



## Community Fellowships Grants

### New York City Community Fellowship Program

#### Anusuya (Oona) Chaterjee

##### **Make the Road by Walking**

A community-based advocacy and organizing project that assisted government-benefits recipients in Bushwick and Bedford-Stuyvesant to enforce their legal rights.

New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |

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#### Mark Cooper

##### **Project Against Violence: Getting Along**

Using the voices and images of young people, this project promoted nonviolence and diversity through the creation of public art objects and transit display spaces throughout the city.

New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |

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#### Leonard Dunston

##### **Community Action Response for Effective Services (CARES)**

A nine-month program designed to impart personal, civic, family, and community responsibilities and values to incarcerated youth between the ages of 12 and 20.

New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |

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#### James Steele

##### **The Civic Participation Incubator**

A nonpartisan, civic-involvement program that served central Brooklyn residents, providing a model educational component for facilitating citizen engagement in the democratic process and local civic affairs.

New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |

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#### Loretta Murin

##### **Mothers Together Project**

Piloted and developed a parenting project for individuals dealing with the dual demands of recovery from substance addiction and responsibly caring for a young child.

New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |

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## **Jennifer Scott**

### **Nazareth Housing Project**

To ameliorate homeless children's loneliness and isolation by providing structured learning and play environments involving reading programs, supervised indoor/outdoor activities, tutoring, and arts & crafts workshops.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |**

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## **Salma Shariff**

### **The South Asian Outreach Project**

Developed and implemented culturally and linguistically appropriate cancer prevention and detection programs and services for the South Asian American community in Queens through the American Cancer Society.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |**

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## **Mohan Sikka**

### **The Development Project**

The creation of a sustainable financial base for the Audre Lorde Project, the nation's first people-of-color lesbian, gay, and transgender community based organization.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |**

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## **Delphine Fawandu**

### **Crown Heights Youth Collective Project**

Taught basic video-production skills to students ages 5–16, enabling them to create positive images of themselves and their community.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |**

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## **Kim McGillicuddy**

### **Youth Force Project**

A juvenile justice center, serving the Mott Haven and Morrisania communities, which provides a youth court, legal education, outreach, and community action projects aimed at diverting youth from the family and criminal court systems.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1998 |**

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## **Zahiyya Abdul-Karim**

### **Harlem Textile Works Project**

To develop and implement a workshop curriculum in design study for youth in the community by using ethnic design study, computer training, and portfolio building.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1999 |**

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## **Peter Bray**

### **The New York City Financial Network Action Consortium**

A nonprofit consortium of community development credit unions that serves the financial needs of hundreds of thousands of low-income residents.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1999 |**

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### **Fentionie Cela**

#### **The College Resource Project**

To assist and support Haitian high school students with the college application and selection process by exploring the full range of possibilities for post-secondary education. The project offers college counseling, workshops, access to a resource library, and other support services.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1999 |**

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### **Rahsaan Harris**

#### **Harlem Live**

An Internet magazine ([www.harlemlive.org](http://www.harlemlive.org)) produced by a staff of over 45 Harlem teenagers. The fellowship project evaluated activities and implemented an organizational development strategy in the areas of volunteer training, curriculum development, and fundraising.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1999 |**

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### **Stephen Jenkins**

#### **The Workplace Justice Project**

To provide legal defense to immigrants in Bushwick, Brooklyn, where immigration services are scarce and fear of deportation has prevented many workers from demanding fair wages and a safe workplace.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1999 |**

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### **Joseph Ryan**

#### **The Highbridge Horizon**

Work with Highbridge neighborhood residents in the Bronx to publish a biweekly, bilingual community newspaper that promotes change and serves as a learning tool for residents who become involved in the production of the paper.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1999 |**

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### **Brad Schock**

#### **Barrier Free Living**

To develop a model program for deaf adults identified as domestic violence offenders. The dual intervention program comprised an educational offender program and concurrent clinical treatment.

**New York City | 18 Months | 1999 |**

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### **Thinley Kalsang**

**New York City Tibetan Outreach Center, Inc.**

To provide social service resources for the Tibetan refugee community and to ensure long-term social benefits via a constant flow of information and legal assistance.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Kerri Mesner**

### **Our Expressions**

Dramatic arts group for children and teens from lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender families that fosters communication, self-esteem, self-advocacy, and community building.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Omshanti Parnes**

### **The Youth Empowerment Project**

To integrate legal assistance efforts into community-based strategies to better serve homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth by increasing access to legal information and encouraging self-help advocacy.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Ai-jen Poo**

### **Domestic Workers United**

To organize immigrant domestic workers to improve working conditions and legal protections, and to create a multiracial resource center.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Benita Rivera**

### **Vision**

A newspaper that provides young Latinas a creative outlet that reflects and responds to self-expression and civic involvement.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Farah Tanis**

### **Haitians Against Violence at Home**

This culturally appropriate project helps battered Haitian women in central Brooklyn to recognize and survive domestic violence, and to obtain social services.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Derryl Zimmerman**

### **The Low Income Tenant Association Empowerment Project**

To assist tenants making the transition to homeownership and to improve the quality of community life by addressing the shortcomings of the Tenant Interim Lease Program.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Suzanne Tomatore**

### **Immigrant Community Domestic Violence Project**

To coordinate services for battered immigrant women and to train volunteer attorneys to provide needed immigration services.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Carlos Briceno**

### **The Harlem Internet Radio Training Project**

To train youth and senior citizens to utilize media as a means to explore social issues and personal enrichment.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Joseph Bostic (Deceased)**

### **The Oral History Project**

To document the lives of homeless HIV-positive individuals and to educate the general public and service providers on the plight of homelessness.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2000 |**

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## **Raeshma Razvi**

### **The Documentary Project for Refugee Youth**

A collaboration among community organizations, artists, and refugee youth that uses community-based research, interviews, photography, and poetry to document refugee displacement, their need for connection, and their desire for a home.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Marinieves Alba**

### **Generation Hip-Hop L.E.A.D.S**

To promote self-esteem and social awareness among teenagers of color by incorporating the arts with leadership and skills development activities.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Majora Carter**

### **Sustainable South Bronx**

An emergent community organization dedicated to the implementation of sustainable development projects for the South Bronx that are informed by the needs of the community and the values of environmental justice.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Leslie Silver Hoffman**

### **The LGBT Independence Project**

To assist lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people as they age out of the New York City foster care system and transition into adult life.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Chaumtoli Huq**

### **Wheels of Justice**

To provide legal support through representation, policy initiatives, and community education to New York's taxi-industry labor force, which is multiracial, predominantly immigrant, transient, multilingual, and often excluded from traditional labor laws because the workers are misclassified as independent contractors.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Aida Leon**

### **Amethyst Women's Project**

To assist women, many of whom are sex workers in Coney Island, who are affected by addiction. Amethyst includes neighborhood residents, people in recovery, professionals in the field of substance abuse, and concerned community residents.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Monami Maulik**

### **Desi Reel Newz Project**

To train a new generation of low-income South Asian youth in grassroots organizing around immigrants' rights through community video and documentation.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Joanne Smith**

### **Girls for Gender Equity in Sports**

Create opportunities in Brownsville and Bedford-Stuyvesant for girls aged 7–12 to play team sports, change social attitudes in the Black community that are derogatory and discriminatory towards female athletes, and organize and educate parents around Title IX.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Walter "George Stonefish" Willis**

### **First Nations Empowerment Project**

To work to build fair representation of Native peoples living in the New York City area, by focusing on incorrect media portrayal, the political process, the arts, and in funding allocations.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Luna Yasui**

### **Immigrant Day Laborer Advocacy Project**

To utilize a comprehensive community advocacy model to ensure the workplace rights of New York's immigrant day laborers. The long-term goal of the project is to foster an organized immigrant day laborer community that has an array of advocacy resources at its

disposal and is connected to other immigrant worker initiatives.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2001 |**

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## **Virgilio Bravo**

### **Estilo Media Project**

To encourage the re-examination of hip-hop as a tool for social change through dialogue and civic participation following the ongoing community screenings of *Estilo*, a 10-minute self-proposed documentary about Latin American hip-hop and its impact on social change in marginal communities of color.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2002 |**

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## **Nicole Burrowes**

### **No More Violence Against Our Sistas!**

To engage young women of color from Brooklyn in a collective filmmaking process with the purpose of developing a cutting-edge video on violence against women.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2002 |**

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## **Tony Lu**

### **Domestic Workers' Rights**

To provide legal support to domestic worker organizations' grassroots efforts for improved working conditions, higher wages, and respect.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2002 |**

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## **Bryan Pu-Folkes**

### **Government Access and Accountability Campaign**

To ensure government officials are equally representative, accessible, accountable, and responsive to all in their district.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2002 |**

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## **Dean Spade**

### **Sylvia Rivera Legal Resource Project**

To improve access for low-income transgender, transsexual, and other gender-variant people to sensitive, respectful, and affirming social and legal services.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2002 |**

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## **Bryant Terry**

### **b-healthy**

To educate low-income urban youth ages 14–21 about cooking, nutrition, and the relationship between food and health; to encourage them to connect personal health to community health; and to empower them to organize around issues related to health and well being.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2002 |**

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## **Carlos Torres**

### **The Folk Arts Guild of El Barrio**

To encourage the practice of traditional arts, expand the number of mentors and role models available to young people, and to promote entrepreneurship that will empower practitioners to increase opportunities and improve the quality of their practice and their lives.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2002 |**

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## **Yomara Velez**

### **Sistas On The Rise**

To raise consciousness and change conditions within the community of the South Bronx. To work with sisters living in poverty and within the welfare system to create alternatives that will allow them to sustain themselves economically instead of revolving in the cycle of poverty.

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## **Bran Fenner**

### **Education for Liberation**

To provide comprehensive community organizing, political education, and anti-oppression training to lesbian, gay, bisexual, Two-Spirit, transgender, and questioning youth, especially low-income people of color.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2002 |**

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## **Subhash Kateel**

### **Families For Freedom**

To build a support network led by people affected by INS detention and deportation. The network enabled former detainees to establish links with low-income immigrant communities and strengthen existing campaigns ending the abuse of due process rights, racial profiling, and repeal of anti-immigrant legislation.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2002 |**

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## **Bernadette Ellorin**

### **Media 4 Truth & Justice Project**

Documents through video the unseen civil and immigration backlash against Filipinos living and working in post 9-11 America.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2003 |**

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## **Deepa Fernandes**

### **Radio Rootz**

Promotes media advocacy for young people in marginalized areas of New York City and includes media literacy, debating challenging social issues, and gaining media access for youth in public schools.

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## **Omar Freilla**

### **Green Worker Cooperatives**

Develop worker-owned and democratically operated manufacturing businesses in the South Bronx that create eco-friendly products using eco-friendly methods to promote environmental justice.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2003 |**

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## **Mark Winston Griffith**

### **Talking Democracy Media**

Democratizes public discourse using community-based independent media to provide an alternative platform for issues and voices systematically excluded from commercial media.

**New York City | 18 Months | 2003 |**

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## **Ana Melendez**

### **A Step Up**

Advocates for and organizes low-income women receiving public assistance to exit poverty by gaining access to educational opportunities that are denied through welfare-to-work placements.

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## **Helena Wong**

### **Chinatown Community Defense Project**

Low-income tenants will lead a new organization to stand against community-wide displacement, and work in partnership with policy and legal groups to develop and win lasting policy changes protecting themselves from displacement.

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## **Katherine Aaron**

### **Resources for Youth Seeking Economic Justice**

Organizes young activists in an economic justice project to advocate for fair and just policies that disproportionately affect low-income communities.

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## **Flor Bermudez**

### **Esperanza del Barrio Project**

Provides direct legal counsel, organizing, and advocacy for local immigrant Mexican/Latino street vendors and their families in East Harlem.

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## **Toni Blackman**

**Artist Development Institute**

Provides training and networking opportunities for emerging female hip-hop artists to foster progressive community action and participation within their art.

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**John Choe****Stepping Stone**

Help local Korean immigrants and community members in Queens establish a community-based organization to promote social justice and human rights campaigns and initiatives.

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**Dahlia Eissa****Arab American Justice Project**

Provides legal services to Arab Americans who are targeted for harassment or discrimination while addressing the eroding threats to civil liberties within communities.

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**Afua Atta-Mensah**

Ms. Afua Atta-Mensah [Central Harlem] established the Central Harlem Seniors Anti-Displacement Project, which works to protect fixed-income seniors facing eviction. The project provides free legal representation in housing court, educates seniors about their legal rights as tenants, and publicizes data on the severity of the displacement of seniors.

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**Zeinab M. Eyega**

Ms. Zeinab M. Eyega [New York City] founded the Center for African Women Sauti Yetu [meaning "our voices" in Swahili] to help victims of domestic violence in the African immigrant community and to ensure their access to reproductive health care. OSI funding will support advocacy, community organizing, education, and violence prevention, as well as a referral service for victims.

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**Josue Guillen**

Mr. Josué Guillén [New York City] runs the Technology Advancing Communications project that aims to bridge the digital divide and provide technical assistance to racial justice organizations. The project will help create technology plans that serve organizations' specific communications needs.

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**Imani K. Henry**

Mr. Imani K. Henry [New York City] established Transjustice, a leadership development and organizing project run by transgender people of color. Transjustice aims to identify community health and human service needs, develop and conduct leadership trainings, and work for change through education and community action. The project will also conduct anti-discrimination workshops and

distribute a publication that identifies resources available to transgender people of color.

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### **Glenda Johnson**

Ms. Glenda Johnson [Central Harlem] coordinates African Voices, a series of communications workshops taught by media professionals to train West African residents of Central Harlem to be community advocates. Workshops will cover basic research and writing techniques, journalism principles, public speaking, computer skills, photography and publicity. Participants will submit articles for publication in The Citizen [Harlem's only community-run newspaper], and speak at quarterly public forums and in monthly radio broadcasts.

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### **Madeline Lamour Holder**

Ms. Madeline Lamour Holder [Brooklyn and Queens] established the Families United Home Restoration Advocacy Project, which is led by low-income homeowners working to organize against predatory lenders. Using a range of advocacy methods including legal, social service outreach and media campaigns, the group seeks to end abusive lending practices.

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### **Kavita Pawria**

Ms. Kavita Pawria [Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, and New Jersey] created the Azaadi Legal Defense Project, a community-based legal center focusing on South Asian immigrant rights. The project will hold monthly workshops to teach legal skills to low-income families and will also organize local grassroots campaigns to encourage the reform of oppressive federal immigration and deportation policies.

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### **Paula X. Rojas**

Ms. Paula X. Rojas (Brooklyn) established Project X, a collective for low-income women of color, the first task of which is to form a childcare cooperative. Participation in the cooperative fulfills state welfare work requirements for those receiving assistance. The project will also develop a "liberation school," a popular education program in which members learn skills like political analysis, community organizing, and democratic decision-making so that they can implement change in their own communities.

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### **Tushar J. Sheth**

Mr. Tushar J. Sheth (New York City) created Workers Safe & Free. Through legal advocacy and public education, this project aims to end collaboration between federal immigration enforcement agencies and state and local authorities in federal counter-terrorism efforts—a practice that severely impairs immigrants' access to essential public institutions and social services. The project will also provide legal assistance to low-income immigrant workers whose employment rights have been violated.

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### **J.T. Orinne Takagi**

Ms. J.T. Orinne Takagi (New York City) created Call for Change. The project brings together socially conscious media makers of

color to produce short videos to document the voices and concerns of immigrant, low-income groups and communities of color. The videos focus on topics such as the elections, the war on terror, and the impact of U.S. policy on human rights at home and abroad.

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