



**MAKE THE ROAD  
NEW YORK  
2017 VICTORIES**

# LEADING THE RESISTANCE. BUILDING THE FUTURE.



This year, Make the Road New York's (MRNY) 20th anniversary year, we didn't just defend ourselves against hate from Washington: We dug in to secure our future. We finalized plans to open a new office in Westchester, New York in 2018, and helped launch our fourth sister organization, in Nevada. We prepared to break ground on a new center in Queens: a place where our communities can gather—to heal, grow, celebrate, and plan—for generations to come.

We responded rapidly to attacks on our communities—building neighborhood networks to ensure impacted families have access to attorneys and organizing support in case of ICE raids, reaching tens of thousands with Know Your Rights trainings and information via robocalls, texts and meetings, and

providing legal services to over 1,000 immigrants. When the administration terminated DACA, we worked around the clock to file renewal applications for hundreds of DACAmented youth before the inhumane and arbitrary deadline.

MRNY was built for moments like this one. Every step of the way, we found ourselves standing shoulder to shoulder with fellow New Yorkers.

Our members led the way, leading marches through the streets of Manhattan and insisting on their own humanity against tremendous odds. From our first major action against Trump—a march in Queens against the executive order on immigration—to our march to save DACA, we sent a clear message: We are here to stay.



## OUR STRATEGIES

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZING** that builds collective power with our 22,000-plus members to win structural changes impacting millions.

**TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION** for 5,000 people annually, putting them on track to achieve their goals.

**SURVIVAL SERVICES** for 10,000 families annually to alleviate poverty.

**POLICY INNOVATION** that is driven by the vision of our members, benefiting directly impacted communities across the country.

# MAKE THE ROAD BUILDS THE POWER OF IMMIGRANT AND WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES TO ACHIEVE DIGNITY AND JUSTICE

## CITIZENSHIP & CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Provided full legal representation to over 2,000 people to avoid unjust deportation.

Helped 1,300 adults learn English, pass their citizenship tests and learn job skills.

With the Long Island Civic Engagement Table, reached 2,000 voters of color in a special election, boosting turnout by a stunning 34%.

With allies, submitted more than 2,000 complete voter registration forms, and led Get Out the Vote efforts to more than 22,000 voters of color.



MRNY's adult education classes taught **JORGE IDROVO** the English skills he needed to work with English speaking customers so he could expand his painting business.



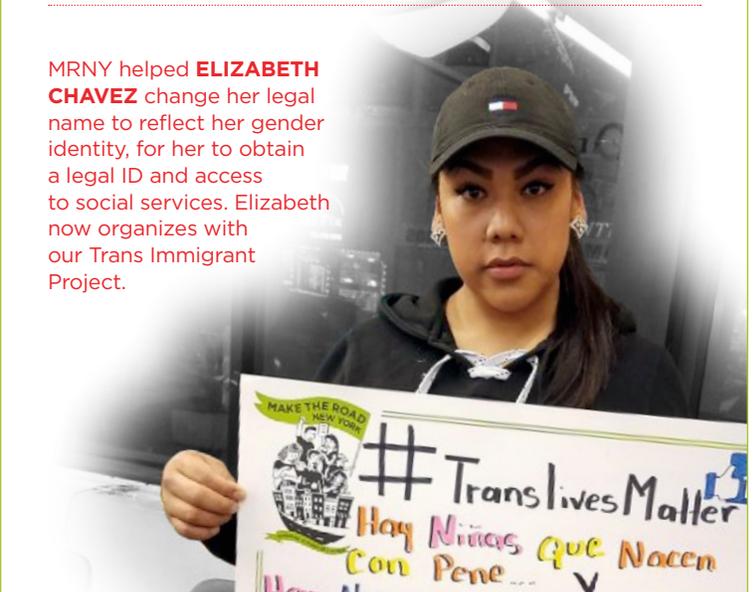
## CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS

Enrolled over 25,000 people in IDNYC (municipal IDs), enabling immigrant New Yorkers to complete critical everyday tasks, like opening a bank account.

Launched program to train community members in how to respond if they witness an incident of anti-transgender violence.

Helped free a Long Island community member from immigration detention by rapidly gathering nearly 1,000 petitions, packing the courtroom, and supported his winning campaign winning his release on bond.

MRNY helped **ELIZABETH CHAVEZ** change her legal name to reflect her gender identity, for her to obtain a legal ID and access to social services. Elizabeth now organizes with our Trans Immigrant Project.





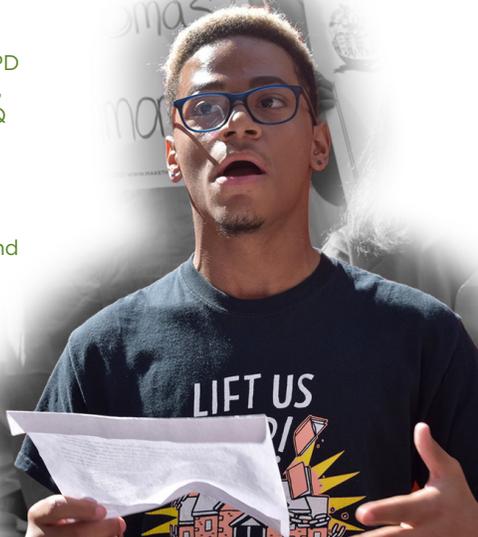
## YOUTH RIGHTS & EDUCATION JUSTICE

The city opened 4 new Student Success Centers based on the success of our own peer-to-peer college access program, building a path to college for 17,000 students.

With allies, secured \$12 million from the City for adult education, enabling at least 9,000 more New Yorkers to pursue their educational and career goals.

Secured an additional year of \$2.4 million in funding from City Council for restorative justice, a critical step towards dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline for thousands of New York City youth.

After IQ's traumatic experiences with NYPD school safety officers, MRNY worked with IQ to hone their skills in organizing so they could help lead campaigns on policing, education and LGBTQ rights.



## HEALTHY FAMILIES

Helped 5,500 individuals obtain health insurance or navigate the health system, allowing them to access critical medical care.

Alleviated hunger by enrolling over 2,300 individuals in food stamps.

Expanded the Community Health Worker program, a groundbreaking approach to help families improve their children's health with training, home visits and culturally competent counseling.

Mobilized thousands of New Yorkers to defend the Affordable Care Act against multiple attempts to eliminate it.

Served 36,000 families through our emergency food pantries in Brooklyn and in Queens.

MRNY staff enrolled MARIA in Medicaid so she could access critical medicine to help keep her cancer in remission and supported her in organizing to defend the Affordable Care Act.



## HOUSING & WORKPLACE JUSTICE

Provided **Know Your Rights housing education and advocacy to over 1,000 people** across the city and helped over 300 people avoid traumatic eviction with legal representation.

Helped **beat back legal challenges to the Car Wash Accountability Law**, and will add protections for workers facing wage theft and abuse.

Won a **\$45,000 settlement for Latinx teacher aides on Staten Island** who were prohibited from speaking Spanish in their workplace where other workers were allowed to speak their languages.

Organized **tenant associations covering more than 2,700 units of housing** on Staten Island, demanding repairs, an end to harassment, and policies to create truly affordable housing.

Organized to end exploitive forced arbitration agreements, **winning the introduction of the NYS EmPIRE Worker Protection Act** to ensure individuals have access to real courts of law to address wage theft, fraud and discrimination.

**DANIEL CORTES**, a bakery worker, enrolled in MRNY's adult education classes to build skills and learn about his rights at work; today, he is a leader in the struggle for justice in his workplace.



## RESISTANCE

Launched **Corporate Backers of Hate campaign**, helping catalyze the public push for the dissolution of Trump's business councils and the commitment from NYC to divest pension funds from private prisons.

Responded **rapidly to the termination of DACA** by providing information, support and legal services to thousands of community members and working tirelessly to file renewal applications before the arbitrary deadline.

Played a **major role in the national campaign for a clean DREAM Act**, demanding a path to citizenship for DREAMers without beefed up immigration enforcement, and co-counseling a major impact lawsuit to preserve DACA.

Launched an **allies network, Aliadxs**, mobilizing thousands of New Yorkers to support our communities.

With allies, helped **organize the rally at JFK airport protesting the Muslim Ban**, catalyzing protests across the country and setting the stage for crucial judicial intervention; co-led an unprecedented mobilization of 30,000 New Yorkers to Battery Park the next day.

Won **groundbreaking state and city policies to limit information sharing on immigration status** to protect immigrants from federal enforcement.





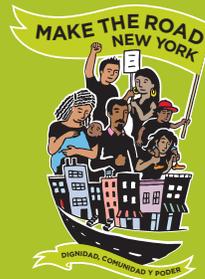
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