



Movement Strategy Center's December 2023 Community News



Happy Holidays from MSC.

Hello Friends,

As 2023 comes to an end, **we must acknowledge the turbulent times in the world around us.** But we must also take solace in the work we do, the radical partnerships and connections we have built, and our collective love and commitment for a just world. As we prepare for two weeks of rest, **we thank each and every one of you for community, diligence, and purpose.** And no matter what you celebrate and where you are in the world, we wish you peace, the space to reflect and recharge, and, of course, a happy and healthy 2024.

We also urge you to keep the conversation around Palestine going! Collective action is making a

voters [who support an immediate ceasefire](#). On December 8, [HEAL Food Alliance](#) joined the [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#) in a Zoom “power hour” to engage representatives and take collective virtual action. And [Latinx Racial Equity Project](#) has [compiled action items](#) for Latin American and Spanish-speaking Caribbean residents in the U.S. to participate from their homes or workplaces. We also want to uplift this Global Strike for Gaza [Week of Action toolkit](#) that offers ways for all of us to strike in solidarity. Together, we aim to exert pressure and demand an end to state-sanctioned killings and oppression.

Finally, we are excited to share that we have launched a **new landing page for our website**. Interactive and dynamic, the page will not only allow our visitors easier access to some of our most popular pages, but it will offer a discovery portal to our many publications and resources, our amazing partners and their stories, and the whole MSC ecosystem. Please [take a look!](#)

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



A Winter Solstice Celebration

Mark your calendar for December 17 at 4pm PST and join our partners [Thrive Network](#) online for “We Bridge to Thrive: The Transformative Practice of Radical Belonging.” This unique event features [Ben McBride](#), the author of *Troubling the Water*, and wisdom teacher Isoke Femi, guiding us through an evening filled with connection, song, and ritual. In a world marked by conflict, inequality, and division, it's time to embrace the power of radical belonging and transform how we perceive and interact with one another. Register [here](#).

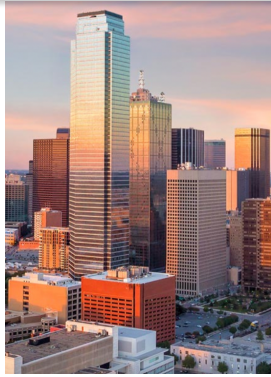
BIZ Stoop for Youth Mental Wellness

[The BIZ Stoop](#), an Oakland-based educational consulting and lifestyle curation hub, continues the Youth Mental Wellness Fund pilot, sponsored by [the California Endowment](#). Now in Phase C, they're focusing on youth and young adult-led community mental health projects and accepting Service Recognition Award nominations. Approximately \$25,000 in awards await in this final round, welcoming applicants from all over California. The nomination window closes on December 22. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Naina Khanna's 15-Year Journey with PWN

After 15 years of service, Naina Khanna, the founding co-director of [Positive Women's Network - USA \(PWN\)](#), is stepping down from her role in February. Let's come together to express our gratitude and support at this virtual party! [Register now](#) for the gathering on January 10 at 8pm EST. You can catch the live stream on PWN's [Facebook page](#). If you would like to honor Khanna individually, please [email](#) for details.



The MSC team has been busy on the conference circuit. Marcus Cunningham, Director of Institutional Giving, and Yasmine Laurent, Chief Operating Officer, attended the [Upswell Summit](#) in Cunningham's hometown of Dallas. They connected with local and national changemakers working in environmental justice, reparations, and impact investing, and gained insights into policies affecting nonprofits and the broader community. Meanwhile, Andrea Granda, Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer, and Daniel Parada, Director of Fiscal Sponsorship, participated in the [National Network of Fiscal Sponsors](#) in New Orleans. They caught up with fiscal sponsorship colleagues to share learnings across keynotes, group sessions, expertise and best practices discussions, and a little fun downtime.

Help Wanted! [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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