



# MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK



2020 IN REVIEW

# RESILIENCE & RESISTANCE

In 2020, we confronted an unprecedented public health emergency and continuing xenophobic attacks from Washington.

When COVID-19 hit, we jumped to address job loss and hunger, and supported families dealing with sickness and death in terrible conditions.

We sustained thousands with emergency case management, legal representation for tenants and workers, online leadership training for youth, and virtual ESOL classes.

We launched vibrant campaigns to #CancelRent for tenants and provide funds to workers excluded from government relief. We stood strong against white supremacy, winning policies to rein in police abuse and stopping some of the worst attacks with impact litigation.

Now, we look to the future with hope, ready to organize more fiercely than ever for the respect and dignity our communities deserve.



Rina Cummings, a worker at Amazon's Staten Island warehouse, organized with MRNY and helped win a new policy allowing workers to take breaks to wash their hands and take other safety measures—a

huge victory against this massive corporation, which had ignored the health crisis in its workplaces and retaliated viciously against workers who spoke out.

1,000 served every week with emergency food

\$4 million in emergency cash assistance distributed to 5,000 families

\$100k distributed in burial/funeral assistance to families who lost loved ones to COVID



When Augustina Velez, mother of two, came to MRNY, she was 5 months behind on rent, having lost her job as a domestic worker due to COVID. Our organizers connected her to our emergency food card program so she could put food on the table, and engaged her in our organizing campaigns to #CancelRent and #FundExcludedWorkers.



# 2020 VICTORIES



## DEFENDING OUR RIGHTS

Won historic Supreme Court decision that preserved DACA for 700,000 immigrants

Won new council districts in Islip, Long Island to protect Latinx voting rights

Stopped xenophobic attacks on the Census through Supreme Court litigation

Won passage of state legislation to prevent ICE activity in NY courts

Delayed implementation of racist public charge rule through litigation

## ENDING POLICE VIOLENCE

Won Safer NY Act to increase police transparency and accountability





## FIGHTING FOR A JUST RECOVERY

Won state moratorium on evictions

Won legalization of e-bikes, so frontline workers can do their jobs without fear of unjust enforcement

Forced Amazon to take health and safety measures in all their workplaces

Pushed campaigns to #FundExcludedWorkers and #CancelRent to the top of the state policy agenda



## 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

1,700 adults educated through ESOL and civics classes

10,000 people helped to complete their Census forms

10,000 accessed legal services to secure workplace rights, claim housing relief, get a loved one out of immigration detention, and more

9,000 enrolled in health insurance and food stamps

1,300 students at Bushwick Campus Community School provided with college access support, restorative justice trainings and other services



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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