



MAKE THE ROAD
NEW YORK

2021 VICTORIES





From Our New Executive Directors

We entered 2021 with an urgent goal: to support our communities through the devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic, and press toward a just recovery for all.

All year, we prioritized the urgent needs of our people. We distributed emergency food and connected community members to COVID testing and vaccines. We prevented evictions and fought for safe workplaces. We created supportive spaces for community members to learn English and achieve their goals.

Meanwhile, our members rose up and demanded what they needed most: government support for excluded workers, protection from eviction, safer streets, supportive school services, and more. **And we won!** Now, we're paving a pathway to citizenship for millions.

Since stepping into our new roles as Co-Executive Directors this past spring, we have been humbled and determined to lead the fight for dignity and justice hand in hand with our communities. These victories in the face of so much adversity give us hope for what we can win next.

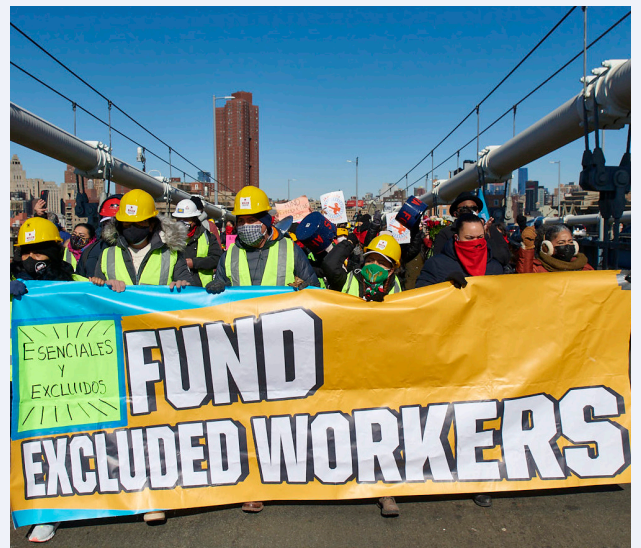
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In the Spotlight



OUR NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

In 2022, we will open our landmark community center in Queens. This 24,000 sq. ft., 3-story building will double our space, and stand as a beacon of hope and power, enabling our impact to grow as we advocate for justice in New York and beyond.



THE FUND FOR EXCLUDED WORKERS

Through tenacious organizing, advocacy, and direct action culminating in a 23-day hunger strike, we won a first-in-the-nation \$2.1 billion Excluded Worker Fund in New York State. Our organizers and services teams helped thousands of people access the fund for desperately-needed relief.

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A Recovery for All

Won \$2.4B in rent relief for all New Yorkers and eviction moratorium until 2022.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

MRNY member Silvia Escobar lost income due to the pandemic and struggled to pay her bills. We provided direct cash aid that helped her buy food and pay for utilities, and she was able to dedicate her energies to fighting for Recovery for All. As a leader of our Trans Immigrant Project in Queens, she mobilized her community and helped us win the Excluded Workers Fund and repeal of the “Walking While Trans” law.



Repeal of the “Walking While Trans” Law

Won a decade-long campaign to repeal a loitering law that police used to profile and criminalize low-income TGNCIQ people of color.



Reflecting NYC Students in the Curriculum

Won \$500M for a culturally responsive curriculum that reflects NYC's children; \$4.2B in funding for high-needs school districts; and full college prep funding for Student Success Centers citywide.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Twyla Joseph joined MRNY as a high school student to lead the fight to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline. We supported her to follow her college dreams, and she is now a psychology major at CCNY! This year Twyla was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine, sharing the struggles of applying to college as a low-income student.

High-Impact Services



1,500 learned English, passed their naturalization exams, and learned job skills

7,000 accessed legal services to secure workplace rights, claim housing relief, resolve immigration cases, and more

1,100 served at our food pantries weekly

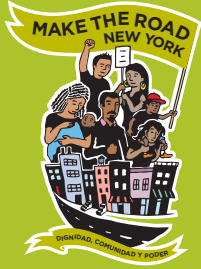
40,000 reached with information on COVID healthcare, testing, and vaccines

1,000 vaccinated at our community center events

11,000 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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