



STRENGTH IN CONNECTION: ABOLITION IN 2020

**CRITICAL
RESISTANCE** 



CR uses a transformational approach to dismantling the prison industrial complex. We aim to make abolition *common sense* through political education, media work, and campaigns and projects that achieve concrete abolitionist reforms. We elevate life-affirming solutions as we tear down walls, cages, and policing.



DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW TRAVELERS,

The challenges, loss and hardship of 2020 motivated us to organize with urgency, responsiveness and solidarity. As health, economic, and political crises escalated, abolition spread across the popular imagination with increased fervor. We witnessed and participated in vibrant mass and virtual mobilizations with a broad range of poignant demands: an end to the violence of policing, the redistribution of police budgets, release for people in cages vulnerable to Covid-19, and a reinvigorated insistence on state responsibility for housing, healthcare and economic protections.

In 2020 Critical Resistance (CR) and our coalition partners won two significant campaigns against policing and imprisonment at the local level: the dismantling of the Portland, OR Police Bureau's anti-gang taskforce; and the closure of the toxic jail at 850 Bryant in San Francisco, CA (see page 5: *Campaigns and Projects 2020 Highlights*). Both of these campaigns were years in the making with movement partners, and the climate of 2020 proved favorable to push forward bold demands and win concrete gains.

The organization and our membership was busy at work across chapters on a number of other campaigns and projects, as well as political education and membership development; though Covid-19 had us physically separated, we were politically moving together.

As we enter into 2021, we want to share with you a roundup of political education resources, materials and more from 2020. We know that time moves fast these days, and a combination of neoliberal conditions, Covid-19 and virtual explosion of online calls to action, social media, and video events can make updates and materials from six months ago seem like the distant past. However, we know there is value in reflecting on and marking our efforts collectively, so we offer this 2020 Annual Report as a compelling recap and strategic trove. We hope you will use these tools, refer to the lessons, and share them with your networks.

Thank you for supporting Critical Resistance and helping us make abolition irresistible. Despite the odds, we joined forces with old and new partners and movements in 2020; together we shifted power away from the prison industrial complex and towards our communities.

We see many opportunities on the horizon for 2021. We must build on the movements that exist, develop new and creative alliances, and mobilize the new and unprecedented energy for liberation. Together, we are organizing to ensure that we make our aspirations –and our campaign demands– a reality.

Please continue to support CR so we can keep advancing abolition as a practical and irresistible strategy.

In solidarity,



Jess Heaney, Mohamed Shekh and Woods Ervin, CR National Co-Directors
Shirley Leslie, Development Coordinator, and CR National Fundraisers

MISSION

Critical Resistance (CR) seeks to build an international movement to end the prison industrial complex (PIC) by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes us safe. We believe that basic necessities such as food, shelter, and freedom are what really make our communities secure. As such, our work is part of global struggles against inequality and powerlessness. The success of the movement requires that it reflect communities most affected by the PIC. Because we seek to abolish the PIC, we cannot support any work that extends its life or scope.

ABOUT CR

Critical Resistance is a national grassroots organization building a movement to abolish the prison industrial complex (PIC). We think of the PIC as the system of surveillance, policing, and imprisonment that government, industry and their interests use as solutions to economic, social, and political problems. Because the PIC is a huge, complicated system, we have to attack it from different angles using many different strategies. Our broad abolitionist strategy embraces a three-part holistic framework:

1. **DISMANTLE**
2. **CHANGE**
3. **BUILD**

WE FIGHT TO DISMANTLE the prison industrial complex, including the caging, policing, practices, and larger systems that harm, control, and impoverish communities and greater society

WE STRIVE TO CHANGE common sense, resource allocation, and practices (at all scales) away from harm, punishment, and control, and toward practices that empower communities and address harm and problems at their root cause.

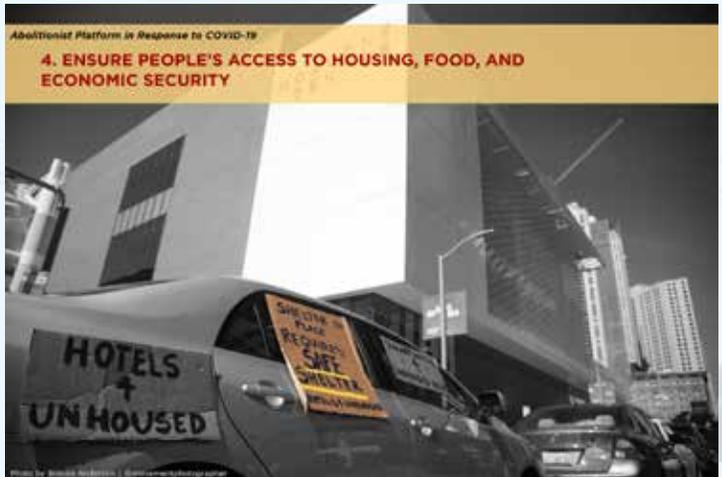
AS WE DISMANTLE AND CHANGE, WE BUILD: we build practices, skills, relationships and resources that address the needs of our communities. From interpersonal to local community to state and larger-scale, we demand that investments be made that are life-affirming and enable us thrive.

We are building toward liberation for everyone, most especially people of color, poor people, queer people, immigrants, youth, and other oppressed communities who are targeted by the PIC.



BRINGING OUR MISSION TO LIFE

Our goal at CR is to work for concrete steps that dismantle cages, surveillance systems, and policing, while we continue to lift up internationalist visions of freedom and self-determination. The core of CR's work is to advance material changes and a reinvigorated common sense in which the key to health and safety is not aggression, policing, & imprisonment, but healing, stability, & liberation. We do this through grassroots mobilizations, popular education, campaigns & coalitional efforts.



Images taken from CR's 2020 "Abolitionist Platform Toward Healthy Communities Now and Beyond Covid-19," [found here](#).



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

We are a member-led organization with volunteer members and supporters across the country. Our work reflects the local problems we think are most pressing and local solutions we think are most appropriate. Therefore, our organizational structure is based in chapters. Local chapters coordinate and communicate with sister chapters, other members, and national staff that make up CR's national organization.

Chapter projects range from fighting policing in working class communities of color, to community education and prisoner correspondence projects, to grassroots campaigns opposing policing policies, imprisonment and jail construction. These projects are united by a commitment to working for the eventual elimination of the prison industrial complex as well as to taking practical steps to create the communities we envision for ourselves.

Chapters and our national office correspond with over 10,000 imprisoned people each year across all 50 states of the United States.

CHAPTERS

- **NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK**
- **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**
- **OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**
- **PORTLAND, OREGON**

NATIONAL STAFF

- **Jamani Montague**, Membership Coordinator
- **Jess Heaney**, Development Director
- **Mohamed Shehk**, Campaigns Director
- **Shirley Leslie**, Development Coordinator
- **Skye Chilberg**, Operations Coordinator
- **Tahirah Rasheed**, Building Project Manager
- **Woods Ervin**, Media and Communications Director

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

Our Community Advisory Board is a movement-building and membership-development resource for our organization that work hand-in-hand with membership and staff. Board members are scholar-activists, organizers with coalition partners, CR co-founders, and former political prisoners.

OUR 2020 COMMUNITY ADVISORS ARE:

- **Avery Gordon**, University of California, Santa Barbara
- **Beth Richie**, University of Illinois at Chicago
- **Bonnie Kerness**, American Friends Service Committee
- **Claude Marks**, Freedom Archives
- **Craig Gilmore**, California Prison Moratorium Project
- **Darryl Jordan**, Former Director American Friends Service Committee's Third World Coalition
- **Dennis Childs**, University of California, San Diego
- **Dolores Canales**, California Families Against Solitary Confinement
- **Eddy Zheng**, Asian Prisoner Support Committee
- **Ellen Barry**, Women and Justice Issues Consulting
- **Fahd Amed**, Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM)
- **Hashim Benford**
- **Jason Lydon**, Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois
- **Kai Lumumba Barrow**, Gallery of the Streets
- **Lara Kiswani**, Arab Resource and Organizing Center
- **Laura Pulido**, University of Oregon
- **Layne Mullet**, Decarcerate PA
- **Linda Evans**, All of Us or None
- **Linda M. Thurston**, War Resisters League
- **Mariame Kaba**, Project Nia and Survived & Punished
- **Melanie Cervantes**, Dignidad Rebelde
- **Phil Scraton**, Queens College, Belfast
- **Ruthie Gilmore**, City University of New York
- **Tamika Middleton**, Kindred Southern Healing Justice Collective
- **Walt Senterfitt**, public health epidemiologist, Los Angeles Tenants Union, HIV Prevention Justice Alliance

Affiliations listed for identification purposes only.

CARRYING OUT OUR MISSION: CAMPAIGNS AND PROJECTS

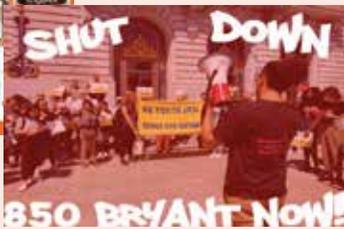
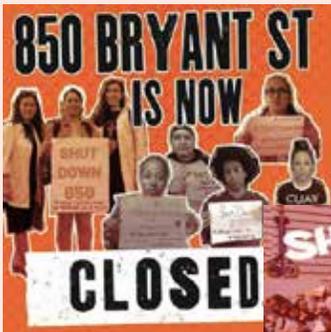
Amidst the crisis of a global health pandemic and a contentious showdown between neoliberal and totalitarian forces, groundswells of grassroots forces edged forward powerful organizing. Grassroots power filled the streets, packed virtual decision-maker meetings, ignited popular resistance, made headlines, and expanded the narrow frame of justice to include abolition.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

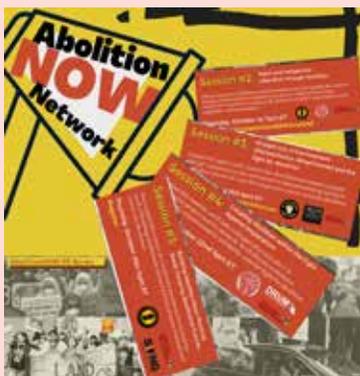
In 2020, we won two huge campaign victories with our movement partners and co-founded a national network!



CR Portland (CR PDX) and Care Not Cops dismantled the anti-gang policing unit in Portland, OR! The anti-policing momentum in Portland also resulted in allies dismantling transit police and school officers in the city. CR PDX and Care Not Cops have been organizing to defund the Portland Police Bureau and redirect money into community-based resources since 2017.



After three years of campaigning to "Shut Down 850," CR Oakland and the No New San Francisco (SF) Jail Coalition permanently shut down the notorious 850 Bryant jail in San Francisco, CA! CR Oakland has been part of this coalition since its founding in 2013, working on outreach, media and legislative strategies. We are humbled to celebrate this victory in 2020.



We launched a national network of organizational allies called Abolition NOW! The organizations in the network are Southerners on New Ground (SONG), All of Us or None, Black Youth Project 100, The Red Nation, Survived & Punished, Reclaim the Block, Black Visions Collective, and Critical Resistance. More info and videos found [here](#).

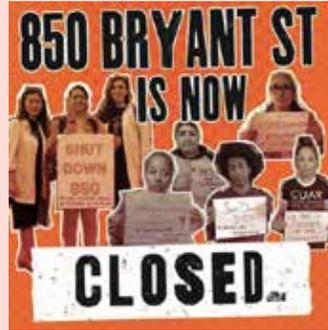
CAMPAIGNS AND PROJECTS

In 2020, Critical Resistance forged ahead:

FIGHTING CAGES

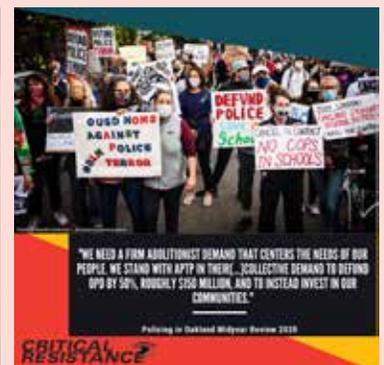
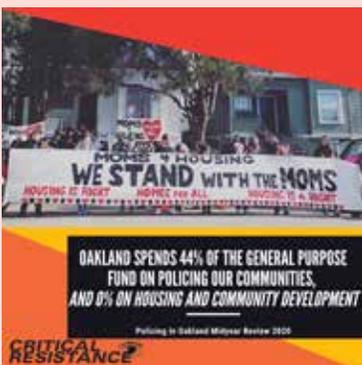
CR and movement partners challenged the violence of imprisonment during the Covid-19 pandemic and pushed forward popular opinion critical of imprisonment. Together we won a campaign to close a jail in San Francisco, shared lessons with a new national No New Jails network, built new connections with organizers in Oregon, and developed tools to strengthen our movement, including a new “Reformist Reforms vs. Abolitionist Steps to End Imprisonment” poster (linked in the Media section).

“It’s official: County Jail 4 in 850 Bryant St has closed its doors! There are no people being imprisoned there, and we have officially shut it down.” We invite you to read the Shut Down 850 victory message from the No New San Francisco Jail Coalition and check out this inspiring “People’s Victory” [video](#) (featuring many CR people + allies) about the history of the campaign, its strategies and its gains. [Read more here.](#)



RESISTING POLICING AND DEFENDING COMMUNITIES

As uprisings against the violence of policing took hold in Summer 2020, CR advanced anti-policing organizing through campaigning, mobilizations, building unity with movement partners, and developing new tools to meet the moment, including an “Abolition of Policing Toolkit” (linked in the Media section). CR Portland and Care Not Cops defeated three policing units and reduced the Portland Police Budget (see 2020 Highlights)! In California, CR Oakland began building a youth anti-policing network and joined the budget redistribution fight with Defund OPD (Oakland Police Department), to be continued in 2021. Nationally, we helped train thousands of people in PIC abolition basics with Mijente, Dream Defenders, SONG, Sunrise Movement and the DSA Afrosocialists.



CAMPAIGNS AND PROJECTS

BUILDING POLITICALLY WITH IMPRISONED PEOPLE

Despite the challenges of 2020, our prisoner correspondence programs overall are active and strong. Since Covid-19 and Shelter-in-Place, we are rerouting all the collect calls to our office that we receive from people inside through a robust and creative volunteer-staffed system. Through our bilingual newspaper *The Abolitionist*, chapter prisoner mail programs, phone lines, and bold mutual aid efforts, CR moved resources to and exchanged mail, political ideas and organizing strategies with over 17,000 imprisoned people in 2020.



SHARING ABOLITION WITH MOVEMENT PARTNERS

Because the PIC segregates and isolates individuals, communities, and issue areas, we know that our efforts can only be successful if we build stronger, deeper, and wider alliances as we go. In 2020 CR strengthened relationships, built strategies and shared materials with educators, artists, faith groups and leaders, health workers and public health advocates, labor organizers, legal organizations and internationalist community groups. We hosted virtual events, workshops and volunteer nights which drew over 10,000 people total, and the event videos have been viewed fivefold since. Additionally, we built on a 3-year national project called Abolitionist Training School and launched a national network of organizational allies called Abolition NOW (see 2020 Highlights). Because the PIC segregates and isolates individuals, communities, and issue areas, we know that chipping

away one piece at a time can only be successful if we build stronger, deeper, and wider alliances as we go.



MAKING MEDIA

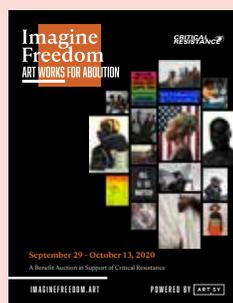
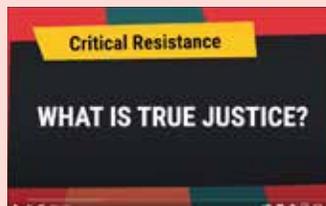
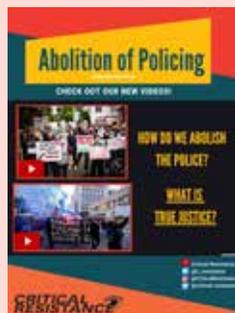
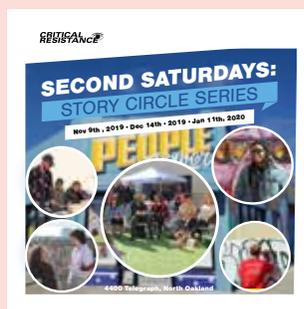
We utilize grassroots and mainstream media strategies and projects to advance efforts to dismantle imprisonment and policing, to change common sense notions of safety, and to build life-affirming resources and practices that support Black, brown, working class, immigrant, trans and gender queer communities. The global pandemic presented unique opportunities to host more virtual events and presentations, and CR took full advantage of hosting internationally-accessible virtual events in 2020.

FROM THE GRASSROOTS

Members, staff and movement partners (including imprisoned people) work collaboratively to research, draft and design grassroots media materials. These materials aim to educate, activate and uplift community expertise and resistance to imprisonment, policing and the rest of the PIC. Making and circulating grassroots media tools is a core CR organizing strategy. .

Here are some highlights of materials made by and for organizers in 2020:

- **"Our Communities, Our Solutions: An Organizer's Toolkit to Developing Campaigns to Abolish Policing"** –now available for download. [See more here.](#)
- **"Abolitionist Platform for Healthy Communities Now and Beyond Covid-19,"** [found here.](#)
- **"Policing in Oakland: Mid-Year Review"** by CR Oakland. Read the full report at bit.ly/crpolicingreport and see the graphics below.
- **Two New Videos on Policing and Abolition** from CR Oakland: "How Do We Abolish the Police?" and "What is True Justice? What is Police Abolition?" [found here.](#)
- **Critical Resistance on Proposition 25** in California. [Read here.](#)
- **"Second Saturdays Story Circle Series" People's Reportback,** [found here.](#)
- **"Imagine Freedom: Art Works for Abolition" Exhibition Catalogue,** [found here.](#)
- New **Abolitionist Steps to End Imprisonment poster,** [found here.](#)

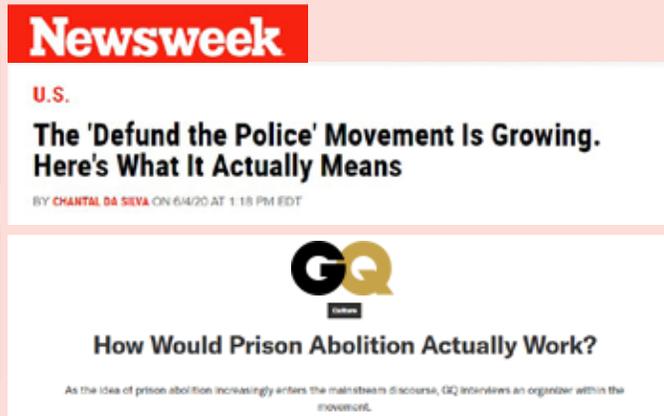


MAKING MEDIA

MAINSTREAM MEDIA

From major national media outlets to local radio stations, CR boosted the goals, leadership and demands of campaigns and coalitions such as **Care Not Cops** and the **No New San Francisco Jail Coalition** into mainstream media coverage.

Our media work is a key strategy to shift common sense and popular perception. In 2020, CR gave dozens of interviews and garnered over 100 media hits in a range of publications and platforms, including: *The BBC*, *GQ Magazine*, *InsiderNJ*, *KBOO*, *KPFA*, *KQED Arts*, *Mother Jones*, *MSN.com*, *NY Daily News*, *Newsweek*, *Teen Vogue*, *The Appeal*, *Autostraddle*, *The Guardian*, *The New Yorker* and numerous other local and regional outlets in our chapter cities.



VIRTUAL EVENTS AND POLITICAL EDUCATION

- "Organizing Against Toxic Imprisonment in the Face of COVID-19," [found here](#).
- "On the Road With Abolition: Assessing Our Steps Along the Way," [found here](#).
- "Celebrating Juneteenth," [found here](#).
- "Imagine Freedom: Art Works for Abolition" video playlist, [found here](#).
- Abolition NOW network Political Education series on Haymarket Books' youtube channel, [found here](#).



OVER 200 EVENTS, WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS IN 2020—MOSTLY VIRTUAL!

[Watch the main events here](#)



BUILDING FOR OUR MOVEMENT: BUILDING PEOPLE POWER



2020 was a socially-distanced yet active year at 4400 Telegraph for Critical Resistance. With the support of CR movement partners, staff, members and volunteers, we enacted our Visuals and Neighborhood goals through vibrant visuals and creative community connections. While we prepare for renovation, we are making the most of this space. Together, we:

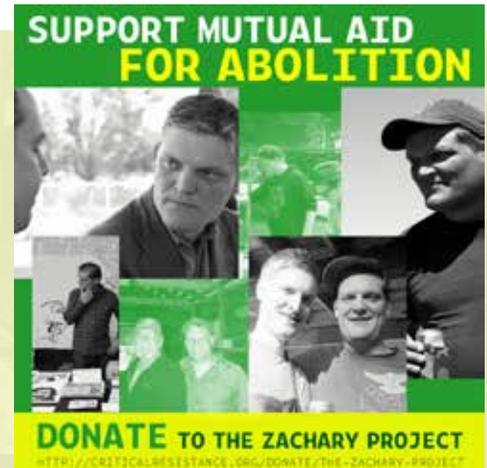
- Hosted a Second Saturdays Community Engagement series, November 2019- January 2020. Read about the speakers, organizational [sponsors, key lessons and member reflections in the Second Saturdays report here.](#)
- Installed a 50 foot-long window display on Telegraph Ave featuring a hand-painted quotation from Grace Lee Boggs, “The only way to survive is to take care of each other,” our “Abolitionist Platform for Healthy Communities Now and Beyond Covid-19” and images from the Second Saturdays.
- Put up a new mural with Oakland cultural organizers/artists Leslie “Dime” Lopez and Dom “Treat U Nice” Villeda. [See mural summary and about the artists here.](#)
- Partnered with TownFridge to install a mutual aid fridge that is accessible 24/7. Donations welcome!
- Kicked off a monthly socially-distanced series called Freedom Fridays with a focus on prisoner solidarity efforts. In December we sent personalized holiday cards to 400 of our imprisoned newspaper subscribers.

THE ZACHARY PROJECT

In 2020, The Zachary Project helped our people secure safe housing after prison release, prevent evictions, purchase food and basic needs during Covid-induced crises, access mental health care resources, and more. The Zachary Project is a mutual aid fund of CR Oakland to help us face the needs of our members and organizing community with creative, generous readiness.

We distributed a total of \$6,300 in funds to 13 community members (an increase from \$2,420 in funds to 5 people in 2019).

The Zachary Project is maintained through individual grassroots donations and family gifts. You can make [a gift online](#) (under *Program Designation*, make sure to select “The Zachary Project”) or by check (payable to Critical Resistance, memo: Zachary Project).



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:

“The Zachary Project helped my sister-in-law pay the deposit on a three-bedroom apartment for her and her four children. She was released from federal prison into a halfway house September 2019 and released from the halfway house in March 2020.”

“Because of the rapid response and care I received because of The Zachary Project, I have been able to care for my immediate mental and physical needs. I am able to pay for medication that I need and at this time cannot live without, not even for a day.”

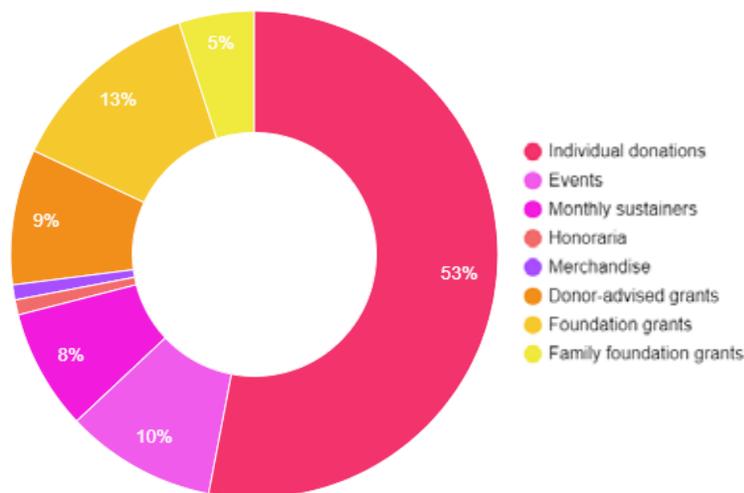
2020 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Since 2012, we have intentionally and successfully transitioned from being funded primarily by foundations to being funded primarily by grassroots donations. Grassroots donors like you provide 67% of our total budget, which increases our financial stability and shifts more power and leadership into the hands of our membership.

Further, since 2014, you have helped us **double** our budget, strengthen our national infrastructure and chapters' capacities. Thank you for helping us grow our organization and the movement for abolition.

Donor Highlights...

- Over 9,700 individual donors gifted to CR in 2020 (compared to 1,180 individual donors in 2019)
 - » 400 International donors (including Puerto Rico), outside the United States
 - » 9,300 Donors based in the United States
- Over 6,500 first-time donors
- 1,027 Monthly sustainers!



TAKE ACTION! YOUR SUPPORT HELPS KEEP THIS WORK STRONG AND VIBRANT.

- 1 Share this report** with friends, family, and networks, and invite them to join the movement.
- 2 Make a gift today.** You can donate online at www.criticalresistance.org, mail a check to our National Office, or call us at 510-444-0484 to donate using your credit card.
- 3 Workplace Matching or Monthly Gifts:** Many companies have matching gift program that enable you to increase the value of your gift. Some workplace giving programs can also facilitate month-ly donations. Please check your personnel department for these opportunities.
- 4 Legacy/Estate Giving:** A generous way to support Critical Resistance in the future is by remembering us in your estate plans. You can do this by simply including Critical Resistance as a beneficiary of your will or living trust, your retirement plan, bank account or in your life insurance policy.
- 5 Host a party, happy hour, donor briefing or other event** to amplify abolition and encourage people to raise resources for CR.

GIVING SCALE

Every penny helps chip away at the prison industrial complex!

Donors gave a total of 13,038 grassroots gifts to CR in 2020!*

The smallest gift was...	\$1
5,084 people* gave	\$1-\$25
1853 people	\$26+
927 people	\$100+
127 people	\$500+
75 people	\$1,000+
43 people	\$2,000+
25 people	\$5,000+

*Some people (like monthly sustainers) gave multiple times; this spread is meant to give you an idea of the range of people's generosity!

For more information any of these options or to let us know that a gift is on the way, please contact Jess Heaney, Development Director, at (510) 444-0484 or email jess@criticalresistance.org.

SUPPORT

In 2020, Critical Resistance was supported by an amazingly broad base, ranging from grassroots individual donors to organizations, colleges, universities, and foundations.*

FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDS:

- Akonadi Foundation
- Alcibie Alliance
- Arch Community Fund
- Ben and Jerry's Foundation
- East Bay Community Foundation
- Fidelity Charitable Donor-Advised Funds
- Groundswell Fund
- Harold K. Raisler Foundation
- Heising-Simons Foundation
- Justice Funders
- Libra Foundation
- Morgan Stanley Donor-Advised Funds
- Resist, Inc
- San Francisco Foundation
- Sheila, Dave & Sherry Gold Foundation
- Schwab Charitable Donor- Advised Funds
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Social Justice Fund Northwest
- Solidaire
- The New York Community Trust
- Third Wave Fund
- Tides Foundation - Advocacy Fund
- Winky Foundation
- Youth Emergency Service, Inc. dba The Phogg Phoundation for the Pursuit of Happiness

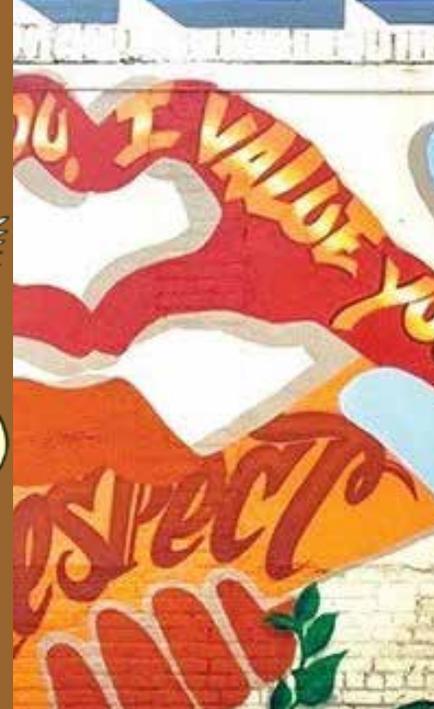
ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES:

- ACLU Northern California
- AK Press
- All of Us or None
- Artist As First Responder
- ASATA: Alliance of South Asians Taking Action
- Asian Prisoner Support Committee
- Bay Area Resource Generation (BARG)
- Bayview Opera House
- Best Buy Employee Giving Program
- Black & Pink
- Black & Pink NYC
- Black Joy Parade
- Black Organizing Project (BOP)
- Bright Funds
- Cal State University, Los Angeles
- California Coalition for Women Prisoners (CCWP)
- Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB)
- Capital Group Employee Giving Program
- Cascade AIDS Project
- Catalyst Project
- Charis Books
- Chinese Progressive Association SF
- Claremont Colleges
- Clinton Street Theater
- Covenant House CA
- CSU Students for Quality Education - Cal Poly
- Debt Collective
- DEI @ VSCO
- Design Action Collective
- Don't Shoot PDX
- Dream Defenders
- EastSide Arts Alliance
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Essie Justice Group
- EverGold [Projects]
- First Defense Legal Aid
- Flying Over Walls (Bay Area Black & Pink chapter)
- For Freedoms
- Forward Together
- Frontstream
- Gender JusticeLA
- H.O.L.L.A! (How Our Lives Link Altogether)
- Interrupting Criminalization
- KQED Arts
- Law 4 Black Lives
- Law Office of Melissa A. Matuzak
- LeftRoots
- Legal Services for Prisoners with Children
- Metavante Corporation
- Million Dollar Hoods/ Bunche Center @ UCLA
- Mills College Ethnic Studies
- Minnesota Street Project
- Movement Strategy Center
- National Lawyers Guild
- NYU Prison Education Program
- Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM)
- Policy Link
- Portland Alliance For Self Care
- Pt. 2 Gallery
- Red Emma's Bookstore
- Resource Generation Los Angeles
- Restore Oakland
- See Black Womxn
- SF Bayview
- She Bends
- Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)
- STROLL
- Student/Farmworker Alliance
- Survived and Punished NY
- Sylvia Rivera Law Project
- TGI Justice Project
- The Community Preschool
- The Culture Ref
- The Pathfinder Network
- The Portland African American Leadership Forum (PAALF)
- The Quarantine: Virtual Open Mic
- This is Not a Gun
- Transformative Justice Law Project
- Underground Scholars Initiative
- University of California Berkeley
- Vielmetter Los Angeles
- Wide Awakes
- Women & Justice Issues Consulting
- Women's Center for Creative Work (WCCW)
- Youth Justice Coalition

In addition to financial resources, we were supported by donations of time, passion and creativity from thousands of Critical Resistance organizers, supporters and allied organizations. Thank you!

We hope you will renew your commitment to CR this year and support this exciting next phase of our organization.

** This list does not include all of our grassroots organizing movement partnerships; it reflects groups and organizations who contributed donations, grants, or sponsorship of programming. Our movement partner list for campaigns and projects is even bigger! See some names in the Campaigns and Projects section.*



VISION

CRITICAL RESISTANCE

Critical Resistance's vision is the creation of genuinely healthy, stable communities that respond to harm without relying on imprisonment and punishment. We call our vision abolition, drawing, in part from the legacy of the abolition of slavery in the 1800s. As PIC abolitionists we understand that the prison industrial complex is not a broken system to be fixed. The system, rather, works precisely as it is designed to— to contain, control, and kill those people representing the greatest threats to state power. Our goal is not to improve the system even further, but to shrink the system into non-existence. We work to build healthy, self-determined communities and promote alternatives to the current system.

Critical Resistance (CR) is building a grassroots coalitional movement to challenge the use of punishment to “cure” complicated social problems. We know that more policing and imprisonment will not make us safer. Instead, we know that things like food, housing, and freedom are what create healthy, stable neighborhoods and communities. We work to prevent people from being arrested or locked up in prison. In all our work, we organize to build power and to stop the devastation that the reliance on imprisonment and policing has brought to ourselves, our families, and our communities.

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