



MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK 2019 VICTORIES

Our Work in 2019

In 2019, many years of organizing bore fruit. We won a series of landmark victories that are changing the policy landscape of New York. Our state is now on track to become a more just and welcoming place, with a dramatic expansion of tenant protections, more opportunities for immigrants and youth, and more protections for the environment.

With allies, we led national impact litigation that staved off anti-immigrant attacks and kept DACA live. Our DACA case, *McAleenan v. Vidal*, is now before the Supreme Court. Another case, *Make the Road New York v. McAleenan*, has, at least temporarily, stopped an expansion of “expedited removal,” which could have resulted in thousands of immigrants being ripped from their communities and rapidly deported without access to a judge.

Meanwhile, in Corona, Queens, our multi-story community center is rising from the ground. This project is a reflection of our persistence and permanence. In 2020, an incredibly critical year for the US, we will continue our fight for dignity and justice in New York and across the country. We are here to stay.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We jumped into action to help Mario, a Bronx dad who worked in landscaping, when he was taken into ICE custody after a routine traffic stop. Our attorneys took on his complicated case and won his release after a harrowing 8 months in Hudson County jail. Mario then became a vocal leader in the campaign for driver's licenses for all.



Our Services in 2019

25,000

received legal, health,
and education services

12,000

received legal services
to enforce their rights
at work, secure their
housing and benefits,
and resolve immigration
and family law cases

1,400

learned English, passed
their naturalization exams
and learned job skills

8,000

received support to improve
their health, access health
care and alleviate hunger

5,000

served through
our food pantries
per month

1,300

youth at the Bushwick
Campus Community
School served with an
array of programs and
wrap-around services
this year

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We supported AG and his coworkers to win back hundreds of thousands of dollars in stolen wages through creatively combined litigation and organizing strategies. This is an early victory in our comprehensive strategy to address rampant abuses in the logistics, warehousing and delivery sector.

MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK LANDMARK VICTORIES

HISTORIC HOUSING VICTORY that expands tenant protections and makes rent regulations permanent for millions



DRIVER'S LICENSES for all qualified immigrant New Yorkers



DIVESTMENT OF 9 BANKS to weaken private prison
& immigrant detention industry



NYS DREAM ACT, which allows immigrant youth
to pursue their college dreams





More 2019 Highlights!

- **Halted implementation of federal public charge rule** through litigation, and launched a program to provide information, screening and legal representation to thousands of potentially impacted community members
- **Contacted tens of thousands of voters** in NYC, Westchester and Long Island, helping to push Election Day turnout from New York's communities of color to record levels
- **Won NYS Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act** to stop climate change and support our communities
- **Blocked Amazon's planned HQ2** empire-building, protecting Queens families from spiking gentrification and displacement
- **Won NYC climate bill** that makes NYC the first city worldwide to set comprehensive and specific limits on climate pollution from large buildings
- **Won law that requires all Westchester County agencies to provide translation and interpretation**
- **Won an 100% affordable Stapleton Waterfront** and hundreds of extra affordable units for our community in Staten Island's rezoning
- **Blocked citizenship question from appearing on Census 2020** through impact litigation, and launched program to educate tens of thousands of immigrant New Yorkers about the importance of participating in the Census
- **Won Restorative Justice training for all middle schools and high schools citywide and significant changes to the discipline code** to limit suspensions and address disparities
- **Launched DecrimNY campaign to defend trans community members and sex workers** from criminalization and profiling



Make the Road New York (MRNY) builds the power of immigrant and working class communities to achieve dignity and justice through organizing, policy innovation, transformative education, and survival services. We have over 24,000 members and operate five community centers in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Long Island and Westchester.

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To improve the lives of thousands of low-income people with critical services—and to win systemic changes that benefit many more.

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