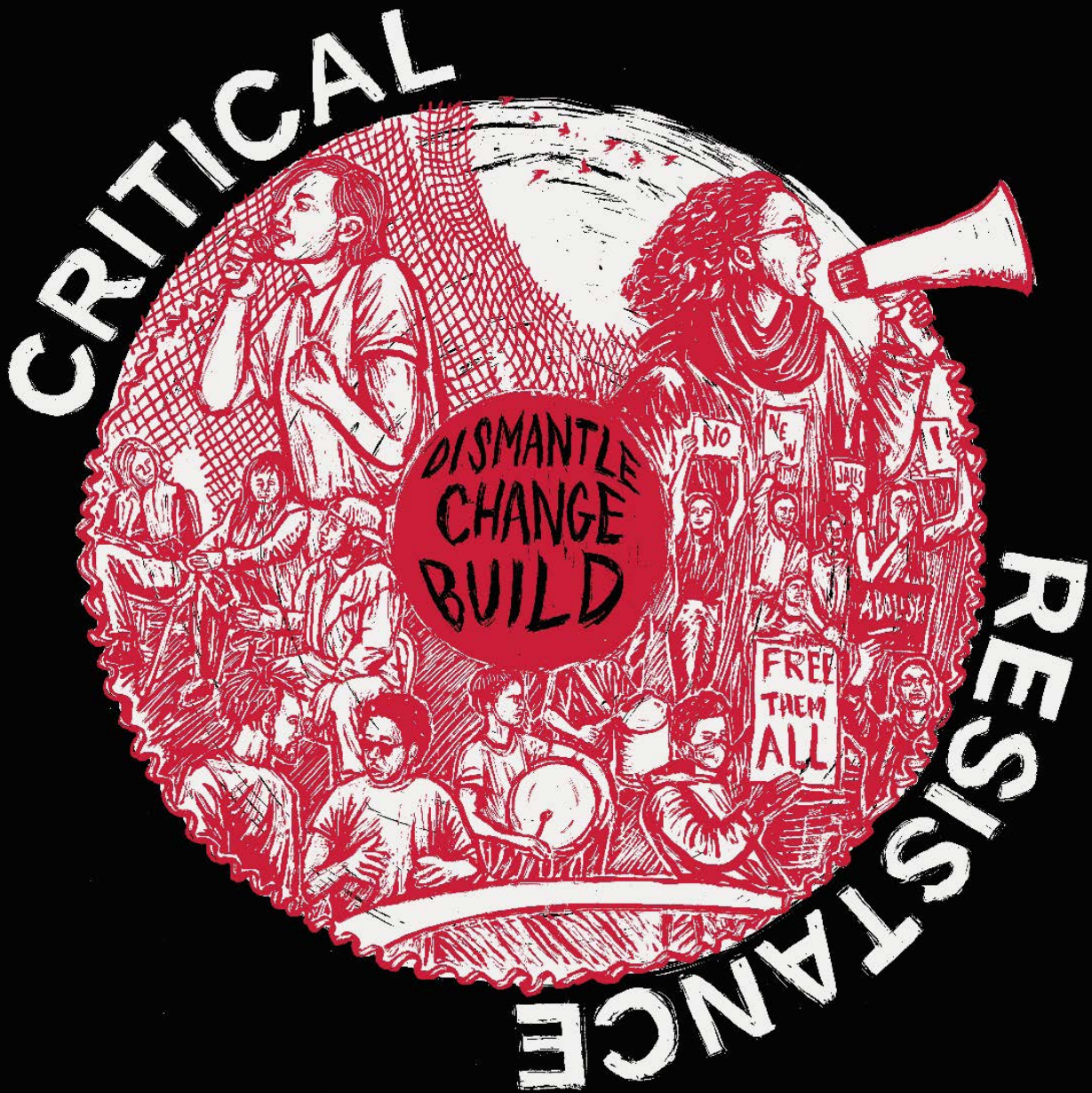


DISMANTLE CHANGE BUILD IN 2022

CRITICAL
RESISTANCE 



ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Collage of CR events and tabling in Oakland, Los Angeles, and New York City.

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 positive life-affirming solutions as we tear down walls, cages, and policing.

DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW TRAVELERS,

In 2022, Critical Resistance (CR) advanced our work to shut down prisons in California, to resist the grip of immigrant detention in New York, and to continue building strong political relationships with imprisoned people through our prisoner correspondence programs and written resources. Amidst constantly shifting conditions, we've remained steady in our work and commitment to prison industrial complex (PIC) abolition.

In addition to our current statewide campaigns, CR released two bilingual issues of *The Abolitionist* newspaper, which were distributed to over 4,500 people inside prisons, jails, and detention centers for free. These issues on housing justice and labor organizing were accompanied by in-person events in our New York City and Los Angeles chapters (respectively) that brought together housing justice organizers, labor organizers, striking students and faculty, and community members.

We have also taken many steps to further strengthen CR's internal organizing and praxis-building. We had an in-person staff retreat for the first time since the pandemic began, the organization restructured our regular member calls to sharpen our analysis-building, and we have immersed ourselves in an updated political education curriculum. Across our campaigns, projects, and internal formations, we have been hard at work to strengthen the political organizing of our members and the PIC abolitionist movement at large.

As 2023 is underway, we wanted to share this compilation of campaign and project updates, political education resources, and more from 2022. We constantly refer back to these materials in our analysis-building and organizing, and we hope you will too.

This year, we will continue our strategic campaign organizing, project work, and movement building that we have been spearheading. We look forward to closing more California prisons, resisting immigrant detention in New York, connecting with imprisoned organizers, and fostering connections with movement partners. Your involvement in this work is crucial, and we invite you to support CR's organizing toward the long-term vision and practical organizing strategy of PIC abolition for years to come. Thank you for sustaining us with your actions, resources, and commitment!

In solidarity,

Mohamed Shehk, Woods Ervin, and Shirley Leslie, CR National Co-Directors



Nick DeRenzi, Development Assistant, and CR National Fundraisers



"Dismantle, Change, Build" graphic design by Erik Ruin of Justseeds. Also on front cover.

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:

- **Dismantle**
- **Change**
- **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: 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 to 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, and imprisonment, but healing, stability, and liberation. We do this through grassroots mobilizations, popular education, campaigns and coalitional efforts.



CR New York City's release event for *The Abolitionist* newspaper Issue #37 on housing justice.



CR Los Angeles release event for *The Abolitionist* newspaper Issue #38 on labor organizing

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

We are a member-led organization with volunteer members and supporters across the country. Our work reflects the local problems we see as most pressing and local solutions we believe are most appropriate. Therefore, our organizational structure and campaign work are 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 thousands of 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**

2022 NATIONAL STAFF

- **Alex Camacho**, Building Project Manager
- **Anastasia Franco**, Prisoner Correspondence Fellow
- **Liz Atkins-Pattenson**, Operations Coordinator
- **Marcelena Menard**, Office Administrative Assistant
- **Mohamed Shehk**, Campaigns Director
- **Molly Porzig**, Communications Coordinator & Project Coordinator of *The Abolitionist* Newspaper
- **Nick DeRenzi**, Development Assistant
- **Rehana Lerandeanu**, Membership Coordinator
- **Shirley Leslie**, Development Director
- **Woods Ervin**, Media and Communications Director

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Our longtime Development Director of eight years, Jess Heaney, transitioned out of her staff role early 2022. She contributed greatly to the political wellbeing of CR, and ensured CR's financial health so we could continue going all in on PIC abolitionist organizing - even in the midst of global economic uncertainty. We are grateful for her care, intention, and strategy during her time in CR. We have hired former Development Coordinator, Shirley Leslie, to fill the Director role and continue tending to CR's resources.

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 2022 COMMUNITY ADVISORS WERE:

- **Andrea James** (National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls)
- **Andrea Ritchie** (Interrupting Criminalization)
- **Avery Gordon** (University of California, Santa Barbara)
- **Beth Richie** (University of Illinois Chicago)
- **Bonnie Kerness** (American Friends Service Committee)
- **Claude Marks** (Freedom Archives)
- **Craig Gilmore** (cofounder of California Prison Moratorium Project)
- **Darryl Jordan** (Former Director American Friends Service Committee's Third World Coalition)
- **David Gilbert** (political prisoner, author)
- **Dennis Childs** (University of California, San Diego)
- **Dolores Canales** (California Families to Abolish Solitary Confinement)
- **Ellen Barry** (Legal Services for Prisoners with Children)
- **Fahd Ahmed** (Desis Rising Up and Moving)
- **Hamid Khan** (Stop LAPD Spying)
- **Hashim Benford** (Power U, Miami)
- **Jalil Muntaqim** (political prisoner, author)
- **James Kilgore** (former Prisoner, author)
- **Jason Lydon** (Black and Pink)
- **Kai Lumumba Barrow** (Gallery of the Streets)
- **Lara Kiswani** (Arab Resource and Organizing Center)
- **Laura Pulido** (University of Oregon)
- **Laura Whitehorn** (Releasing Aging People in Prison)
- **Layne Mullett** (Decarcerate PA)
- **Linda Evans** (All of Us or None)
- **Mariame Kaba** (Project Nia, Survived and Punished, Interrupting Criminalization)
- **Melanie Cervantes** (Dignidad Rebelde)
- **Phil Scraton** (Queens College, Belfast)
- **Rukia Lumumba** (People's Advocacy Institute)
- **Ruthie Wilson Gilmore** (City University of New York)
- **Stevie Wilson** (current prisoner, Study and Struggle)
- **Tamika Middleton**
- **Tash Nguyen** (Restore Oakland, Decarcerate Alameda County)
- **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

Grassroots organizing has remained pivotal to maintaining community power in the wake of a continuing global health pandemic, escalating austerity measures, and intensified attempts at expanding the PIC. Abolitionist campaigns and project work allow us to push back against the isolation of the PIC, build meaningful and long-term political connections between interwoven struggles and community members, and materially chip away at the reach that policing and imprisonment have on our lives.



CR at a May 2022 CURB conference and rally for California prison closures, held at the Capitol Building in Sacramento, CA.



CR NYC newspaper release event attendees holding "Release not Transfer" poster.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

With your support in 2022, Critical Resistance:

- Collaborated with California movement partners in the CURB coalition to confirm a Blythe, CA prison closure in mid-2023 and an end to California's contract with a private prison by early 2024
- Bolstered the organizing to end immigrant detention in New York alongside our partners in the Abolish ICE NY-NJ coalition
- Strengthened our prisoner correspondence programs to better fuel our campaigns and political relationships
- Shared political education and organizing resources with over 6,000 imprisoned people through our phone lines, prison mail programs, and *The Abolitionist* newspaper distribution

CARRYING OUT OUR MISSION: CAMPAIGNS AND PROJECTS

FIGHTING TO TEAR DOWN CAGES

Since 2021, our Los Angeles and Oakland chapters have been tirelessly working in tandem as part of the statewide California campaign to shut down 10 state prisons by 2025 – and **we've made huge gains!** Organizing alongside a number of organizations in the Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) coalition, Critical Resistance members are helping to advance and lead all the work areas of the campaign, which include legislative advocacy, media and communications, in-reach to people in prisons, and community outreach. As a result of our and our partners' work in 2022:

- California Correctional Center, whose closure had been stalled for over a year, is being vacated and in the process of being **closed by June 2023**.
- **Two additional prisons have been confirmed for shutdown!** Chuckawalla Valley State Prison will close by March 2025, and the state of California will move to end its contract with the privately-owned California City Correctional Facility by March 2024 – effectively ending its use as a prison.
- The Legislative Analyst Office (a state level nonpartisan government agency that makes budgetary and policy recommendations to the state legislature) is now **recommending that a total of nine prisons** could be closed in the next few years, a tremendous growth from their 2020 recommendation of 5 prisons.

These major advancements are a result of rigorous strategizing and implementing tactics to build public support for this campaign, both inside and outside of prisons, while targeting the governor and key decision makers to make our demands a reality. In 2022, CR and our movement partners organized digital and in-person rallies, press conferences, and info sessions; crafted diverse outreach strategies to build our coalition and bases of support; integrated organizational partners into the campaign; mobilized partners and community to state budget hearings and met with decision makers; sent in hundreds of letters and surveys to people in prisons; published op-eds in mainstream and independent news outlets; drafted resources to pressure decision makers and make prison closure common sense in California communities; and maintained regular communication with our comrades behind prison walls to provide updates and strategize together.



CA prison closure victory compilation of images



CR NYC newspaper event attendee holding "Dignity Not Detention" poster

On the other side of the country, our NYC chapter has been diligently organizing in the Dignity Not Detention NY (DND) campaign, as part of the Abolish ICE New York-New Jersey Coalition. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) currently works with sheriff departments across New York to use county jails to detain immigrants, and when successfully passed, the adoption of the DND legislation will effectively break all collaboration between ICE and local/state entities in NY.

CR NYC members have supported the overall strategic planning for the coalition, while advancing the areas of outreach and base-building, media and communications, and the participatory defense of people held in immigrant detention. In 2022, CR members along with coalitional partners were able to:

- Organize a statewide Lobby Day to get legislators in Albany to support DND. This has proven effective as we're now on track to have the DND legislation **come up for a vote in 2023!**
- Develop and host a **weekly phone zap system** for all community members to be able to engage in the campaign by calling and pressuring their elected representatives to support.
- **Distribute and publish press releases and media pieces** in grassroots and traditional media, both to advance the campaign, and to bolster our efforts to free people from immigrant detention and deportation.
- **Fundraise over \$5,000** to directly support detained immigrants that were suddenly transferred out of NY across the country, as well as those still held in the state.

In the midst of engaging in all these strategic prongs of the campaign, the coalition held a strategy session in late 2022 to put us in best fighting form to win our demand and secure a Dignity Not Detention victory in 2023!

CARRYING OUT OUR MISSION: CAMPAIGNS AND PROJECTS

BUILDING POLITICALLY WITH IMPRISONED PEOPLE

CR chapters have corresponded with thousands of imprisoned people through their mail programs, and continue to share strategies across our chapters and with movement partners, for more effective correspondence. While some chapters continue to host biweekly or monthly mail nights virtually, some of our chapters have been returning to monthly in-person mail days that maintain Covid protocols. Through consistent volunteer recruitment, CR has also significantly increased our ability to coordinate and answer our remotely-run phone lines this year. We currently have a rotation of 40 volunteers answering phone lines 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. Additionally, our rigorous volunteer orientation workshops and political education sessions have poised CR to maintain strong relationships with our comrades inside and support our ability to strategize with - and uplift the demands of - imprisoned organizers within our campaigns and projects.



CR Oakland's December 2022 prisoner solidarity postcard event.



Crowd gathered at CR NYC's October 2022 newspaper release event.

“We see and understand prison closure as the best route to a safe, just and sustainable future for us all. Resources must be allocated to address the lack of equality in today’s economy, especially for Black and formerly incarcerated populations...That is what real public safety looks like.” Duane Palm & Timothy Peoples, Truthout Op-ed.

The *Abolitionist* newspaper editorial collective shifted to a release schedule of two issues of the newspaper per year, and released Issues 37 and 38 of the paper in 2022. These were distributed to over 4,500 imprisoned comrades for free, hundreds of outside paid subscribers, and many longtime movement partners. **Subscribe now and grab your issues if you haven’t already!**



CR's 2022 prisoner solidarity postcard, designed by Marcel Buggs.

MOVEMENT BUILDING

This year, CR led over 100 presentations to movement partners to share PIC abolitionist analysis and strategy, to decision makers to propel our campaign demands, to media outlets to shift common sense and narratives toward PIC abolition, to volunteers to build capacity for our chapter and national work, and more.

CR chapters also held Covid-safe and accessible in-person events to build analysis around our statewide campaigns, share space with movement partners, and engage with local community members.

From March to June 2022, we continued to host Freedom Fridays at our 4400 Telegraph building in North Oakland. We shared important information about our campaigns, built relationships with movement partners and community members, and held space for community joy and storytelling.

MAKING MEDIA

We utilize mainstream media and our grassroots media projects to amplify strategies 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.

MEDIA FROM THE GRASSROOTS

We create materials that educate, activate, and uplift community expertise and resistance to imprisonment, policing, and the rest of the PIC as a core grassroots organizing strategy. Members, staff, and movement partners (including imprisoned people) work collaboratively to research, draft and design these materials. **Here are some highlights of materials made for organizers:**

TOOLKITS

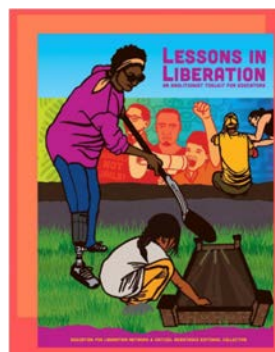
- The [reformist reforms vs. abolitionist steps poster](#) and [tool for policing and militarism on campus guide](#), created by CR's Abolitionist Educators, Dissenters, and the Cops off Campus network



- [So Is This Actually an Abolitionist Proposal or Strategy?](#) – a binder of resources for PIC abolitionists, compiled by Interrupting Criminalization, Project Nia, and CR
- The [Liberation is Essential](#) resource with recommendations for abolitionist interventions that can be made to public health systems and practices. Co-created with [Human Impact Partners](#).
- The [Beyond Criminal Courts](#) digital resource hub to aid in building power against criminal courts. A project of Community Justice Exchange, Interrupting Criminalization, and Critical Resistance.



- [Lessons in Liberation: An Abolitionist Toolkit for Educators](#), co-edited by CR K12 Abolitionist Educators and the Education for Liberation network. [Purchase your copy of the toolkit directly from CR TODAY!](#)
- [The Role of Unions in Reducing Imprisonment - California prison closure is a workers' issue!](#) If you, your workplace, or your union want to get involved, contact croakland@criticalresistance.org



Close California Prisons!
The Role of Unions in Reducing Imprisonment

Unions and the labor movement play a central role in fighting for strong and healthy communities. Our unions fight for living wages for working people, safer and healthier working conditions, and to ensure that workers' rights are safeguarded. Organized labor and union members have also been a powerful vehicle for advancing social, racial, and economic justice. We are in a crisis of imprisonment that is devastating the lives of workers and our families, yet more money is wasted on prisons rather than improving our communities and economy. Unions and union members can play an important role in reducing imprisonment by working with other social justice movements, and we invite you to join this work.

THE PRISON SYSTEM IS ANTI-LABOR

The prison industrial complex almost exclusively targets working class communities, and disproportionately those in Black communities and communities of color. In the U.S., around 70 million people have a criminal record that bars them from access to employment. Additionally, there are 2.3 million people locked up at any given time—the highest number of any country in the world. In total, the people who are either unable to work or face severe barriers to employment because of being targeted by the prison industrial complex amounts to half the country's workforce.

The prison system's attack on working class people is directly an attack on the ability for unions to grow their organizing power. Studies have shown that people in places with higher incarceration rates are less likely and able to join unions because of the barriers placed on people's employment. Based on this alone, it is in the interest of the labor movement to support the effort to shrink the imprisonment system.

THE ABOLITIONIST NEWSPAPER

Issue #37 on housing justice contains pieces on eviction defense, e-carceration, Palestinian liberation, and more.



Issue #38 on labor struggles includes pieces on decriminalizing sex work, recent general strikes in Ecuador and Colombia, challenges to the 13th Amendment and prison labor argument, and more.

INFLUENCING THE AIRWAVES

From major national media outlets to local radio stations, CR boosted the goals, language, leadership and demands of campaigns and coalitions such the CURB prison closure coalition and the Dignity Not Detention New York coalition.

Our media work is a key strategy to shift common sense and popular perception. In 2022, CR gave dozens of interviews and garnered over 100 media hits in a range of publications and platforms: *Truthout*, *LA Times*, *The Intercept*, *KQED*, *Beyond Prisons Podcast*, and numerous other local and regional outlets in our chapter cities.

BUILDING PEOPLE POWER AT 4400 TELEGRAPH



Build Unity mural at 4400 Telegraph, designed by Leslie "Dime" Lopez and Dom "Treat U Nice" Villeda.

We are thrilled to have brought on CR Oakland member, Alex Camacho, as our new 4400 Building Project Manager. We look forward to carrying this building project forward strongly and swiftly in the new year to house CR offices in the future and be a community hub for organizing and care.



Event at 4400 Telegraph.

We have the building and a \$5M seed gift from a loyal major donor— and are aiming to raise an additional \$8M over the next 2-3 years to bring our vision to life. In 2023, we will be inviting our networks to join the cause. We'll need passionate and dedicated folks to make it happen— stay tuned for how you can help.

THE ZACHARY PROJECT

2022 marked seven years of mutual aid through Critical Resistance (CR) Oakland's Zachary Project, a community

fund named in honor of beloved former Oakland chapter member, Zachary Ontiveros, to support community members in need. In one of our largest years to date, we were able to distribute resources to help our people get through difficult periods, or when they just needed that extra help so they could show up as their full selves. We distributed \$11,000 in funds to 20 community members to support with living expenses, commute costs, medical bills, and more.

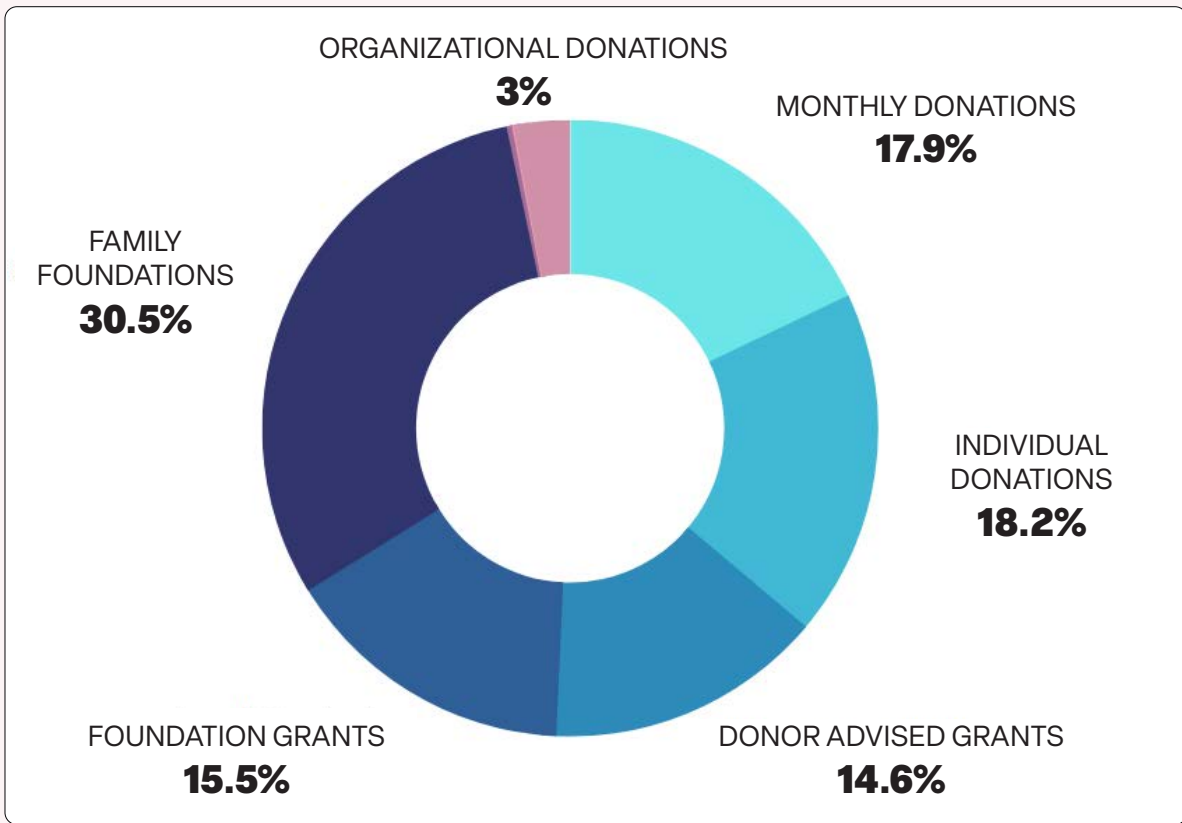
Your incredible gifts to the Zachary Project in 2022 sustained a year of many requests – read more in our [2022-2023 newsletter here](#). We hope to sustain our broader outreach about the fund so people continue to utilize it. Therefore, we must replenish the fund after a big year of mutual aid and do some fundraising together. To support this crisis prevention fund, you can make a gift online: donatenow.networkforgood.org/criticalresistance – under Program Designation, select "The Zachary Project".



Compilation of images of Zachary Ontiveros.

You can also send checks to our P.O. Box: **Critical Resistance, attn: Zachary Project, P.O. Box. 22780, Oakland, CA 94609-2301.** And please share these outreach materials to get your networks to contribute as well!

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



Pie chart of CR's 2022 income breakdown.

OUT OF 1,709 OF GRASSROOTS DONORS:

The smallest gift was \$5	354 people gave gifts \$1-\$25	408 people gave gifts \$26-\$99	772 people gave gifts \$100-\$499
99 people gave \$500+	48 people gave \$1,000+	15 people gave \$2,000+	13 people gave \$5,000+

FOR A TOTAL OF 9,140 GRASSROOTS GIFTS EQUALING \$595,000.

Take action! Your support helps keep this work strong and vibrant.

Share this report with friends, family, and networks, and invite them to join the movement.

Make a gift today. You can donate online at www.criticalresistance.org, mail a check to our National Office (see back cover), or call us at 510-444-0484 to donate using your credit card.

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 monthly donations. Please check with your personnel department for these opportunities.

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.

Host a party, happy hour, donor briefing or other event to amplify abolition and encourage people to raise resources for CR.

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

In 2022, Critical Resistance was supported by an amazing, broad base, ranging from grassroots individual donors to organizations, colleges, universities, and foundations.

FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDS:

- Blackbaud Giving Fund Donor-Advised Funds
- Schwab Charitable Donor-Advised Funds
- Fidelity Charitable Donor-Advised Funds
- Morgan Stanley Donor-Advised Funds
- RSF Social Finance Donor-Advised Funds
- Alcibie Alliance
- Amazon Smile Funds
- Arch Community Fund
- Bonfire Funds
- Bright Funds
- California Black Freedom Fund
- Leila Fund - Cerity Partners Foundation
- Charity On Top Foundation, Inc.
- David Rockefeller Fund
- East Bay Community Foundation
- Entertainment Industry Foundation (Know Your Rights Camp)
- Frontstream Funds
- Give Lively Foundation Inc.
- Gerrish H. Milliken Foundation
- Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
- Heising-Simons Foundation
- Libra Foundation
- Love & Justice Fund – San Francisco Foundation
- North Star Fund
- Hyman Levine Family Foundation – L'dor V'dor
- Pass the Butter Fund – RSF Social Finance
- Pledgeling Foundation
- Preston-Werner Foundation
- Wallace-Gibson Grandchildren's Fund - Princeton Area Community Foundation
- Resist, Inc.
- Sheila, Dave & Sherry Gold Foundation
- Steans Family Foundation
- The Gerrish H. Milliken Foundation
- The Justice Fund
- The Lightspark Foundation
- The Winky Foundation

ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES:

- AK Press
- Black and Pink Massachusetts
- California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
- Chicago Freedom School
- Move to Amend
- Sylvia Rivera Law Project



Libertad mural at 4400 Telegraph, designed by Leslie "Dime" Lopez.

VISION

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 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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