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Movement Strategy Center's November 2023 Community News



*"Photo of Palestinian Woman in Prayer: Yousef Khanfar,"
as shared by Resonance Network on [the Reverb](#).*

Hello Friends,

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#), and we are taking the opportunity to reflect on the legacy and endurance of Indigenous peoples. **While we dedicate this month to celebrating the rich history, culture, and contributions of Native Americans**, we must acknowledge the haunting similarities in the [erasure tactics](#) used against both **Native Americans and Palestinians** — highlighting the global interconnectedness of Indigenous struggles.

Our thoughts at MSC are with those worldwide who continue to battle the lasting effects of colonization. We stand in solidarity, especially with the people of Palestine, firmly opposing violence and advocating for love, mutual respect, and unity. Our message in this time of sorrow is clear: **the time for a ceasefire is now**. The critical situations in [Palestine](#), [Congo](#), and [Sudan](#), and the [ongoing colonial repercussions](#) in Puerto Rico and Hawaii, emphasize the urgency and importance of the fight for freedom and justice.

Artists from various disciplines are [rallying in support](#), calling for justice, a ceasefire, and freedom for Palestine. Their art casts a global spotlight on Palestinian struggles, inspiring change and collective action. Our ecosystem echoes this spirit of support and transformation. As [Intelligent Mischief](#) poignantly puts it, "one day, when people talk about '[the ancestors](#),' they will be referring to us." We carry this mantle,

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striving to be remembered as agents of change and justice.

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[Resonance Network](#) holds close the reality that for “the children of Gaza, and children around the world surviving violence, imagination may be the only safety they can access.” [This sentiment](#) strengthens our resolve to advocate for these young lives who are caught in the crossfire.

We firmly believe that Palestinian freedom and Israeli safety are not contradictions and that true peace anywhere requires peace and security for all people everywhere. To deepen understanding and support, we encourage you to explore [All Out for Palestine](#), a comprehensive toolkit for solidarity. The call from [Funders4Ceasefire](#) for an immediate ceasefire, the unimpeded passage of humanitarian aid, the cessation of funding and weapons to the Israeli military, and adherence to international laws by all parties, is one we echo and support. We also signed on to [Funders4Palestine](#) and are part of a climate justice community pledge in support of a ceasefire led by ecosystem friends [Climate Justice Alliance](#).

[HEAL Food Alliance](#) offered [a crucial reminder](#) of our collective responsibility in the face of global injustice: “all systems of oppression are interconnected and ... We all have a role to play in ensuring that these systems are dismantled.” This [call to action](#) is echoed by [Beloved Communities Network](#): “**We have the capacity to bring forth a future that is kicking to be born. We have the capacity to be that future, to be the power and strength of our vision, our purpose, and our relationships.**”

Remember, [“optimism is a political act.”](#) We choose hope. We choose community. And we believe in a brighter, more equitable world.

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

Navigating Grief and Strength

Join [Urban Peace Movement \(UPM\)](#), an FSP of MSC, for Heal-R-Town, an enriching in-person event focused on ancestral emotional healing and wisdom. This healing circle is an opportunity to explore the depths of grief and draw strength from ancestral connections. Within a collective sharing space, this intergenerational experience is where personal and communal healing practices are shared and celebrated. Don't miss this transformative gathering on Friday, November 17, at 6pm PST, at Third Eye Soul Kitchen in Oakland. Find more information [here](#).

Briana Manning, Love Life Hero 2023

We're thrilled to announce a remarkable achievement within the [UPM](#) family. Briana Manning, UPM's Community Healing Program Coordinator, has been honored by Oakland City's mayor Sheng Thao as one of the [Love Life Hero 2023 recipients](#). The Love Life Hero Award honors and recognizes those who have demonstrated love, respect, kindness, grace, truth, understanding, humbleness, and forgiveness at the highest levels in the Oakland community. Join us in congratulating Manning on this well-deserved recognition by spreading some love in the comment section [here](#).



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[Clinic Collective \(HCC\)](#), recently brought together a vibrant community to celebrate at the Humanist Hall in Oakland on October 14. Our newest post on [the Move Blog](#) will transport you to this joyous celebration of food, laughter, dance, and healing. The piece also highlights some of HCC's aspirations for their next ten years. You can dive into the full blog post [here](#), and read more about HCC's first decade [here](#).

Help Wanted! [The BIG We Foundation](#) is seeking an [Online Platform Coordinator](#) to create a vibrant community for girls and womxn. Learn more and apply [here](#).

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