



CELEBRATION OF GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING IN BOSTON

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 Youth Justice and Power Union

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Invitation to Action:

The time to support frontline grassroots organizing in Boston is now!

To those of us who desire equity and justice in Boston and beyond,

We write to announce an exciting moment in the long arch of justice in our city. In 2023, fifteen local grassroots groups and the Resource Organizing Project will launch the **Celebrate Grassroots Organizing Fund**.

The overlapping social crises of our time – including anti-Black violence, climate disaster, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the scourge of anti-democratic and hateful sentiment – have rendered injustice undeniable.

For years, Boston has been home to powerful grassroots organizations, led by historically excluded communities, who are reshaping social discourse and policy to center equity and justice for all. The community members who make up Boston's grassroots organizing groups are ready for this moment. It is incumbent upon us to answer their call.

The Celebrate Grassroots Organizing Fund launches in honor of the 10th anniversary of our annual event, the Celebration of Grassroots Organizing. This event has built on working partnerships between grassroots groups to develop a trust-based model for collaborative fundraising. The Celebration uplifts the values of interdependence, abundance, and sustainability, while shifting power to the grassroots community leaders who are, with tireless effort, building toward a vision of a beloved community.

Boston has a bold tradition of people-powered movements, from the famed abolitionists to the residents who, just a generation ago, stopped a highway's expansion and changed the course of urban planning. That spirit continues in local coalitions to stop displacement and pollution, to confront systemic racism, and to build youth and community leadership.

Today, we invite you to join us by contributing to the Celebrate Grassroots Organizing Fund and to invest in building the movements of our time. Please see the attached page for opportunities.

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Support the Celebrate Grassroots Organizing Fund

10th Annual Celebration of Grassroots Organizing
 Saturday, June 3, 2023
 First Parish Church, Dorchester

Formerly known as the Lobster Feed, the **Celebration of Grassroots Organizing** is an expression of increased impact through collaborative fundraising. 15 partner organizations (*listed to the left*) work together on the frontlines of movements for justice and liberation in Boston and collaboratively plan the Celebration as a chance to uplift this collective work.

For our 10th anniversary event, we invite you to join us as we launch the **Celebrate Grassroots Organizing Fund**: a democratically controlled fund that is shared and split between the partners.

At levels ranging from **\$250 to \$50,000**, your contribution will include a sponsorship of the 10th anniversary lobster picnic, which will attract over 500 attendees and reach an audience of thousands.

Sponsorship levels:

Abundance: \$50,000.00

- 18 lobster picnic tickets
- Listing directly under the event title
- Full page program ad, plus your logo on the program cover
- Promotional table at the picnic
- Organizers will attend an exclusive pre-Celebration virtual event with your community
- Featured social media post

Sustainability: \$20,000.00

- 14 lobster picnic tickets
- Large logo on all materials
- Full page program ad
- Promotional table at the picnic
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Sponsorship levels (Continued)



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Harvest: \$10,000.00

- 10 lobster picnic tickets
- Medium logo on all materials
- Half page program ad
- Promotional table at the picnic
- Organizers will attend an exclusive pre-Celebration virtual event with your community

Collective Work: \$5,000.00

- 8 lobster picnic tickets
- Small logo on all materials
- Quarter page program ad
- Promotional table at the picnic

Resistance: \$2,500.00

- 6 lobster picnic tickets
- Listing in all online and print materials
- Quarter page program ad
- Promotional table at the picnic

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Joy: \$1,000.00

- 4 lobster picnic tickets
- Listing in all online materials
- Promotional table at the picnic

Trust: \$250.00

- 2 lobster picnic tickets
- Listing in all online materials

Or, you can purchase a table (8-10 tickets) at \$800 - \$1,000.

Checks can be made out to Resist, Inc (with "Celebration" in the memo line) and mailed to Resist, PO Box 301240, Boston, MA 02130. You can also contribute online at <https://tinyurl.com/celebrategrassrootsorganizing>

All donations are tax-deductible through Resist, PO Box 301240, Boston, MA 02130 Tax ID 04-2433182. Please contact Liza@ResourceOrganizingProject.org

