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Dear Craig,

Happy Spring, from all of us here at Community Works! We would like to start off with our Spring issue with feature article our member of 17 years, Greater Four Corners Action Coalition.

MEMBER FEATURE: GREATER FOUR CORNERS ACTION COALITION

By Eva Kubik

At a time in 1991, when street guns were much easier to get than a steady job or a quality education, the residents of the Dorchester neighborhood known as Four Corners realized that they would have to take action to provide public safety for themselves, their families, and especially their young people from increasing senseless violence. Inspired to come together by leadership from four neighborhood churches, they formed an organization to promote public safety. They invited police involvement as part of their efforts, based upon the understanding that mutual cooperation between residents and city services was a key ingredient to bring about the successful cultural exchange all were seeking.

From these beginnings to when they celebrated their **twenty fifth anniversary** in October 2016, Greater Four Corners Action Coalition (GFCAC) has become a stable resource of nurture, development, and advocacy for its community. It has expanded its mission much beyond public safety to address some of the root causes of violence and lawlessness, and create solutions for a viable and diverse community to thrive. These include equity in employment opportunities, training, and education, meeting common human needs for housing, transportation, and a sustainable natural environment. It takes persistent effort to meet these challenges, as its hard working five person staff personifies by their enthusiasm and talent in working with people.



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Please consider a **social and economic justice legacy** gift to Community Works.

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Community Works Workplace Giving

Did you know you can support Community Works member organizations by donating through your workplace's annual charitable campaign? Community Works currently has over 30 partner businesses where employees may contribute to Community Works through an employee giving program. These include the Massachusetts State Employees Campaign (COMECC) and the City of Boston Campaign (COBECC).

These giving programs allow you to make recurring or one-time donations through payroll deduction. This method of donating is beneficial for both you and for the group(s) you support. It allows you to effortlessly space out your contribution over the course of the year. For many people this is more manageable than making a one-time gift by check or credit card. You can donate \$1.00 a paycheck, and at the end of the year you would have donated \$52! This type of donation provides Community Works member groups with the consistent, sustainable support they need.

For a complete list of employers who currently honor payroll deduction donations to Community Works and to read what some employer partners have to say about our organization, please visit the [Giving at Work](#) page of our website. If you do

Currently, GFCAC is forming partnerships and collaborations with other resources such as the Bowdoin Street Health Clinic and another Community Works member, ACE (Alternatives for Community and Environment). They not only refer youth to employment, training, and counseling services, but also provide opportunities for all Greater Four Corner residents to receive service in those areas, and actively advocate for public policy that will benefit community residents.

From the time in 2000 when Greater Four Corners Action Coalition joined us at Community Works, they have been a valuable participant in Community Works activities, taking on special extra tasks as part of their involvement. They have shared their knowledge and skills making valuable contributions to our combined impact.



GFCAC staff Latoya and Azia at our 35th annual retreat this February

For more information about their work, visit them at <http://gfcac.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ACE

People's Climate March in Washington
Saturday, April 29, 2017 / 10:00am to 1:00pm

#ItTakesRoots to #GrowTheResistance Days before May Day. On April 29th thousands of people from across the country will take to the streets as part of the People's Climate Movement (PCM) mobilization happening in Washington, DC, timed right around Trump's 100th day in office. ACE is a part of a group that includes labor unions, environmental groups, as well as faith, youth and community organizations that are sending 1,000+ people from Boston. ACE will be offering bus seats for member groups from Boston to D.C for the March, and with the help of [350.org](#) will also be offering partially

not see your employer on the list, please call us at 617-423-9555 or email koko@communityworks.com for more information on how you can help Community Works become involved in your workplace's employee giving program.

Community Works Members

-Alternatives for Community & Environment

-ACLU-MA

-Asian American Resource Workshop

-Association of Haitian Women of Boston

-Boston Self Help Center

-Boston Tenant Coalition

-Boston Women's Fund

Cambridge YWCA

-Communities Without Borders

-Concerned United Birthparents (CUB)

-Cooperative Artists Institute (CAI)

-Emerge: Counseling and Education to Stop Domestic Violence

-Greater Four Corners Action Coalition

-Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)

-Haley House

-Hawthorne Youth and Community Center

-Health Care for All, Inc.

-Jane Doe Inc., The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

-Mass Budget and Policy Center

-Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH)

-Massachusetts Senior Action Council

-Our Bodies Ourselves (also known as Boston Women's Health Book Collective)

-Paige Academy

-Poor People's United Fund

-Renewal House (Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches, Inc.)

-Ruby Rogers Center

-Survivors, Inc.

-Waltham Alliance to Create Housing, Inc. (WATCH, Inc.)

-The Welcome Project

-The Women's Center, Inc.

Spring Has Sprung!

subsidized tickets. These seats are prioritized for participants from ACE's constituency -- communities of color and low income communities. [Click here](#) for more information, and to register for events related to the March.

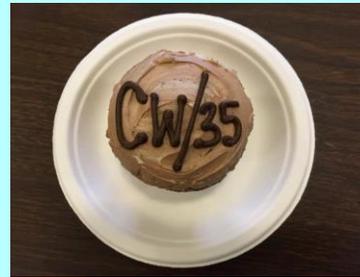
If this is not your constituency, register for the March [here](#)

There are also scheduled days to make visuals, banners and other materials on **April 13** (4-7pm at Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth Street in the near Stonybrook T stop), **April 19 and 26** (both 5-8pm at ACE).

For those who cannot make the trip, there will be a local action here in Boston that same day - **April 29** - followed by a report back event open to the public sometime in May.

Please contact lee@ace-ej.org if you'd like to be a part of the planning around the Boston delegation to Washington DC, the action here in Boston, or the report back event in May.

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At CW's 35th annual retreat this February, Ashe Brooks, from Paige Academy, led a energizing ice-breaker that challenged members to identify the famous Black person whose name was written on a post-it tagged on their backs. By pairing up to give clues and celebrate Black History Month the exercise created positive energy to tackle the 35th year of working for Social Justice.

Jane Doe Inc.

Jane Doe publishes regular event notices from members and allies, which can be found [here](#).

MassCOSH welcomes new Executive Director, Jodi Sugerman-Brozan!

"On March 27, I joined the staff at MassCOSH as its new Executive Director. I could not be more excited to put my 20 plus years of experience in the social and environmental justice movements in Boston to work for an organization with such a long track record of ensuring that all workers earn their living and return home alive and well. I'll be joining Al Vega, now our Director of Programs and Policy, in leading MassCOSH into the future. I very much look forward to meeting you and your fellow MassCOSH supporters who have made this great organization what it is today."



Save the date: MassCOSH's 40th Anniversary Gala Event

Thursday, April 6th / 6:00-8:30 pm / The Lenox Hotel, Back Bay, Boston

*"As you know, these are difficult times for workers, and especially immigrant, youth, low-wage earners and workers of color. The progress we've made together over the last forty years is now under attack. Just this week, we shared news that President Trump signed a bill that **permanently eliminated the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces rule** which required businesses competing for large federal contracts to disclose and correct serious safety and other labor law violations. The President's budget proposal includes 20% cuts to OSHA and 21% cuts to the Department of Labor that if went into effect, would have a devastating effect on the government's ability to ensure that corporations are not putting workers in needless danger to increase their own profit. Workers at our Immigrant Worker Center are afraid of what the future holds should the Administration move forward with their plans of mass deportations.*

With all this, we are more resolved than ever to continue our work organizing for safe, secure jobs, and advocating for healthy communities. In my short time at MassCOSH, I have been incredibly inspired by the dedication and passion of our staff, youth leaders, and volunteers. They work tirelessly to provide services to injured workers, ensure students, teachers and custodians will breathe easy in healthy schools, educate workers of all ages about their rights in the workplace, and organize and advocate for solutions to the issues that cause unsafe work conditions.

But we could not do the work we do without the generosity and support of our donors and partners. And that support is more important now than ever.

Our 40th Anniversary Gala is just one week away. If you have not already, please buy your tickets [here](#) and join us as we celebrate our past victories and unite together for the fight ahead.

If you can't join us on April 6th, consider making a donation to ensure that we can continue to advocate for the causes you care about. You can make a donation online [here](#)."

Renewal House



The Network/La Red presents: Paint the Town (la) Red: A Celebration of Survival

Thursday, April 20th, 2017 / 6:30pm-10:30pm / China Pearl Restaurant

The Network/La Red is a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, BDSM, polyamorous, and queer communities. Rooted in anti-oppression principles, our work aims to create a world where all people are free from oppression. We strengthen our communities through organizing, education, and the provision of support services. The support we receive at our annual fundraiser makes it possible for us to provide necessary services to survivors and cultivate community where it is often lacking.

For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here](#).
Experiencing financial hardship? Contact Kat at [857.310.5023](tel:857.310.5023)
or grassrootsfund@tnlr.org.

[Purchase tickets for the Silent Auction.](#)

The Welcome Project

YUM: A Taste of an Immigrant City

Thursday, April 6, 2017 / 7:00 pm / Arts at the Armory

Sample the delicious tastes from 7 participating immigrant-run Somerville restaurants at YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City. Meet friends new and old at a fun and satisfying benefit for The Welcome Project. YUM will honor local leaders and include a silent auction and raffle.

For more information:

<https://www.welcomeproject.org/YUM>

SPRING HAPPENINGS

Thursday, April 6th, 7pm

[Jazz By Any Means Necessary](#)

Haley House Bakery Café, Roxbury, MA

Friday, April 7th, 6pm

[Dinner & A Movie: "By Blood"](#)

Haley House Bakery Café, Roxbury, MA

Saturday, April 15, 11am-3pm

[Interactive Workshops: Climate Understandings](#)

At the First Church of Roxbury, 10 Putnam Street, Roxbury.

Sunday, April 23, 12:30pm to 5:30pm

['Championing a Greener Brockton' - EJ Teach-In](#)

At Brockton Temple SDA Church. 237 Court Street, Brockton, MA 02302

Sunday, April 23rd, 12pm-3pm

[Paige Academy Summer Program Open House](#)

28 Highland Ave, Boston MA 02119

Thursday, April 27th, 9am-4pm

[Jane Doe's 2017 Prevention Summit](#)

50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA 01608

A day-long gathering for preventionists and practitioners to explore the intersections between gender-based violence, prevention strategies and social justice responses. Participants will have opportunities to learn about innovative community-based prevention programming specific to sexual and domestic violence that are underway at the local, state and national levels as well as engage and network with prevention colleagues from across the state.

Keynote: Nubia Peña from Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault
[Click here](#) to register

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, May 12th, 5:30pm-8:30pm

WATCH CDC's 28th Anniversary & Community Dinner
First Parish Church, Waltham.
www.watchcdc.org

Monday, May 15th, 5:30pm-9pm

ACLU 2017 Bill of Rights Dinner
Westin Copley Place Hotel, 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston
www.aclum.org

Thursday, May 18th, 6pm

Jammin' for Justice 2017 - ACE's (Alternatives for Community and Environment) Annual Fundraiser & Celebration
Hibernian Hall, 184 Dudley St., Roxbury
www.ace-ej.org

Thursday, May 25th, 7:45-9:15am



A benefit for Jane Doe Inc.
Boston College Club, 100 Federal Street, Boston
[For more information](#)

Saturday, June 3rd

Haley House 14th Annual Block Party
Check for detail updates at:
<http://haleyhouse.org/updates/events/>

Saturday, June 17th, 12pm-4pm

Paige Academy Annual Family Festival & Open House
26/28 Highland Ave in the Umoja Room (2nd Floor)

Saturday July 16, 3pm-6pm

AARW (Asian American Resource Workshop) Summer Grill Off
Arsenal Park, 485 Arsenal St, Watertown MA 02472



Sunday, June 11th.

Survivor Theatre Project's Touring Company performs "ROAAARRR!! A Beautiful Anger"
The Democracy Center, 45 Mt Auburn St, Cambridge, MA 02138

Survivor Theatre Project's mission is to empower survivors with the tools to break silence and end sexual violence through social justice, empowerment, creativity, and public performance.

For bookings, please contact our Company Manager
info@survivortheatreproject.com

www.survivortheatreproject.com

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You can now designate a charity with Amazon for all your purchases instead of having to link to Amazon through a third party site like Community Works! You can now list Community Works as your designated charity at Amazon so automatically any

purchase is linked with CW! Once you sign up the only thing you have to make sure to do is change your bookmarks for Amazon to smile.amazon.com. Although the web page is the same, Amazon.com purchases will not link to CW.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Fran, Mary, Catherine, Meredith, Betsy and Koko.

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