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**Movement Strategy Center's  
December 2022 Community News**



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Hello Friends,

Well, that was fast. It's the middle of December. It's, arguably, the busiest month of the year; and **2023 is right around the corner**. First and foremost, everyone at MSC wishes each of you the happiest of holidays — no matter what you celebrate and no matter where you travel. **To prosperity today and in the future; to good health;** and to continued impact as we work in partnership towards the future we envision and deserve.

Second: we invite you to take a look at one of our recent [blog](#) posts. Some background — MSC's Movement Innovation Infrastructure Team (MIIC for short), the folks who manage our Fiscal Sponsorship Program, were asked to share a family recipe as a means of building community and culture as we continue to work remotely and see each other almost exclusively in boxes on a screen. While recipes for ham and tamales and lasagna sound tasty, Karmella Green offered her team something different: a powerful video presentation detailing [a cultural recipe rooted in compassion](#), shared history, and Black liberation. Green joined us as a Project Advisor over the summer, and her piece is **an oral history of healing from and overcoming systemic racism in life and in the philanthropic community**. Let it serve as a holiday reminder that sharing histories can shape possibilities for a collective future.

Third: we've been talking a lot about [Sandbranch](#) — a Freedman's Settlement near Dallas that lacks clean water. **There is still time** to make [a year-end, tax deductible donation](#) in support of this small but mighty community's immediate need for solar-powered Hydropanels. Every dollar helps.

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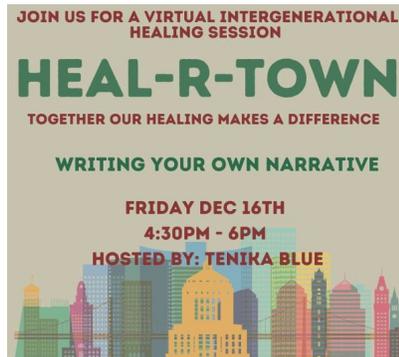
With all that said, enjoy well deserved rest, reflection, and celebration this holiday season. See you on the other side.

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Now, read on for some happenings from the MSC ecosystem:



#### Heal Our Town

Join our partners at [Urban Peace Movement](#) for a virtual [Heal R Town session](#) on Friday, December 16, at 4:30pm PST. Heal R Town is an intergenerational healing circle that focuses on sharing various ways of healing that can be practiced individually and/or collectively. The more health and wellness we can generate together, the more equipped we are to face the days ahead. Join the call [here](#).

#### HEAL's Impact Report

In the chaos of 2020, our partners, [HEAL Food Alliance](#), piloted a Rapid Response Fund, directing resources to support the urgent needs of their members working on the frontlines. By enabling members to access more of the resources needed to continue to meet the moment, HEAL's Rapid Response Fund helped farmworkers in California, Florida, North Carolina, and Idaho. Read all about the incredible impact in the full report [here](#). If you're feeling inspired, please consider [donating to support](#) the fund in 2023!



#### Black Joy in Oakland

The hyper-positive parade and festival to celebrate #BlackJoy is back for the sixth year! On Sunday, February 26, 2023, in Oakland, surround yourself with dozens of melanated people across the diaspora in rejoicing in the love and resilience of African American life. Learn how you can get involved as a vendor, volunteer, or performer [here](#).

#### Thank you Lamisa Chowdhury and Venita Ray!

Join us in congratulating and thanking Chowdhury, Executive Director of [NEWHAB](#), and Ray, Executive Director of [Positive Women's Network - USA](#), for their years of service, strategic thinking, and innovative ideas. As they move into new roles and challenges, we are grateful for the time each has spent working in the MSC ecosystem and wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors.

**Help Wanted!** Passionate about building strong relationships and holding a big picture vision while maintaining attention to detail? [Resonance Network](#) is hiring a Director of Resource Mobilization to lead resource development and funder organizing strategies. Learn more [here](#).

**FYI:** Our offices will be closed from Monday, December 19, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023 to rest

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up and celebrate the holiday season. If you need to contact us, [email us](#), and we will get back to you as soon as our office reopens.

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