Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training (GIFT)



Our mission...

GIFT is a multiracial organization that promotes the connection between fundraising, social justice, and movement-building.

We believe that how groups are funded is as important to achieving their goals as how the money is spent, and that building community support is central to long-term social change.

We provide analysis, training, and resources to strengthen organizations, with an emphasis on those focused on social justice and based in communities of color.

Our Goals

To nurture and sustain social justice fundraising leaders of color



Our Objectives

Provide training, peer support, and mentorship for people of color to be fundraisers and consultants



Our Programs

Internship Program
Training for Trainers
Trainers Network

To help organizations develop the capacity to do grassroots fundraising and adopt a social justice fundraising framework



Provide resources, training, consulting, and peer support for social justice organizations



Training & Consulting Fundraising Academy for Communities of Color Grassroots Fundraising Journal

To inspire the social justice movement to view fundraising as collaborative rather than competitive and to develop fundraising goals hand-in-hand with political goals



Participate in conferences and other movement gatherings to discuss fundraising

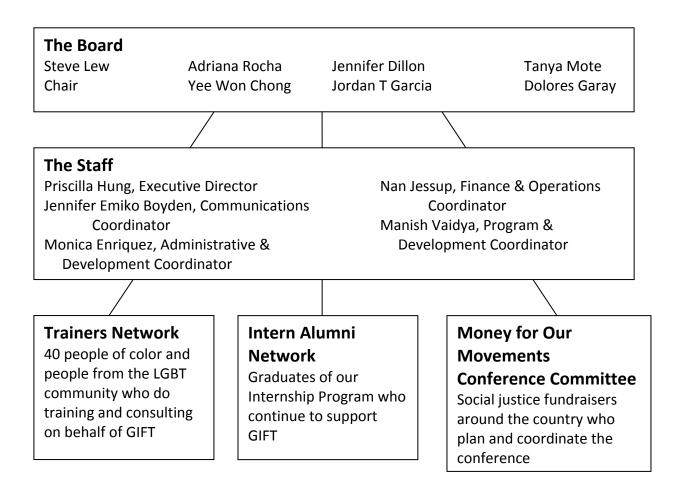


Money for Our Movements: A Social Justice Fundraising Conference United States Social Forum

History

GIFT started in 1996 through a collaboration between Center for Third World Organizing and Southern Empowerment Project, two longtime community organizing training centers, because they recognized that strategic thinking and skills-building around fundraising, as connected to organizational goals and programs, were sorely lacking in community-based organizations, and that there was a dearth of people of color in fundraising positions. Organizations come to GIFT because of our focus on communities of color, our unique perspective on grassroots fundraising and sustainability, and the model that we use to address these issues holistically. This has been strengthened through our merger in 2008 with the *Grassroots Fundraising Journal*, the groundbreaking publication started by Kim Klein and Lisa Honig.

Organizational Structure



Fundraising Plan:

GIFT believes in having a diversified revenue stream to provide more sustainable income. Our 2010 major income categories are:

Individual donations: 15%Foundation grants: 40%Earned income: 45%

Individual Donor Goal = \$75,000

GIFT Generations Celebration		\$20,000
Organizations placing ads in the adbook	100 groups, \$125-1,000	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
People placing tribute ads in the adbook	50 people, \$100	
People buying tickets to the event	150 people, \$50 - \$100	
People giving to the pitch at the event	50 people, \$1 - \$500	
Generations Campaign Leadership Team		\$25,000
People making gifts in honor of the	250 people, \$1 - \$5,000	
Leadership Team		
Monthly Sustainers	25 people, \$60 – \$600	\$5,000
End-of-year Campaign		\$20,000
Loyal donors making their gift to the annual	250 people, \$20-\$5,000	
fund		
House Parties		\$5,000
Supporters host small events and invite their	60 people, \$20 - \$500	
friends to give		
Total	935 gifts, \$1 to \$5,000	\$75,000

Foundation Grants Goal = \$200,000

Open Society Institute	General Support	\$100,000
The California Endowment	California Programs	\$60,000
Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock	General Support	\$40,000
Nock	Total	\$200,000

Earned Income Goal = \$225,000

Grassroots Fundraising Journal subscriptions	3,000 subscribers	\$115,000
Training and consulting fees	10 webinars, 25	\$105,000
	training contracts	
Other sales	Books, CDs, video	\$5,000
	Total	\$225,000

Budget

