools with a higher concentration of Black students. The Colorado Progressive Coalition founded Students For Justice (S4J) in 1998 to address racially biased educational opportunities in three Denver High Schools. Since then, S4J conducted and released two groundbreaking reports highlighting racially discriminatory exclusion of students of color from advanced placement courses and tracking of students of color into new "small schools" that did not offer college preparatory courses. S4J also won an open campus policy to allow over 1,500 students who could not fit in the undersized school cafeteria to eat lunch off campus. S4J received a two-year, **\$60,000** renewal grant to double its leadership base and involve over 500 students in campaigns to secure policy changes to end racial tracking, increase student involvement in school decision-making and to improve bi-lingual education programs in three local high schools.

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In the early 1980s, LGBT youth of color began congregating in New York's Greenwich Village and its piers. Since the mid-1990s, the Village has undergone a redevelopment process that has displaced lower-income residents and LGBT youth from the piers. Over the past few years, LGBT youth of color have been sexually harassed and attacked by police and other people. The Hudson River Park Trust, which is redeveloping the Pier, has closed the piers and has excluded LGBT youth from the redevelopment process. At the same time, the Trust has increased its law enforcement budget, and has directed no moneys toward youth or social services. EBC received a **\$30,000** grant in support of the NY-based FIERCE, to engage 30 young people (ages 15-22) in campaigns to include LGBT in the redevelopment process and to redirect redevelopment and government funds to youth and social services.



Colorado Progressive Coalition organizer, Blanka Casillas, 16, a Manual High Junior, speaks to the press at a news conference highlighting educational injustices at her school.

Youth Development Grantees

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Founded in 1998, Faith Action for Community Empowerment (FACE) is a multi-issue community organizing organization, representing 42,000 predominantly Filipino, Pacific Islander, Southeast Asian low to moderate residents of Oahu, Hawaii. FACE is one of Oahu's most successful community organizing groups and has won multi-million dollar renovations to public housing developments and secured city and county ordinances banning tobacco advertising near schools among other accomplishments. In 2002, FACE began to formalize development and involvement of youth in their work by coordinating a Youth Listening Project. Youth leaders conducted one-on-one meetings with peers at local schools and identified school safety and poor maintenance of restroom facilities as primary concerns. FACE received a **\$35,000** grant to replicate the Youth Listening Project in member congregations, develop a core of youth leaders that would organize to win local issues, and integrate youth into the decision making structure of the organization.

Homies Unidos for LA Youth Justice Coalition (YJC)

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Los Angeles County leads the nation in per capita detention and incarceration of youth, with 2,200 youth detained each day. Youth often are subject to lengthy arraignment periods and poor conditions in juvenile detention facilities. In addition, LA County uses a host of draconian law enforcement practices including allowing police officers to profile primarily poor youth of color as gang members, collecting personal information, and taking pictures of them without a warrant or consent. The LA Youth Justice Coalition (YJC) was founded in 2002 to organize young people to address the race and class-based inequities in the Los Angeles juvenile justice system. YJC is a youth-led effort with a membership of over 100 young people aged 8-24 who have been or are currently under arrest, in detention, incarcerated on Probation and/or on Parole. YJC led a successful campaign to stop the automatic transfer of youth charged as adults from juvenile halls to LA County's adult jail. YJC received a two-year, **\$60,000** grant to build a base of 500 youth members and secure policy reforms in the procedures and practices of LA County's juvenile justice system.

Hyde Square Task force (HSTF)

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In 2000, HSTF's Youth Community Organizing Initiative (YCOI) succeeded in getting the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council to change its by-laws to lower the membership age to 16. Subsequently, two youth leaders were elected to the council. In addition, YCOI won approval from the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) to make the establishment of a youth center the highest priority of the Jackson Square Development. In addition, BRA halted its plan to bring a K-Mart to the area and changed its redevelopment priorities to include the creation of a youth center, affordable housing and small locally owned retail businesses. HSTF received a **\$30,000** renewal grant to build on the success of its campaigns and to ensure increased decision-making roles for young people in the local redevelopment process.

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Jewish Fund for Justice for
**Funders' Collaborative on Youth
Organizing (FCYO)**

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Over the past decade, youth organizing has served as an effective strategy for youth development and community building. With its emphasis on leadership development and collective action, youth organizing provides young people the opportunity to effectively address issues of concern to them and their community, while developing tangible personal skills they can use in their own lives. Young people also connect to their community in positive and lasting ways, and forge constructive relationships with a broader range of adults. The FCYO received a **\$20,000** grant in support of the Occasional Papers Series on Youth Organizing, which will document, examine and reflect on important lessons emerging from youth organizing.

LISTEN, Inc.

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Although Washington, D.C. is a major destination for national organizing and advocacy groups, the infrastructure for local community organizing in the D.C. metro area is almost non-existent. In 2001, LISTEN, Inc., a national youth capacity building organization, began the DC Youth Worker project to develop the capacity of DC youth service organizations to engage young people in youth-led issue organizing. It became apparent that it would be very difficult to build youth organizing campaigns solely through local youth service organizations. Recognizing the need for developing youth power in DC, LISTEN took the lead in developing the Youth Educational Alliance (YEA), to train and engage youth in a campaign to improve conditions in local public high schools. LISTEN, Inc received a **\$35,000** grant for YEA to build a strong membership base, create school-based chapters, and develop partnerships with adult-led educational reform organizations in support of a youth-led campaign to shape educational policy in the DC public schools.

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Youth organizing is at a critical stage in its development, characterized by a body of talented and committed youth leaders who do not have enough opportunities to learn and share with their peers; dynamic new organizations and projects that struggle with capacity issues, and do not have consistent access to technical assistance; and a corpus of important, yet largely isolated victories. Youth organizing groups need access to formal capacity building support in order to ensure sustainable and effective growth. The Movement Strategy Center (MSC), founded in 2002, is a national intermediary organization working to increase the capacity of young people within youth organizing groups and to help them make a measurable impact in their community, through building alliances and increasing their capacity to organize. MSC has quickly become a leading youth organizing intermediary and has provided an array of technical assistance services to dozens of youth organizing groups, and assisted in the development, design and implementation of a new practitioner-led funding collaborative in California. The Movement Strategy Center received a **\$35,000** grant to strengthen youth organizing groups by providing capacity building, mapping and research services, as well as alliance building and networking support.

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In 1999, NWBCCC launched Sistas and Brothas United (SBU) to provide a space for teens to work on quality of life improvement projects. Within months, a core group emerged and the group has since grown from 20 members to 300, with 100 active members and a core group of 40. The past few years, SBU has waged campaigns to create a new community center; obtain more beat patrol, better lighting and capital improvements to Mosholu Parkway; fix a step street in Kingsbridge Heights; convert the Kingsbridge Armory to school and retail space; and secure renovations and management improvements in area high schools. NWBCCC received a two-year **\$60,000** grant to expand SBU's membership and leadership base, and to build on their campaigns.

Slavic Village Development (SVD)

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Young people under 18 make up over 35% of the 31,000 Slavic Village/Broadway residents, yet they have few formal opportunities to voice their concerns or act on community issues. In March 2001, SVD launched Teen Neighborhood Leaders (TNL) to provide a space for youth involvement in community decision-making. Fifteen young people waged a campaign that led to improvements of the largest and most neglected neighborhood park. TNL also joined a national campaign to bring about a national youth service scholarship act, and gained co-sponsorship from the local congressional representative, a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee. SVD received a **\$25,000** grant to build on these campaigns, and to insure that young people gain decision-making roles in local affairs.

Wisconsin Council on Children & Families (WCCF)

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In February 2001, WCCF launched Voices of Youth—Milwaukee (VOY) to help low-income youth of color become advocates for change in policies that affect their lives. Fifteen young people (ages 14-18) joined VOY and waged a campaign to increase access to health services and to maintain restrooms in the Milwaukee Public Schools. WCCF received a **\$30,000** grant to engage 15 youth leaders in efforts to ensure enforcement of the school contracts and wage a campaign to obtain an additional health professional in each public school.

Young Women's Project (YWP)

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Nadia Moritz, Executive Director
(202) 332-3399
ywp@youngwomensproject.org
www.youngwomensproject.org

In June 1999, YWP's Teen-Led Projects (TLP) launched a campaign to produce regulations in DC's 30 foster care group homes that reflect teen realities and rights. To date, the TLP team drafted legislation and pushed its passage in the DC City Council, which enacted it in September 2001. In the summer of 2000, TLP waged a campaign to force the DC public schools to establish a sexual harassment policy, after conducting a survey that found 84% of the respondents had experienced sexual harassment, and 66% were unaware of any school sexual harassment policy. YWP received a **\$30,000** grant to engage 120 young people (ages 13-19) in efforts to develop a Youth Advisory Board and a teen-led regulation evaluation system in DC foster care group homes, and to get DC public schools (DCPS) to create and implement a sexual harassment policy and adopt a teen-created sexual harassment implementation plan.



Another new member signs up with former Taco Bell Customers of Colorado, a group CPC started to publicize the human rights boycott of Taco Bell.

Youth Development Grantees

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Edward W. Hazen Foundation

309 Fifth Avenue, Suite 200-3
New York, NY 10016
Barbara A. Taveras, President
(212) 889-3034
Hazen@hazenfoundation.org
www.hazenfoundation.org

The goal of Hazen's public education funding is to foster effective schools for all children and full partnership for parents and communities in school reform. To this end, the Foundation supports parent organizing efforts that foster educational equity, accountability and improved student achievement. In the area of youth development, Hazen's goal is to contribute to the development of a new generation of grassroots leaders committed to improving the quality of life in their communities. In this area, the Foundation's program focuses on youth organizing and youth leadership development initiatives that help middle and high school-age youth develop the interest and skills to become involved in meaningful social change. A **\$55,000** direct-charitable grant was made to conduct a strategic assessment of the Foundation's grantmaking programs and strategies during the period 1999-2001, which will help inform the Foundation's current work and future direction.

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2002 President's Discretionary Grants

Third Sector New York for
Active Element Foundation
 18 Tremont Street, Suite 700
 Boston, MA
 Jonathan Spack, Co-Director
 (212) 283-8272
\$5,000

Toward dissemination of the publication
 "Future 500: Youth Organizing and
 Activism in the United States," a youth
 organizing resource directory.

Baltimore Urban League for
Baltimore Education Network
 512 Orchard Street
 Baltimore, MD
 Tru Ginsberg, Project Facilitator
 (410) 225-7152
\$4,000

Toward the development of a coalition
 of education organizing and advocacy
 groups in Baltimore.

Chinese Mutual Aid Association
 1016 W. Argyle Street
 Chicago, IL
 Grace Hou, Executive Director
 (773) 784-2900
\$5,000

To support the Multi-Cultural Youth
 Project, a community organizing
 initiative.

Community Partners for
**Community Asset Development
 Redefining Education (CADRE)**
 3655 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 250
 Los Angeles, CA
 Maisie Chin,
 Lead Organizer/Director
 (213) 747-1467
\$5,000

Toward a grassroots parent training and
 leadership development project to
 reform public education in Los Angeles.

New York University for
**Institute for Education
 and Social Policy**
 726 Broadway, 5th floor
 New York, NY
 Norm Fruchter
 Executive Director
 (212) 998-5874
\$5,000

To support the development, publication
 and dissemination of the "Mapping the
 Field of Organizing for School
 Improvement" study.

National Black United Fund
 40 Clinton Street, 5th Floor
 Newark, NJ
 William T. Merritt, President & CEO
 nbuf@nbu.org
 (973) 643-5122
\$2,500

Toward support of "The State of Black
 Philanthropy," a joint report with the
 National Committee on Responsive
 Philanthropy (NCRP) and NBUF to
 compare mainstream and ethnic
 philanthropic cultures and giving
 patterns in light of current economic,
 political, and social trends.

**National Coalition of Education
 Activists**
 P.O. Box 679
 Rhinebeck, NY 12572
 Debi Duke, Executive Director
 (845) 876-4580
\$5,000

To support the participation of low-
 income parents and community activists
 in NCEA's "Reclaiming Our Children's
 Education: Uniting Families,
 Communities, and Schools" seminar on
 civil rights and school reform.

National Organizers Alliance
 715 G. Street SE
 Washington, DC 20003
 Kim Fellner, Executive Director
 membership@noacentral.org
 (202) 543-6603
\$5,000

To support NOA's Transition and Long
 Range planning process.

North Star Fund
 305 Seventh Avenue, 5th Floor
 New York, NY
 Molly Schultz, Executive Director
 (212) 620-9110
 northstarny@earthlink.net
\$5,000

Toward the Betty Kapetanakis Memorial
 Fund.

Philadelphia Public School Notebook
 3721 Midvale Avenue
 Philadelphia, PA 19129
 Paul Socolar, Executive Director
 (215) 951-0330
 psnotebook@aol.com
\$5,000

Toward general support.

**Point Breeze Performing
 Arts Center**
 1717-21 Point Breeze Avenue
 Philadelphia, PA 19145
 Donna N. Brown, Executive Director
 (215) 755-1014
\$1,500

Toward general support.

**South East Regional Economic
 Justice Network**
 P.O. Box 240
 Durham, NC
 Leah Wise, Executive Director
 (919) 683-4310
\$5,000

Toward support of the planning process
 for the Youth Organizing Training Institute
 (YOTI).

Sponsors for Educational Opportunity
 23 Gramercy Park South
 New York, NY 10003
 William A. Goodloe,
 Executive Director
 (212) 979-2040
\$5,000

Toward SEO's Philanthropy Internship
 program.

**University of California
Los Angeles (UCLA)**

Office of the Dean
Graduate School of Education
Moorer Hall, Box 951521
Los Angeles, CA 90095
Sherry Miranda
Chief Financial Officer
(310) 206-7191
\$3,300

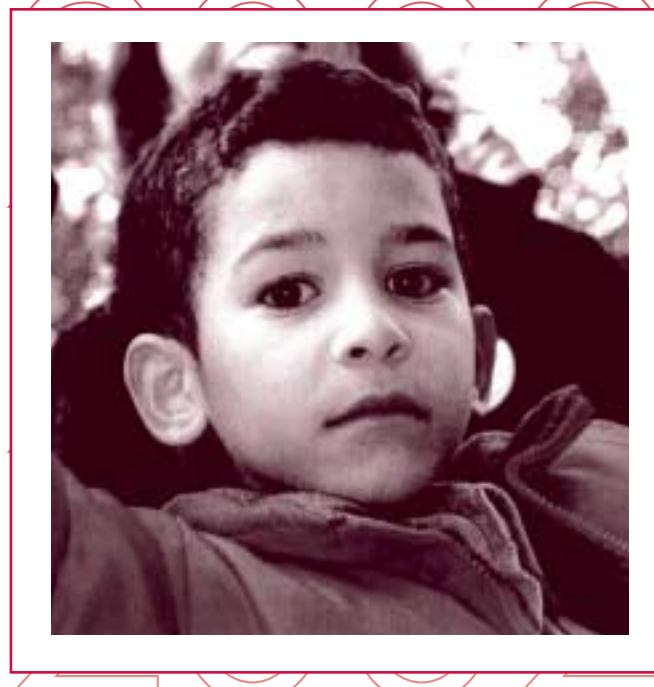
To support the participation of Parent-U-Turn members in the UCLA/Institute for Democracy, Education & Access (IDEA).

YouthAction

P.O. Box 12372
Albuquerque, NM 87195
Patrick Masterson, Executive Director
(505) 873-3345
youthact@nmia.com
\$5,000

To support participation of 25-50 youth leaders (ages 13-19) in YA's 2002 Annual National Gathering.

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President's Discretionary Grants

2002 Trustees' Discretionary Grants

These grants were awarded by individual trustees for general support.

Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA
\$1,000

Bowery Residents' Committee

New York, NY
\$5,000

Burciaga Award Foundation

Stanford, CA
\$1,000

Californians for Justice Education Fund

Oakland, CA
\$1,000

Center for Constitutional Rights

New York, NY
\$500

The Sankofa Community Outreach and Restoration Center for COFI

Chicago, IL
\$5,000

Dignity Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA
\$500

Cornerstone Theater Company

New York, NY
\$1,000

Fortune Society

New York, NY
\$1,000

Garment Worker Center

Los Angeles, CA
\$500

Housing Works

New York, NY
\$1,000

Community Partners for Inner City Struggle

Los Angeles, CA
\$1,000

Jewish Family Services

New York, NY
\$400

Kids First

Oakland, CA
\$1,000

2002 Annual Grants

These grants were awarded toward general support.

American Indian College Fund

Denver, CO
\$2,500

Association of Black Foundation Executives (ABFE)

New York, NY
\$2,000

American Institute for Social Justice for NY ACORN

New York, NY
\$1,500

Campaign for Fiscal Equity

New York, NY
\$1,500

CDWBA Legal Project

Albany, NY
\$1,500

Council on Foundations

Washington, DC
\$5,000

Foundation Center

New York, NY
\$2,500

Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families

Washington, DC
\$2,500

Grantmakers for Education

Portland, OR
\$1,500

Independent Sector

Washington, DC
\$3,000

National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy

Washington, DC
\$2,500

National Network of Grantmakers

Brooklyn, NY
\$2,500

Neighborhood Funders Group

Washington, DC
\$2,000

New York Coalition Against Hunger

New York, NY
\$1,500

New York Regional Association of Grantmakers

New York, NY
\$5,000

Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York

New York, NY
\$2,000

Public Policy and Education Fund of New York

New York, NY
\$1,500

Women & Philanthropy

Washington, DC
\$5,000

Youth America Inc.

Brooklyn, NY
\$1,500

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