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The Edward W. Hazen Foundation appropriated over \$2.8 million in grants in the year 2001.

## Public Education Grantees

# 2001

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Pennsylvania ACORN—an affiliate of the American Institute for Social Justice national organizing network—has been organizing parents and community residents in Philadelphia since 1999 to push for educational improvements in the City's public schools. As a result of ACORN's organizing around the twin issues of teacher vacancy and teacher quality, the District decided to move 100 non-instructional personnel back into the classroom. In addition, Pennsylvania ACORN is playing a leading role in advocating against privatization of the Philadelphia school system. Our grant of **\$40,000** will allow Pennsylvania ACORN to continue its education organizing and to push for policies that will improve the quality of teaching in the Philadelphia schools.

### Arkansas Institute for Social Justice for Brooklyn ACORN

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In 2000, Brooklyn ACORN began a campaign to push for improvement of 10 low-performing schools in the East New York, Bushwick and Flatbush communities. Three of these schools were targeted for privatization by the Board of Education earlier this year. Brooklyn ACORN was successful in preventing the takeover of these and other public schools by Edison Schools, a for-profit corporation. Brooklyn ACORN received a three year grant of **\$90,000** to conduct a campaign around such issues as retention of qualified teachers, enhancing professional development for school principals, implementation of appropriate and consistent curricula, and greater engagement of parents in school decision-making.

### Barry University for Southern Power University for Social Change

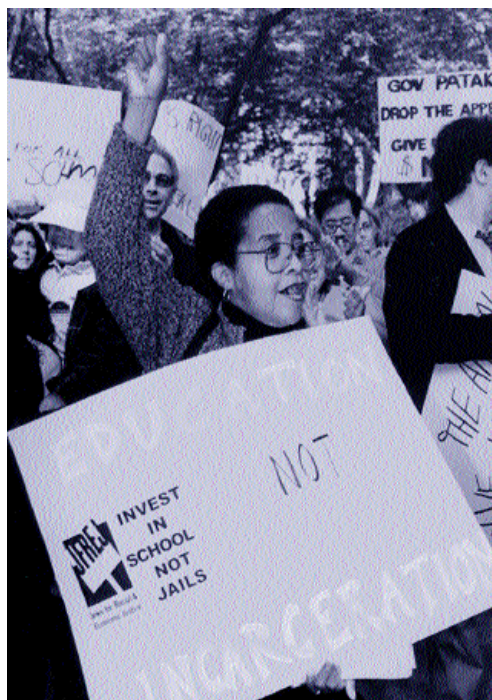
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Southern Power University for Social Change is home to *Parents in Action/Padres En Accion (PIA)*. With a core leadership of 25 African-American and Latino parents, PIA began organizing around school safety issues one year ago. Through their organizing, they won safety improvements at five low-performing schools at a cost of over \$3 million. Our grant of **\$30,000** will support Southern Power University's efforts to expand the scope of PIA organizing to include other critical school improvement issues, as well as to involve more parents in the work of the group.

### Central Brooklyn Churches (CBC)

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In 1999, CBC launched the *Bed-Stuy Parents Union* to organize parents of students in District 16, one of New York City's lowest performing school districts. To date, active chapters of the Parents Union have been established in two elementary schools, P.S. 40 and P.S. 309. The parents have waged successful campaigns around health, safety and security issues in these two schools. A renewal grant of **\$60,000** over two years will enable CBC to create chapters of the *Parents Union* in other elementary schools in the district.



A parent leader from the Alliance for Quality Education makes her voice heard at the Campaign for Fiscal Equity rally on the event of the appeals preceding the CFE lawsuit against the State of New York.

### Chicago School Leadership Development Cooperative

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Founded in 1998 by a coalition of community-based organizations in Chicago, The Chicago School Leadership Development Cooperative has played a significant role in organizing and mobilizing support for the Local School Councils in Chicago public schools. The Cooperative received a grant of **\$90,000** over two years toward the *Local School Council Capacity Initiative*, a training network that will offer parents advanced training for effective service on Local School Councils.

### Community Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment

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The Community Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment is a center for grassroots organizing in South Central Los Angeles. Coalition members are concerned that efforts to reform the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) have been focused on governance and testing rather than addressing the failure of the schools to prepare students for higher education. Last year, the Coalition's youth organizing arm, South Central Youth Empowered for Action (SCYEA), launched a campaign to redefine the measure of a school's performance by the numbers of students that are eligible to attend college, rather than by standardized test scores. The Coalition received a \$120,000 grant over three years to develop a parent organizing component to complement and enhance the work of SCYEA.

### Connections for Children for Parents Organized for Westside Renewal (POWER)

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Established in 1999, POWER is a joint venture of eight neighborhood-based organizations to build the skills of parents to organize for quality education for their children. POWER has built a base of parents at three elementary schools and at one middle school in the Mar Vista and Venice Neighborhoods of Los Angeles. POWER received a three-year renewal grant of **\$135,000** to organize teams of parents in eight schools to address school-based issues. Over the next three years, POWER will also develop an *Education Strategy Team* comprising 30 to 50 key leaders to define and implement an agenda for system level change focusing on quality of education and student achievement.

### Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation for

### Cypress Hills Advocates for Education (CHAFE)

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Three years ago, parents and community activists in the Cypress Hills neighborhood of Brooklyn formed CHAFE to push for a higher quality of education and adequate facilities for the children in their community. CHAFE has successfully advocated for the creation of a new 950-seat elementary school as well as a district-wide task force on the issue of overcrowding. Over the next two years, with a **\$60,000** grant from Hazen, CHAFE will push for class size reduction through the development of new school facilities and will broaden its organizing agenda to address quality of education issues in the Cypress Hills schools.

### Grand Street Settlement

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For more than 85 years, Grand Street Settlement has been a resource for low-income residents and new immigrants living on New York's Lower East Side. Following in its tradition of promoting social change, Grand Street will use the **\$35,000** from Hazen to insure that local children are not shut out of a new science and technology K-12 school opening in their community in the 2001/2002 school year. A core team of parent leaders at Grand Street will also identify and work on other education issues affecting the children in their neighborhood.

### Highbridge Community Life Center for Community Collaborative to Improve District 9 Schools

c/o NYU Institute for Education and Social Policy

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District 9 in the South Bronx is one of New York City's lowest performing school districts. The Community Collaborative to Improve District 9 Schools was created to build an organized base of parents and community residents capable of advocating for the kind of district-wide changes necessary to improve educational outcomes for the children attending nine schools. The Coalition is made up of made up of five community-based organizations in the Bronx—Highbridge Community Life Center, New Settlement Apartments, Bronx ACORN, Citizen's Advice Bureau, and Mid-Bronx Senior Citizens Council. A three-year grant of **\$150,000** was awarded to support the Coalition's efforts.

## Public Education Grantees

**Institute of Popular Education of Southern California (IDEPSCA)**

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Founded in 1991, the Institute of Popular Education of Southern California, is an organization of Chicano and Latino activists in Los Angeles, West Los Angeles and Pasadena. A grant of **\$40,000** will be used to support *IDEPSCA's Asociación de Padres para la Educación (APE)*, an emerging coalition of Latino and immigrant parents with children in the Pasadena Unified School District. The 30 parents and seven high school students that comprise the core membership of APE have identified priority areas for their activism. These include equitable distribution of qualified teachers and other resources, audit and reform of the district's disciplinary practices, and increasing the number of Advanced Placement and college track courses available in schools serving predominantly Latino, African-American and economically disadvantaged students.

**Intercultural Development Research Association**

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The El Paso County student population is 155,000, 84.9% of whom are Hispanic, 71.6% are economically disadvantaged and 32.1% are limited English proficient. Inequities in educational outcomes for Hispanic students are evidenced by disparities in the Latino high school completion rates, ranging from as high as 70% in the Ysleta Independent School District to as low as 17% in San Elizaro. The potential for publicly-funded vouchers to drain resources from public schools looms throughout the state. With a two-year grant of **\$140,000**, the Intercultural Development Research Association will partner with five community-based organizations to train parent leaders to organize for school reform within targeted El Paso communities.

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**Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA)**

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Eight years ago, LSNA began implementing a comprehensive strategy to organize and sustain parent leadership and involvement in Logan Square neighborhood schools. This strategy has helped in significantly increasing the number of parent volunteers as well as doubling the percentage of students performing at or above the national average in seven targeted schools. LSNA received a three-year grant of **\$90,000** to undertake an organizing campaign around the issue of teacher quality in Logan Square schools. LSNA will also continue to work with the Chicago State University and Monroe Community Learning Center to prepare and attract high quality teachers to local schools.

**National Coalition of Advocates for Students (NCAS)**

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Forty percent of the schools in Miami and Dade County received a D or F on the most recent state of Florida accountability report. Most of these schools are located in low-income, minority communities. NCAS believes that in order to turn around failing schools such as those in Miami and Dade County, parents and community members need to be organized and engaged in the school reform process. Over the next two years, with a **\$130,000** grant from Hazen, NCAS will identify 15 community organizations as well as groups of parents and residents in Miami/Dade County with the potential to engage in education organizing. The long-term goal is to help create a diverse grassroots coalition capable of developing and implementing a countywide education reform agenda.

New York University for  
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Last year, the NYU Institute for Education & Social Policy completed a research project to examine the school organizing work of community organizations in eight sites around the country: Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, Mississippi Delta, New York City, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. The study revealed a dramatic expansion in the number of community groups organizing for school reform over the past decade. It also shed light on the critical role these organizations are playing in creating the political context in which educational change can happen. Hazen's two-year grant of **\$75,000** will allow the NYU Institute to bring together practitioners and interested community groups in selected sites to further examine the issues raised in the research report. The Institute will also develop brief papers that provide tools and guidance for community organizations and groups engaged in school organizing.



At Temple University's Institute for Educational Excellence, more than 70 parents, community leaders, organizers and educational experts convened to share strategies on public school reform issues.

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### Northwest Neighborhood Federation

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Over the past two years, the Northwest Neighborhood Federation has organized parents, teachers and students in nine schools in Chicago's northwest neighborhoods. Their efforts have led to the election of 47 NNF-trained parents to local school councils, construction of two new schools and four school additions to existing facilities, and increased resources at individual schools. Over the next two years with a renewal grant of **\$60,000**, NNF will broaden the scope of its education organizing work to address the issue of teacher shortage confronting Chicago schools. Specifically, NNF will push for on-site professional development for teaching staff throughout the system, and will partner with Northeastern University to identify and enroll immigrants with teaching credentials in their home countries to pursue certification in the Chicago Public School System (CPS).

### People Acting in Community Together (PACT)

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In 1996, People Acting in Community Together, a coalition of 25 member congregations, launched its Education Organizing Initiative to enhance the quality of education in Miami's public schools through the development of an organized, informed grassroots constituency of parents and community members. Focusing on improving the reading levels of elementary school students, PACT has worked successfully with 12 elementary schools to implement Direct Instruction—a phonics-based reading curriculum. PACT has also been instrumental in securing \$7.5 million in state funding for the DI reading program. Over the next three years, with the \$135,000 grant from Hazen, PACT will organize parents at eight elementary schools around such issues as teacher quality and retention, curriculum and school culture.

South Central Inter-religious Sponsoring Committee for  
**La Metro**

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The *LA Metro Education Strategy* is an initiative of LA METRO, an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation. Through the project, LA METRO will organize a network of schools to implement strategies that have a direct impact on students in the classroom. Hazen's **\$50,000** grant will enable LA METRO to organize teams of parents, teachers, administrative and support staff in 25 public schools. These teams will conduct school-based and district wide-school improvement campaigns around such issues as accessibility of after-school programs, siting of new school facilities and parity in teacher pay in relation to the surrounding suburbs.

### Southern Echo for Citizens for Quality Education (CQE)

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CQE began its work to improve the quality of education afforded public school students in Holmes County in 1996. Through CQE, parents and students are working together to hold the school board accountable for improving the performance of the schools in the district. Specifically, they fought for and won revision of the district's disciplinary policies, creation of an after-school math enrichment program, and publication of the "*Schoolhouse 2 Jailhouse Report*," which sheds light on the issue of the miseducation and criminalization of youth in Holmes County. With a **\$120,000** three-year renewal grant, CQE will develop and work with the district to implement a drop-out prevention plan that addresses the issues highlighted in the "*Schoolhouse 2 Jailhouse*" report, and will monitor the district's compliance with regulations of the Individuals With Disabilities Act.

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Throughout the country a growing number of social action and community-based organizations are organizing parents and community members to address inequities in policies and practices that negatively affect the education of children in low-income communities. A grant of **\$50,000** was awarded to the Center for Public Policy to implement a four-day training institute in Summer 2001 for education organizers and parent/community leaders from around the country. The goal of the *Organizing for Educational Excellence Training Institute* was to help increase the effectiveness of education organizing to impact teaching and learning at the school and system levels.

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In August 2001, over 70 organizers and parent leaders representing 10 different community organizations from around the country attended the *Organizing for Educational Excellence Training Institute* sponsored by the Center for Public Policy at Temple University. During the four-day institute, participants discussed critical education reform issues with education reformers and scholars, and began to explore strategies for enhancing their school organizing work. As a follow up to the Institute, the Center for Public Policy will utilize our **\$50,000** grant to work with participating organizations on using the information from the Institute to build more effective campaigns around issues of educational quality, accountability and equity.

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# 2001 Youth Development Grantees

## Albany Park Neighborhood Council (APNC)

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Established in January 2000, APNC is a grassroots organization dedicated to creating a safer community, improving the quality of education, providing a voice for youth, preserving affordable/decent housing, and sustaining an economic and ethnically diverse community in Albany Park. Since its inception, young people have been an integral part of the organization. In particular, youth members of APNC helped plan a park improvement campaign and played a key role around such issues as gang and drug activity and the lack of youth programs in Albany Park. Our **\$25,000** grant will allow APNC to create a 75-member Youth Council and to consolidate young people's participation in the overall work of the organization.

## Asian Americans United (AAU)

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For more than 15 years, AAU has been committed to training a new generation of social justice organizers in Philadelphia. In June 2000, AAU launched the *Chinatown Community Youth Leadership Project (CCYLP)* to prepare recent Chinese immigrant youth to become community organizers. Our two-year grant of **\$60,000** will allow AAU to train 22 youth organizers who will work with community residents to create a Chinatown workers' and tenants' association as a way to address working conditions and language issues affecting area residents and workers.

## Bayou Interfaith Sponsoring Committee (BISCO)

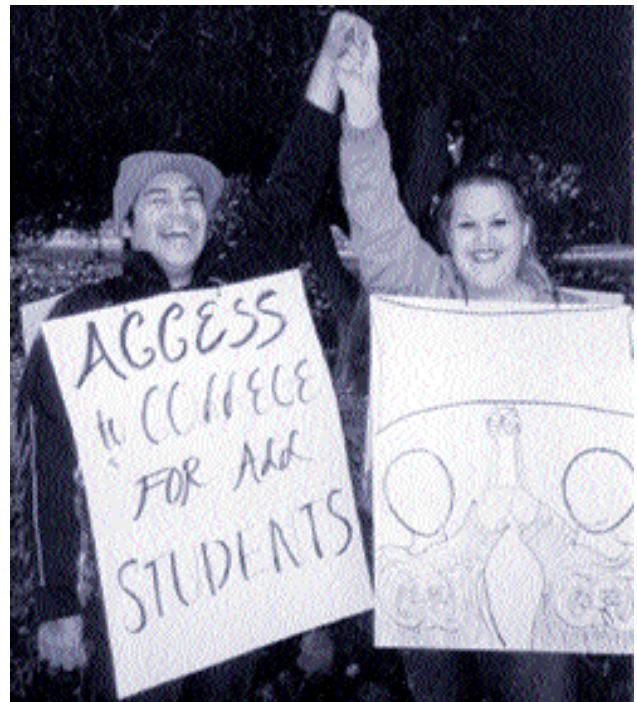
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A faith-based community organization, BISCO was founded in 1992 to unite and give voice to the poor, moderate and middle-income families in South Louisiana so that they could enhance the area's quality of life. Through its new *Youth Organizing Experience* initiative, BISCO seeks to build youth organizing groups in its member congregations as a way to bring youth and adults together to work on issues of concern to them, and to develop a new generation of community leaders in South Louisiana. BISCO received a **\$30,000** grant in support of this initiative.

## Brotherhood/Sister Sol

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The leadership development programs and activities of the Brotherhood/Sister Sol seek to help young Black and Latino youth from Central Harlem, East Harlem, Washington Heights, the Lower East Side and the South Bronx to develop as individuals and to work collectively to improve their community. Our **\$20,000** grant will allow the Brotherhood/Sister Sol to increase the number of young people participating in the *Liberation Program*, a leadership development and organizing program that trains and engages youth in local organizing campaigns.



East San Jose Californians for Justice members express their views at an October rally in front of the superintendent's office demanding that the district give students better access to their transcripts and provide a college access progress report.

# Youth Development Grantees

**Californians for Justice Education (CFJ)**

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Californians for Justice (CFJ) is a grassroots organization formed in 1997 to build power for California's emerging majority of people of color, immigrants, poor people, and young people. CFJ is best known for its work on affirmative action, bilingual education, youth incarceration and family income issues. CFJ received a two-year **\$60,000** grant to launch the *Youth and Parent Organizing for Education Equity Project*, a five-year educational equity campaign designed to prioritize education over incarceration, secure adequate resources for all students to go to college, and end the use of high-stakes testing to measure student and teacher performance.

**Chinese Progressive Association (CPA)**

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Over the past three years, CPA and PODER—People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights—have operated *Common Roots*, a summer youth organizing program that brings together Latino and Chinese youth to learn about each other's cultures and communities, and engage in economic justice organizing campaigns. Our **\$30,000** grant will allow CPA and PODER to operate *Common Roots* year-round, and to increase the number of young people from both organizations who will be trained as youth advocates and organizers.

**Citizenship Project (CP)**

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Salinas is located in California's Central Coast, a region with the highest concentration of Mexican immigrant workers in Northern California. Many of the children of these workers do not have legal residency or citizenship status, even though they have lived in the United States most of their lives. Given this situation, many cannot afford to attend public colleges due to a state law that charges them an out-of-state tuition fee. In 1998, CP formed *Jóvenes en Acción* to advocate for higher education rights, including passage of an amnesty bill that would allow undocumented high school graduates to attend public colleges. CP received a **\$30,000** grant in support of this initiative.

**Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth (CACY)**

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Since 1999, *Youth Making a Positive Change (YMAC)*, the youth organizing arm of COLEMAN ADVOCATES has been working to ensure that students have a decision-making role in the San Francisco public schools. As a result of their organizing efforts, YMAC won a second student delegate seat to the school board elected by the general student body, secured full city funding and led the planning effort for school-based health clinics in all seven of the district's major high schools, and got the school board to enact a district policy that restricts police interaction with students on school campuses. Our renewal grant of **\$60,000** will allow YMAC to conduct an organizing campaign focused on reducing the district's suspension, expulsion and arrest rates, particularly among African American and Latino students.

**Farmworkers Self-Help, Inc. (FSH)**

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In 1999, FSH launched the *Teen Dream Team (TDT)* to assist young people in making tangible improvements in their community and families' quality of life. Their organizing efforts have resulted in the establishment of a community-based tutoring site at FSH supported by the school system. Currently, TDT members are working on a campaign that seeks to ensure that young farmworkers will be eligible under the state insurance program regardless of their immigration status. FSH received **\$30,000** renewal grant in support of TDT's efforts.

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Youth organizing is proving to be a particularly powerful strategy for development and community building. With its emphasis on leadership development and collective action, youth organizing provides young people with the skills and opportunities to address issues of concern to them and their community, while developing tangible skills that they can use in their own lives. Hazen made a **\$10,000** direct-charitable grant to support the planning phase of an *Occasional Papers Series* that will serve to document, examine, and reflect on important lessons emerging from the work of community based organizations—many of them youth-led—that use organizing as a strategy to engage middle and high school-age youth in community building efforts.



**Hillsborough Organization for Progress & Equality (HOPE)**

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Established in 1989, HOPE is a multi-issue community organization dedicated to working with community residents in identifying and addressing social issues of concern to them. This past year, the organization launched the *Youth-Adult Empowerment Structure Project (YES)*, an intergenerational organizing initiative that seeks to bring young people and adults together to work on critical issues affecting youth, their families and the community. HOPE received a **\$30,000** grant to implement the project in 16 member congregations.

**Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN)**

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For over twenty-years, ICAN has been a vehicle for low-income Idaho families to work for positive change. In 2001, ICAN adult leaders resolved to prepare young people to play a leadership role along with adults in the work of the organization. Our **\$30,000** grant will help ICAN to train and engage 50-70 young people and adults in statewide organizing campaigns focused on welfare reform, hunger, health care, and racial justice issues.

**Montana People's Action for Indian People's Action (IPA)**

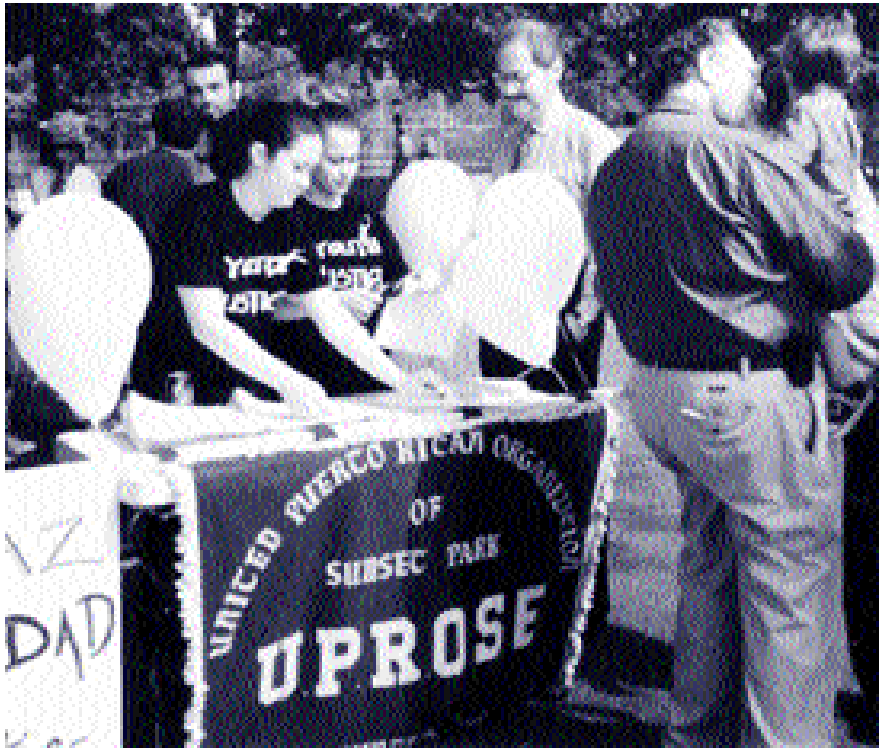
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Through its *Intergenerational Organizing Project*, IPA seeks to institutionalize its efforts to bridge the generational gap between young people and adults and to bring them together to work on issues affecting Montana's urban Indian youth. IPA received a **\$30,000** grant to increase the number of young people involved in the overall work of the organization, create an eight-member intergenerational organizing committee that will develop and implement a series of organizing campaigns around community-police relations as well as suspension policies in the Missoula public schools.

**Kids First (KF)**

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Last year, as a result of KF's youth organizing efforts, the Superintendent of Oakland Public Schools required school officials to provide specific reasons for suspension instead of the amorphous 'Defiance of Authority.' However, few school sites have implemented this policy and the district has not followed up with the schools to ensure compliance. Our **\$20,000** grant will allow KF to work with five other youth organizations to ensure school compliance with the new suspension policy, and to win an expanded role for students in school decision-making.



Student leaders from UPROSE distribute information on how to handle trauma during Peace, Unity and Justice rally after September 11 with former Bronx, New York, Borough President and NYC mayoral candidate Fernando Ferrer looking on.

**Youth Development Grantees**

### Local Initiative Support Training & Education Network (LISTEN)

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Founded in 1998, LISTEN is a national capacity building organization focused on strengthening the social capital among urban youth for civic engagement and community problem solving. Through the *DC Youth Worker Project*, LISTEN will assist DC youth organizations and staff to transition from a social service to an organizing model. LISTEN was awarded a **\$30,000** grant to work with eight youth-serving organizations that are ready to transition their work to community organizing.

### Michigan Organizing Project (MOP)

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Founded in 1991, MOP is a faith-based community organization dedicated to building the power needed to achieve systemic change on issues faced by low-income people in Muskegon County. Through the *Youth for Justice (YFJ)* project, MOP will provide organizing training to some 75 young people and will involve them in action campaigns focused on education and drugs/crime issues affecting youth and adults in Muskegon Heights and the City of Muskegon. MOP received a **\$30,000** grant in support of this initiative.

### National Training and Information Center (NTIC)

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Founded in 1972, NTIC is a nonprofit resource center that provides community groups with the tools they need to initiate change in their communities. In recent years, many organizations in the NTIC network have begun to involve young people in their organizing efforts. In 2000, NTIC launched the *Teens—Leaders of Tomorrow project*, a national youth leadership and organizing initiative. The project is designed to provide young people (12–21yrs) an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the value of organizing, to better understand their role as leaders, and to develop the skills necessary to successfully address social issues affecting youth at the local, state and national levels. NTIC received a **\$30,000** grant toward this project.

### New Mexico Advocates for Children & Families, Inc. (NMACF)

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(505) 244-9505  
nmacf@nm.net  
www.nmadvocates.org

*Homeless Albuquerque Youth United (HAYU)*, a project of NMACF, brings together homeless and formerly homeless youth to identify and address issues affecting them, and to strengthen the community's ability to treat and care for homeless youth. Our **\$30,000** grant will allow HAYU to train eight homeless youth as community organizers, and to undertake a campaign to increase services and provide a shelter for Albuquerque homeless youth.

### New York City Organizing Support Center (NYCOSC)

180 Varick Street, 12th Floor  
New York, NY 10014  
Roz Lee, Co-Director  
(212) 627-9960  
info@nycosc.org

NYCOSC is a nonprofit organization that provides training and support to community organizers and grassroots leaders. In 2000, NYCOSC launched the *Technology Project for Youth Organizing Groups* to increase the use of technology by groups engaged in youth organizing in building their membership base and in campaign development. The **\$20,000** grant awarded by Hazen will allow NYCOSC to work with five youth organizing groups in New York City.

### People Escaping Poverty Project (PEPP)

116 12th Street  
South Moorhead, MN 56560  
Duke Schempp, Executive Director  
(218) 236-5434  
www.pepp.org  
pepp@pepp.org

Founded in 1986, PEPP is a grassroots organization dedicated to educating, organizing, empowering and advocating on behalf of low-income people in Minnesota. Since 2000, PEPP has involved young people in its organizing work around welfare reform. PEPP received a **\$20,000** grant in support of its *Youth Organizing Project* aimed at developing young people's leadership and organizing skills, and to engage them in action campaigns around issues affecting local youth.

## Youth Development Grantees

### Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN)

1101 Riverside Drive  
Reno, NV 89503  
Bob Fulkerson, Executive Director  
(775) 348-7557  
www.planevada.org

Early this year, PLAN, a statewide advocacy organization, established the *Nevada Young Activist Project (NYAP)*. As envisioned, NYAP will provide a space for young people to develop leadership skills and to participate in advocacy efforts around key issues affecting young people in the state. PLAN received a **\$15,000** grant to conduct an organizing campaign around racial profiling, and to integrate young people in the organization's decision-making process.

### Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT)

3235 Arden Way  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
Sandy Smith, Executive Director  
(916) 488-1138  
dircsacact@aol.com

Sacramento ACT, a faith-based grassroots organizing institution, represents over 25,000 families in Sacramento City and County. ACT believes that ordinary people—youth included—must get involved in their local communities. In 1999, ACT launched the *Youth Acting Together Project (YAT)*. Designed by and for Sacramento area youth, YAT brings together young people and adults to develop leadership skills and strategies for creating change in their communities. Our **\$30,000** grant will allow Sacramento ACT to develop a cadre of 30 youth leaders and to conduct two organizing campaigns around student transportation and school improvement issues.

### Sista II Sista (SIIS)

1497 Myrtle Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11237  
Adjoa Jones de Almeida  
Collective Co-Coordinator  
(718) 366-2450  
sistaisista@msn.com

Founded in 1996, Sista II Sista is a collective of women in their 20's and 30's who are committed to being a resource for younger women of color in Brooklyn so that they can develop their own collective power. SIIS programs seek to address the challenges faced by teenage women through programs that focus on intellectual, creative, and physical development, emotional and spiritual support, and community organizing. SIIS received a **\$30,000** grant to provide organizing training to 16 teenage women, and to engage them in local organizing campaigns around sexual harassment and youth-police relations.

### Tenants' and Workers' Support Committee (TWSC)

P.O. Box 2327  
Alexandria, VA 22301  
Jon Liss, Executive Director  
(703) 684-5697  
liss\_twsc@hotmail.com

The *Alexandria Teens United Project (ATU)* was recently established by TWSC to nurture young leaders and provide them with the skills, knowledge and vision to be agents of change in their community and region. TWSC received a two-year **\$60,000** grant to build a strong cadre of youth leaders who will work with adult members of TWSC; to increase the number of Latino and African American youth on the "college track"; to win funding for the City's first teen center; and to ensure that young people's voices are part of the decisions that affect their lives.

### UPROSE

5417 Fourth Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11220  
Elizabeth Yeampierre  
Executive Director  
(718) 492-9307  
UpRise99@aol.com

In 1998, UPROSE launched the Environmental Enforcers project to address the environmental degradation of communities of color in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Over the past three years, the Enforcers, a group of 60 Sunset Park youth, have been successful in defeating a plan to bring a 520 megawatt power plant to Sunset Park, winning commitments from city officials to restore the community's waterfront and to develop open spaces and recreational facilities. UPROSE received a **\$30,000** grant in support of the *Youth Justice Initiative* aimed at broadening the focus of the Enforcers' organizing campaigns to include other social justice issues affecting the community.

### Virginia Organizing Project (VOP)

703 Concord Avenue  
Charlottesville, VA 22903-5208  
Joe Szakos, Executive Director  
(804) 984-4655  
www.virginia-organizing.org

Founded in 1995, VOP is a statewide grassroots organization dedicated to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect their lives. Last year, the VOP State Governing Board recognized the importance of having more young people involved in the organization and its activities and launched the *Youth Organizing Project* to recruit and provide leadership and organizing training to high school-age youth in four of its chapters. Through the project, the organization will also add two young people to its State Governing Board, and will increase the number of young people involved in its statewide organizing campaigns on affordable housing and living wage issues. VOP received a **\$20,000** grant in support of this project.

## Youth Development Grantees

### Working Interfaith Network (WIN)

4550 North Boulevard, Ste. 205  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Rev. Jennifer Jones  
(225) 201-0016

In 1998, it became clear to WIN that the youth of its member congregations wanted to be involved in community organizing work. During 2000, WIN launched the *Youth Leadership Initiative* and provided leadership and organizing training to 20 young African-American youth from two member congregations in the greater Baton Rouge area. As a result, the young people involved in this effort were able to obtain summer jobs for a number of area youth at the local mall. The Youth Leadership Initiative has evolved into the *WIN Youth Organization*, a citywide effort designed to involve 30 to 60 young people from all of WIN member churches as well as from the surrounding schools and neighborhoods in organizing campaigns around common issues. WIN received a **\$25,000** renewal grant toward this project.

### Wyandotte Interfaith Sponsoring Council (WISC)

COUNCIL (WISC)  
2900 Minnesota Avenue  
P.O. Box 2817  
Kansas City, KS 66110  
Denise Graves-Burris  
Executive Director  
(913) 281-0552

In 1999, WISC launched the *Youth Organizing Campaign* to enable young people and adults to make fundamental changes in the local institutions that negatively affect the lives of young people. Since then, WISC youth and adult leaders have been working together on such issues as poor quality education, lack of positive media coverage of youth, lack of recreational facilities for youth, crime and safety, and congregational development in the area of youth/adult relations. Our two-year renewal grant of **\$60,000** will allow WISC to continue its intergenerational organizing work and to successfully conduct several campaigns around recreation, police/youth relations, and education issues.



Ingrid Matias and Alex Rosario of El Puente at the Database Development training of the New York City Organizing Support Center's Technology Project for Youth Organizing Groups

# 2001 President's Discretionary Grants

## **Alliance for Student Achievement**

523 West Sixth Street, suite 1234  
Los Angeles, CA  
Sonia Hernandez, President & CEO  
(213) 943-4930  
shernandez@laalliance.org  
www.laalliance.org

**\$5,000**

Toward support of the Alliance's efforts to improve student achievement in the Los Angeles public schools.

## **Baltimore Urban League for Baltimore Education Network**

P.O. Box 3455  
Baltimore, MD 21225  
Tru Ginsburg, Project Facilitator  
(410) 662-9152  
baltednet@hotmail.com

**\$700**

Toward participation in the *Harvard Civil Rights and School Reform Seminar*.

## **CAAV Organizing Asian Communities**

191 East 3rd Street  
New York, NY  
Jane S. Bai, Executive Director  
(212) 473-6485  
nycdmz@yahoo.com

**\$2,000**

Toward participation in the *Extraordinary Possibilities in Ordinary People Conference*, a pre-session to the Council on Foundation's fall conference for community foundations.

## **Center for Community Change**

Washington, DC  
1000 Wisconsin Avenue, NW  
Diane Schwartz  
Director of Development  
(202) 342-0519

**\$5,000**

Toward support of the *Education Organizing* newsletter.

## **Harvard University for Civil Rights Project**

124 Mount Auburn Street  
Suite 400 South  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
Christopher Edley, Jr., Co-Director  
(617) 496-6367  
crp@harvard.edu  
www.law.harvard.edu/civilrights

**\$5,000**

Toward participation of representatives of community-based organizations in the *Harvard Civil Rights and School Reform Seminar*.

## **Community Action Project (CAP)**

80 Flatbush Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11226  
Francois Pierre-Louis  
Executive Director  
(718) 287-4334

**\$2,600**

Toward participation in the *Harvard Civil Rights and School Reform Seminar*.

## **Data Center**

1904 Franklin Street, Suite 900  
Oakland, CA  
Ryan Pintado-Vertner, Information  
Activist  
(510) 835-4692  
datacenter@datacenter.org

**\$5,000**

Toward the *Youth Strategy Project*, designed to increase the use of information technologies in leadership and campaign development by youth organizers.

## **Forum for Youth Investment**

714 Westmoreland Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
Karen Pittman, Executive Director  
(301) 270-6250  
youth@iyfus.org  
www.forumforyouthinvestment.org

**\$5,000**

Toward general support.

## **Funding Exchange**

666 Broadway, suite #500  
New York, NY  
Ellen Gurzinsky, Executive Director  
(212) 520-5300  
fexex@aol.com  
www.fex.org

**\$5,000**

Toward the *Peace and Racial Justice Fund*.

## **New York University for NYU Institute for Education and Social Policy**

726 Broadway 5th Fl.  
New York, NY 10003-5980  
Norm Fruchter, Director  
(212) 998-5880

**\$4,000**

To support a convening of partner organizations involved in the *Organizing for School Reform Research* project.

## **Jovenes, Inc.**

300 W. César E. Chávez Avenue D  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Fr. Richard Estrada, Director  
(213) 462-0123

**\$2,500**

Toward general support.

## President's Discretionary Grants

Children's Alliance for  
**Kentucky's Youth United**  
P.O. Box 6614  
Louisville, KY 40206-0614  
Julie Padgett, Executive Director  
(502) 897-6617  
kypadgett@aol.com  
**\$5,000**

Toward a youth leadership development project targeting former and current foster care youth.

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#### **Learning Leaders**

352 Park Avenue South, 13th Floor  
New York, NY  
Carol B. Kellerman  
Executive Director  
(212) 213-3370  
www.learningleaders.org  
**\$5,000**

To support the evaluation of Learning Leaders' efforts to engage parent volunteers in the NYC Public Schools.

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#### **New York Community Trust**

Two Park Avenue  
New York, NY  
Lorie Slutsky, President  
(212) 686-0010  
**\$5,000**

Toward the *September 11th Fund* to aid the families and victims of the World Trade Center tragedy.

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#### **The Pacific Institute for Community Organization**

930 Alhambra Blvd., suite 200  
Sacramento, CA  
Jim Keddy, Director  
(916) 447-7959  
**\$5,000**

Toward participation in the 2001 *Grantmakers for Education* Conference.

Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement Houses for  
**Queensbridge Community in Action**  
10-25 Forty First Avenue  
New York, NY 11101  
William T. Newlin, Executive Director  
(718) 784-3200  
bnewlin@unhny.org  
**\$1,100**

Toward Queensbridge Community in Action's participation in the *Harvard Civil Rights and School Reform Seminar*.

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#### **Shelterforce**

439 Main Street, Suite 311  
Orange, NJ 07050  
Miriam Axel-Lute, Managing Editor  
(973) 678-9060  
miriam@nhi.org  
**\$5,000**

To support the publication of an issue of Shelterforce on community-led school reform initiatives.

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#### **Sisters in Action for Power**

1732 NE Alberta  
Portland, OR  
Haydee Perez, Executive Director  
(505) 331-1244  
**\$1,000**

Toward the participation of two members in the *Extraordinary Possibilities In Ordinary People Conference*, a pre-session to the Council on Foundation's fall conference for community foundations.

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#### **South Carolina United Action**

P.O. Box 2786  
Orangeburg, SC  
Correy Stevenson  
(803) 516-0067  
SCUAW@webt.net  
www.acalltoactiononline.com  
**\$5,000**

Toward the Youth Organizing initiative.

Association House of Chicago for  
**West Town Leadership United**  
1116 N. Kedzie Avenue  
Chicago, IL  
Idida Perez, Executive Director  
(773) 394-7484  
idida@aol.com  
**\$5,000**

Toward the *Parent Leadership Development and Organizing Project*.

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#### **Wexford Ridge Neighborhood Center**

7011 Flower Lane Apts.. A/C  
Madison, WI 53717  
Paul Terranova, Executive Director  
(608) 833-4979  
wexridge@itis.com  
**\$5,000**

Toward the *Youth Initiating Positive Action* project.

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## President's Discretionary Grants

# 2001 Trustees Discretionary Grants

These grants were awarded toward general support.

**Alliance for a Better Community**

Los Angeles, CA

**\$1,000**

**Arkansas Business and Education Alliance**

Little Rock, AR

**\$1,000**

**Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health**

Brooklyn, NY

**\$1,000**

**The Armory NYC Foundation**

New York, NY

**\$1,000**

**Black Community Developers**

Little Rock, AR

**\$500**

**Center for Constitutional Rights**

New York, NY

**\$2,500**

**Chewonki Foundation**

New York, NY

**\$1,000**

**The Children's Aid Society (fall)**

New York, NY

**\$1,000**

**The Children's Aid Society (spring)**

New York, NY

**\$1,000**

**Community Coalition for Substance Abuse**

Los Angeles, CA

**\$2,000**

**Farish Street Historic District**

Jackson, MS

**\$1,000**

**Fortune Society**

New York, NY

**\$2,500**

**God's Gang**

Chicago, IL

**\$5,000**

**Institute for Education and Social Policy**

New York, NY

**\$1,000**

**Marin Community Foundation**

Larkspur, CA

**\$2,500**

**Montrose Development Center, Inc.**

Montrose, AR

**\$500**

**The Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center**

New York, NY

**\$500**

**Multicultural Collaborative**

Los Angeles, CA

**\$1,000**

**National Immigration Forum**

Washington, DC

**\$1,000**

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**National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey**

New York, NY

**\$500**

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**North Star Fund**

New York, NY

**\$500**

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**Outreach Community Services Inc.**

Lake Providence, RI

**\$1,000**

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**Seeds of Peace**

New York, NY

**\$1,000**

**Services for the Underserved**

New York, NY

**\$2,000**

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**Sunnyside Community Services**

Sunnyside, NY

**\$500**

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**Surprise Lake Camp**

New York, NY

**\$500**

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**Women in Need Inc.**

New York, NY

**\$1,000**



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These grants were awarded toward general support.

**American Indian College Fund**  
Denver, CO  
\$2,500

**Association of Black Foundation Executives**  
Indianapolis, IN  
\$2,000

**Council on Foundations**  
Washington, DC  
\$3,740

**The Foundation Center**  
New York, NY  
\$2,000

**Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families**  
Washington, DC  
\$2,000

**Grantmakers for Education**  
San Francisco, CA  
\$1,500

**Hispanics in Philanthropy**  
Berkeley, CA  
\$2,500

**Independent Sector**  
Washington, DC  
\$3,000

**National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy**  
Washington, DC  
\$2,000

**National Network of Grantmakers**  
San Diego, CA  
\$2,000

**National Organizers Alliance**  
Washington, DC  
\$3,000

**Native Americans in Philanthropy**  
Lumberton, NC  
\$1,500

**Neighborhood Funders Group**  
Washington, DC  
\$1,500

**Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York**  
New York, NY  
\$2,000

**New York Regional Association of Grantmakers**  
New York, NY  
\$2,500

**Women in Philanthropy**  
Washington, DC  
\$2,500

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