

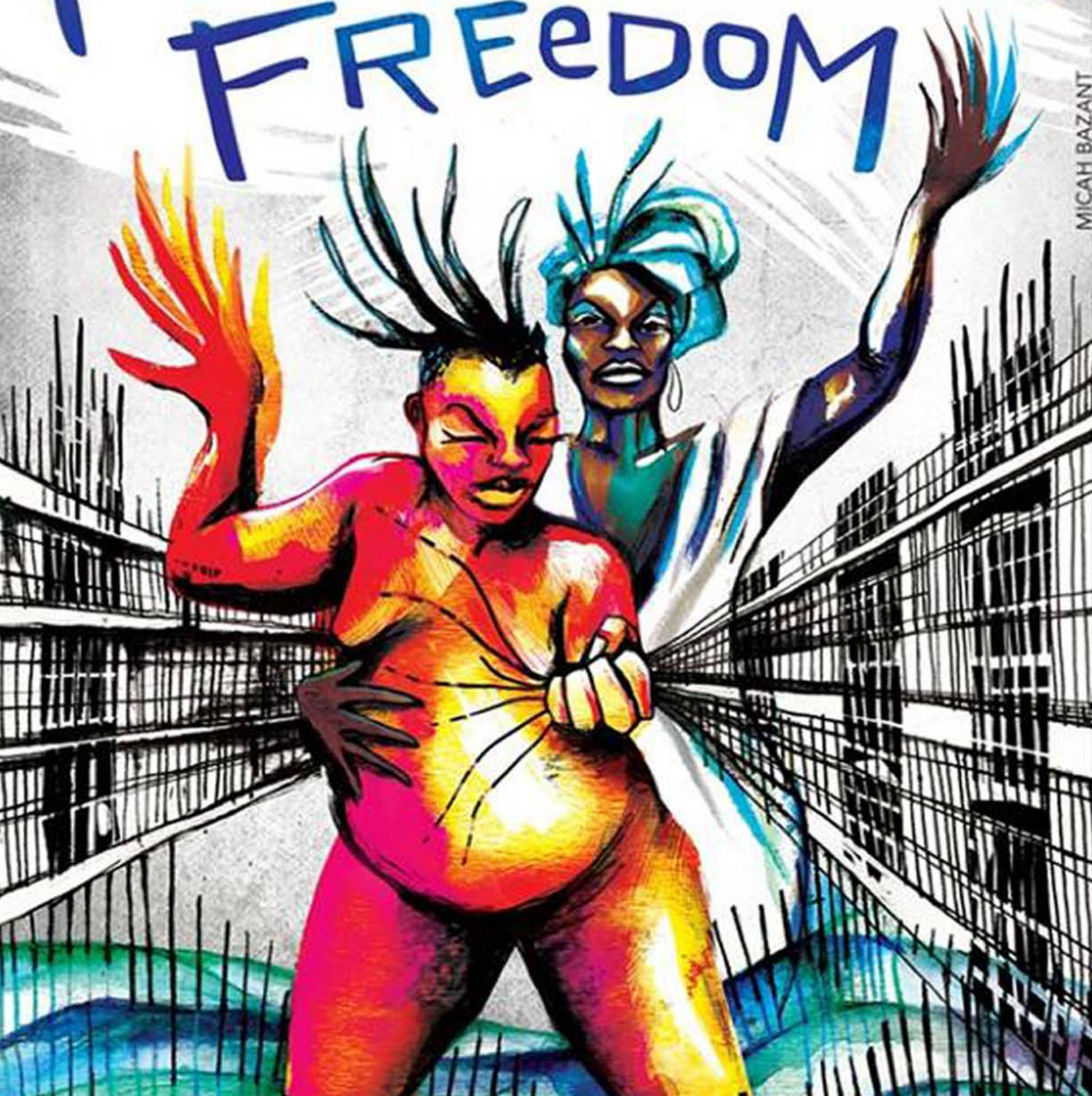
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# REMEMBER TRANS POWER FIGHT FOR TRANS FREEDOM



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# A NOTE FROM CARA PAGE

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SINCE WE OPENED OUR DOORS IN FORT GREENE, BROOKLYN IN 1996 AT THE LAFAYETTE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THE AUDRE LORDE PROJECT HAS BEEN ROOTED IN A BLACK RADICAL FEMINIST TRADITION AS A LESBIAN, GAY, BI, TWO SPIRIT, TRANS & GENDER NON CONFORMING PEOPLE OF COLOR (LGBTSTGNC POC) ORGANIZING CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND RACIAL JUSTICE. WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TO BUILD POWER TOWARDS OUR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION, POLITICAL AND SPIRITUAL STRENGTH AND SUSTAIN OUR WELL BEING AND SAFETY.

FOR 20 YEARS WE HAVE CONTINUED TO FIGHT THE PERVASIVE VIOLENCE THAT CONTINUES TO TARGET OUR COMMUNITIES. IN THIS PAST YEAR ALONE WE HAVE CONTINUED TO CENTER THE LEADERSHIP, SAFETY, STORIES, VISION OF LGBTSTGNC POC TOWARDS OUR COLLECTIVE FUTURES. WE CONTINUE TO ORGANIZE IMPORTANT MOVEMENT BUILDING WORK IN SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO BUILD RACIAL, ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND LGBTQI LIBERATION. AS THE U.S. TURNS TOWARDS FEAR AND WHITE SUPREMACY, WE MUST TURN TOWARDS EACH OTHER AND NEWER STRATEGIES THAT STRENGTHEN US AS A UNITED FRONT FOR THE COLLECTIVE POWER OF OUR COMMUNITIES TO RISE UP.

AMIDST ALL THE CHAOS WE HOPE YOU ARE FINDING WAYS TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN LOVE-FILLED PRACTICES FOR YOURSELVES AND EACH OTHER. WE NEED EACH OTHER CRITICALLY, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO BUILD COALITIONS TO ACHIEVE THE LIBERATION WE KNOW AND BELIEVE TO BE OURS.



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# CULTURAL WORK

CULTURAL WORK EXPANDS OUR IMAGINATION OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE IN OUR MOVEMENTS. CULTURAL WORK NOURISHES US, SUSTAINS US THROUGH GRIEF. CULTURAL WORK BRINGS US TOGETHER AND MOBILIZES US TO THE STREETS!

KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE: WE KNOW THAT PARTIES CAN BE AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF COMMUNITY AND HEALING FOR SO MANY OF US. SO AFTER A 9 YEAR COLLABORATION, OUR SAFE OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM COLLECTIVE RELEASED A "SAFE PARTY TOOLKIT," A HAND-DRAWN ZINE WITH SAFETY STRATEGIES FOR OUR SOCIAL SPACES.

BUILDING POWER: THIS YEAR WE PARTNERED UP WITH FORWARD TOGETHER AND 7 OTHER TRANS ACTIVIST ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO COMMISSION TGNC ARTISTS TO MAKE ORIGINAL ARTWORK IN HONOR OF TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. THESE PRINTS WERE USED IN MARCHES AND VIGILS ACROSS THE WORLD.

HOLDING SPACE: AS ALWAYS, WE HONOR THOSE WE HAVE LOST IN THE STRUGGLE THROUGH BUILDING ALTARS AND HEALING SPACES. THIS YEAR WE CONVENED A SPACE SPECIFICALLY FOR LGBTSTGNC POC IN THE AFTERMATH OF ORLANDO WITH SOMATIC EXERCISES AND PERFORMANCES.





# EXPANDING LEADERSHIP

THIS YEAR ALP HAS BEEN DEEPENING OUR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE BOTH THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR MOVEMENTS AND THAT OUR WORK IS MORE ACCESSIBLE. WE HOSTED OUR FIRST EVER "DARING TO BE POWERFUL" POLITICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP IN THE BRONX AND BUILT RELATIONSHIPS TO EXPAND OUR WORK TO THE BRONX. WE INITIATED THE "OUTSIDER'S SERIES," A HOST OF DIFFERENT SKILLS-BUILDING WORKSHOPS THAT WERE MEMBER PICKED WHICH INCLUDED BASE BUILDING, FUNDRAISING, DJ'ING AND MORE! WE ALSO HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEQUENCE OF OUR TRANSJUSTICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL. WE ALSO HELD OUR SECOND YEAR OF THE TRANSJUSTICE ORGANIZING FELLOW WITH ONE OF OUR VERY OWN TRANSJUSTICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRADUATES, TO BUILD THE NEXT TJ CAMPAIGN. WE ARE COMBATTING BARRIERS TO CONTINUE TO BUILD AND INVEST IN THE LEADERSHIP OF TRANS & GENDER NON CONFORMING BLACK & PEOPLE OF COLOR AND EXPAND OUR COLLECTIVE ANALYSIS.

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# MOVEMENT BUILDING

WE GENERATED COLLECTIVE POWER FOR RACIAL, GENDER, AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE THROUGH:

SUPPORTING THE FAMILY OF YVONNE MCNEIL (A BLACK HOMELESS DISABLED LESBIAN WOMAN MURDERED BY THE NYPD) AND AMPLIFYING HER STORY WITH OUR DAY AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY CONTINGENT.

ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO AND SHARING OUR ANTI-POLICING WORK AND GRASSROOTS FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES TO CHALLENGE THE RACIAL WEALTH DIVIDE

WORKING WITH THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL AND A HOST OF OUR PEER ORGANIZATIONS TO CONVENE STRATEGY SESSIONS WITH TGNC POC COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS ON SOLUTIONS TO THE VIOLENCE AFFECTING TRANS AND GENDER NON CONFORMING PEOPLE

MOBILIZING FOR MAY DAY FOR LGBTSTGNC POC MIGRANT LIBERATION

UPLIFTING THE LEADERSHIP & LEGACY OF TRANS AND GENDER NON CONFORMING PEOPLE OF COLOR AT OUR 12TH ANNUAL TRANS DAY OF ACTION WITH OVER 1,500 PARTICIPANTS

ORGANIZING OUR 6TH ANNUAL BED STUY PRIDE WHICH BROUGHT OVER 500 PARTICIPANTS TO BUILD SAFETY AND TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE IN CENTRAL BROOKLYN.







# SUSTAINING WELLNESS

OUR 3RD SPACE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GENERATE STRATEGIES FOR COLLECTIVE CARE, ACCESS, AND SUSTAINABILITY IN OUR ORGANIZING WITH A HOST OF EVENTS INCLUDING WELLNESS DAYS, COMMUNITY CARE DAYS, OUR ANNUAL FIGHTING BURNOUT RETREAT, AND SWAG SWAPS. WE ALSO HAD ON-SITE WELLNESS SPACES AT ALL OF OUR ACTIONS AND EVENTS TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH TRAUMA FROM POLICING AND VIOLENCE.





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# BUILDING SAFETY

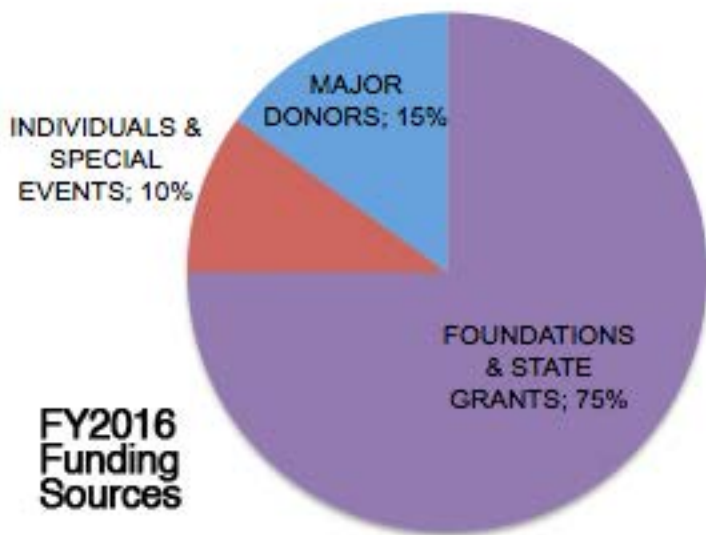
ALP BROUGHT OUR TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE OF TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE ANTI-POLICING ORGANIZING TO THE CONTINUED NATIONAL STRUGGLE AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY AND STATE VIOLENCE. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO BUILD THE POLITICAL EDUCATION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP AND OUR MOVEMENTS TO RESIST THE NARRATIVE THAT POLICE AND PRISONS KEEP US SAFE. AT OUR ANNUAL TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EVENT WE NOT ONLY HONORED THOSE WE HAVE LOST, BUT SHIFTED THE NARRATIVE AWAY FROM INDIVIDUAL PERPETRATORS OF TRANS VIOLENCE, TO THE SYSTEMIC POLICING AND CRIMINALIZATION OF TRANS PEOPLE. AT EVENTS LIKE OUR SAFE OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM CELEBRATION, THE "10 YEAR TURNUP," WE CELEBRATED A DECADE OF ORGANIZING IN CENTRAL BROOKLYN TO RE-IMAGINE WHAT SAFETY LOOKS LIKE IN LIGHT OF RAMPANT GENTRIFICATION AND POLICING. AS WE RELAUNCH OUR SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD CAMPAIGN WE ARE RECRUITING NEW HOUSEHOLDS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS TO BUILD OUR COMMUNITIES INTERVENTION STRATEGIES TO DE-ESCALATE VIOLENCE AND SUPPORT SURVIVORS.



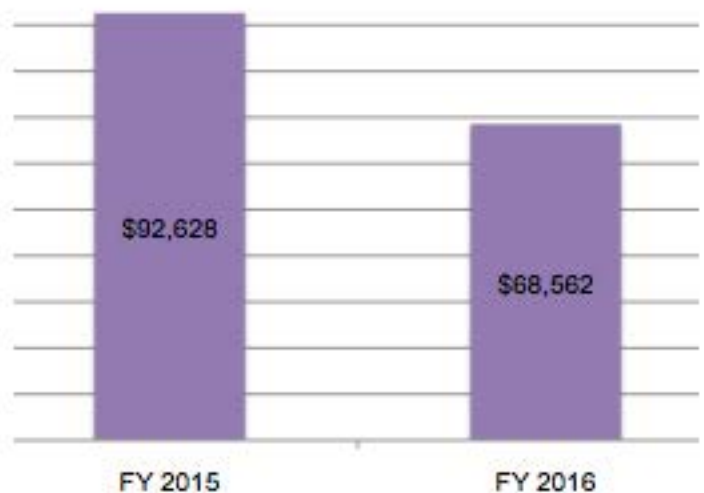


# GRASSROOTS FUNDRAISING

THROUGH A COMBINATION OF HOUSE PARTIES, GIVING CIRCLES, PERFORMANCES, TRAININGS, AND CAMPAIGNS ALP WAS ABLE TO HAVE ONE OF OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL YEARS OF GRASSROOTS FUNDRAISING! WE RAISED \$177,585. WE BELIEVE THAT GRASSROOTS FUNDRAISING IS PART OF OUR POLITICAL ORGANIZING BECAUSE IT HELPS US RESOURCE OUR MOVEMENTS AND CHALLENGE THE RACIAL AND GENDER WEALTH DIVIDE.



## Individual Donations



## Major Donations



