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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN NETWORK OF OREGON

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WELCOME FROM STAFF

*"The movement is contagious, and the people in it are the ones who pass on the spirit."
- Yuri Kochiyama*

What a year we had. For many of us, 2017 was filled with hope, struggle, joy, conflict, and everything beyond and in between. And even though 2017 felt difficult to say the least, we are constantly reminded that each and every one of us was made for this. Every individual has a place and value in the movement towards a just world, and now more than ever, we need every one here. We also know that these have been uncertain times, where we likely continue facing more fights to simply maintain our hard won victories from the past. No matter what, APANO continues to work towards uniting Asians and Pacific Islanders to achieve social justice and we are so glad you're here.



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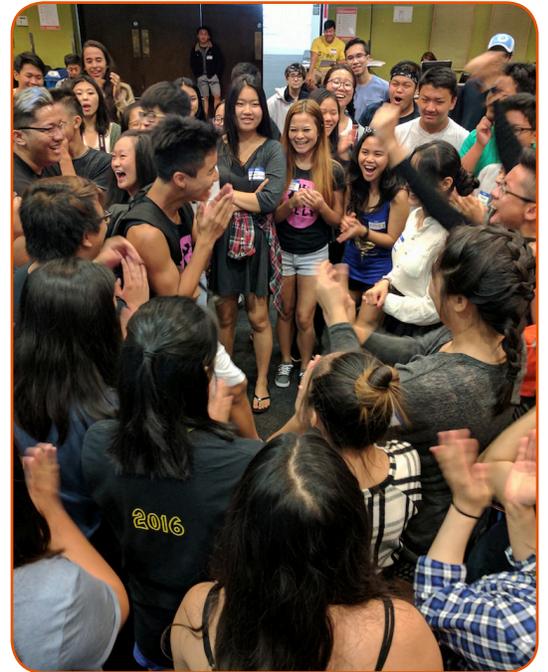


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ROOTS TO RISE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 1: COMPLETE

by Duncan Hwang, Associate Director



On November 2, 2017, elected officials, partners, and community members filled JAMS to the brim to celebrate the groundbreaking for APANO's new community space and affordable housing development in partnership with ROSE CDC.

This marked the last chapter of the old furniture store at 82nd/Division, affectionately dubbed the Jade/APANO Multicultural Space (JAMS), which we operated as a temporary community space for the past 3 years. This also marked the completion of the first phase of our Roots to Rise Capital Campaign! With support of the public sector, private philanthropy, and hundreds of individual donors,

the project closed in December 2017 with a \$1.2 million down payment on our future space.

APANO Board Chair Raahi Reddy opened the event, highlighting how this project is a new model of engaging community: "When this building is built and these families are living here, we can look back and say that's the kind of partnership that government and community need to have - where we can actually build something for community." Jade District resident and APANO member Jessica Li, eager for the work to begin, closed out the remarks for the night, saying, "We see this project as a helpful solution to reduce some of our worries about affordable housing. I like this neighborhood and community and I hope the construction of this building goes smoothly and quickly for our families, children, and community to enjoy."

In 2018, we enter our second phase of the Roots to Rise Capital Campaign with a strong start on reaching the final \$2.5 million campaign goal. This target includes some important stretch goals, such as a commercial kitchen for cooking demonstrations or pop ups. Be on the lookout for more ways to support the capital campaign, including at Voices of Change 2018 on May 3, 2018. **The building overall is slated to be complete in December 2018.**

APANO 中国家长团2017新闻

by Wanna Lei, Chinese Community Organizer

中国家长团代表低收入，英文程度有限的新移民家长，工人和租客。中国家长团是APANO于2015年为中国社区争取第三个中英双语项目而组建的。2016年3月，10位家长一起到波特兰公立学校的校董公开聆听会议提交联合了四百多位中国家长的联名请愿信，由一位家长领导作证演讲。2017年9月，经过家长团的不懈努力和请求争取，波特兰第三个双语项目终于于东南区的Harrison Park小学开始学前班和一年级，为四十多个中国家庭争取到就读双语项目的学位。2017年中国家长团继续每月两次的聚会。家长们一起学习影响我们生活的社会事件；亚裔在美国的近代历史。中国家长团支持翡翠区安全街道的发展；交通局多次的公开会议；绿化翡翠区；波特兰东南区气候，房屋，医疗的社区调查。6月份，家长们在Zenger Farm庆祝第三个双语项目的成功；8月份在达格拉斯柏文庆祝暂时控制房租上升的成功。11月家长们积极支持APANO的聆听会议，提出很多关于教育，房屋，医疗，移民政策的宝贵意见作为APANO政策计划的一部分。APANO是一个安全的平台，让家长们相聚一起分享生活和发现自己或许亲人朋友在美国生活好与不好的经验。12月，APANO命名家长团官方名字为“UPRISE”——步步高升。前人栽树后人乘凉。家长们团结一致，共建美好家园。



WHAT DOES ORGANIZING LOOK LIKE?

by Yian Saechao and Justin Sipoloa, Youth Organizers

As growing baby organizers, we have been on a journey to *truly* organize and empower our youth. Why? Because the youth are our future, and we need to invest to build them up. This means we constantly assess how our organizing connects with the broader fight for justice, and vice versa. Often in our work, we seek to gain moral power by changing and shaping narratives to tell the truth about our communities' lived experiences. While it is a powerful tool we have in our fight for justice, we recognize moral power is not enough – especially when the oppressive forces we fight against also work to constantly change the narrative of our people, *and still* hold the power to make decisions that negatively impact our lives. For us, building real people power and making change happen means moving beyond moral power.

Yes, moral power offers us the important narratives and truths of our communities, but narratives themselves are not the end goal. Moral power alone will not overcome institutional authority, electoral infrastructure, mass communications, corporate lobbyists, or dominant ideologies. So while narratives get us stories and funding, in the end, where we put our money and resources highly matters. **And this is where youth organizing comes in.**

As organizers, we believe every person has something to offer in the movement, and it's on us to invest funds, time, and energy in youth organizing to develop our youth into the leaders of tomorrow. That is the only way to sustain the movement as youth become older adults, and older adults become elders. *On the flip side, the movement becomes stagnant if we don't build, believe, trust, and uplift our youth.*

As we grow, investing in our community means:

- Meeting consistently to build deep relationships and safe community space,
- Developing individuals intentionally in ways that connect to the larger movement,
- Valuing individuals with appropriate compensation and financial/resource investment,
- Asking questions that provide organizers with community-centered guidance,
- Listening to community for solutions, and working with our community to push for the justice they seek.

So what does that look like?

1. **BASE BUILDING.** Build trust and relationships, get to know personal experiences and struggles, understand our histories and ties, and make connections.
2. **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.** Facilitate political education of our base, develop individual skills, and deepen relationships to move work that reflects our base's dreams.
3. **CAREER & LIFE OPPORTUNITIES.** Hand the reigns over to those most affected so that our base put their skills and life experience to practice.

This past year, APANO's youth organizing base transformed into two groups: Oregon Nesian Youth for Change in Society (**ONYCS**) and Asian Leaders for the Liberation of Youth (**ALLY**). The separation recognizes Pacific Islander and Asian youth experience school, work, and life differently. Here's what our 2017 looked like:



May: ONYCS is formed and named (Oregon Nesian Youth for Change in Society)



12 - 17 members



Pacific Islander Clubs at **5** schools: Roosevelt, Franklin, Parkrose, Jefferson, David Douglas



October: 24 ONYCS youth traveled to attend UPRISE Summit in Seattle



The "A" in ALLY changes from *API* to *Asian*, and members attended Spring/Summer retreats to figure out their vision for 2018



20 - 38 members



ALLY base from **4** schools: Franklin, Madison, David Douglas, Cleveland



August: 9 ALLY youth coordinated and attended first ever National Asian Youth Organizing Summit

HEALTHCARE FOR THE MANY, NOT THE FEW: YES ON MEASURE 101

by Robin Ye, Field Organizer



On Election Day, Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018, APANO is asking members and supporters to **Vote YES on Measure 101** to protect and preserve all the progress we've made on health equity for our Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

Your income shouldn't determine whether you can visit a doctor or nurse. Your employment status, immigration status, or gender identity shouldn't determine whether you get medicine when you're sick. We all deserve good health, and no one should get sicker because they don't have enough money to see a doctor or to pay for medication.

If the NO campaign, with ties to anti-immigrant, anti-choice and white supremacist groups, have their way, it's vulnerable Oregonians who will be hurt the most. Your YES vote protects healthcare funding for Oregon's kids, women, low income families, immigrants, adults with disabilities, and more.

For us, Measure 101 is about what kind of world we aspire to live in. In 2017, for the first time, Oregon is able to cover 100% of all children and 95% of adults in healthcare. However, more than half a million Oregonians are at risk of losing their care or seeing their premiums increase if Measure 101 fails.

APANO members and community members advocated tirelessly over the last decade to expand healthcare - to #MendtheGap for our most vulnerable -- so that everyone has a chance to thrive. We are asking supporters to join us to save the progress we've made to cover immigrant children, women, transgender and gender nonconforming individuals, COFA residents, and their families by Voting YES on Measure 101 on January 23, 2018.

CULTURAL WORK HIGHLIGHTS

How do we shift culture?
HIGHLIGHTS of CULTURAL WORK AT APANO BY CANDACE KITA

We granted over **\$40K** for creative placemaking projects in the Jade and Midway Districts, including dance performances at bus stops, a youth photo essay, Division 5: illustrations and playing cards, and giant anti-displacement posters by Il-dance co., OPAL, Yelena Roslaya, Hampton Rodriguez, Sabina Haque, and more!

We hosted our third year of our **MicCHECK!** cultural event series, including the 1st ever **EAST PORTLAND ARTS & LITERARY FESTIVAL** a full day of performances and art by artists of color. Over 400 attended this event led by our very own **ARTS & MEDIA PROJECT (AMP)**

We commissioned **ORIGINAL ARTWORK** illustrating APANO's core values, launched our **CULTURAL WORK ROUNDUP** cultural events listserv, and even hired our first **CULTURAL WORK & PLACEKEEPING INTERN!**

HERE'S TO MORE in 2018!

LOOKING AHEAD

Thank you for contributing to our success in 2017! We had a year of learning and growing, increasing our organizing, field, and operations capacity with new staff and volunteers, carrying out year one of our strategic plan, successfully kicking off our Roots to Rise campaign, and deepening our commitment to organizing, cultural work, advocacy, and leadership development.

We're excited to have you continue on this journey with us - here are some important dates for 2018:

WINTER

Placemaking Artists begin East Portland Projects
Dance Fitness Organizing Fundraiser (**January 13**)
Special Elections (**January 23**)
APANO Day of Action (**February 19**)



SPRING

API Heritage Month (**Month of May**)
Voices of Change (**May 3**)
Primary Elections (**May 15**)



SUMMER

Youth Organizing Bootcamp
Jade International Night Market (**August 18 & 25**)
MicCheck! Summer Cultural Event Series



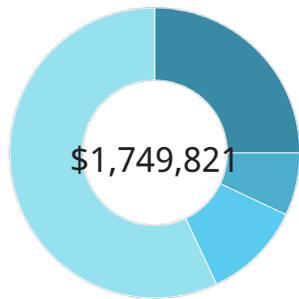
FALL

APANO Rolling Tides Convention (**October 6**)
General Elections (**November 6**)



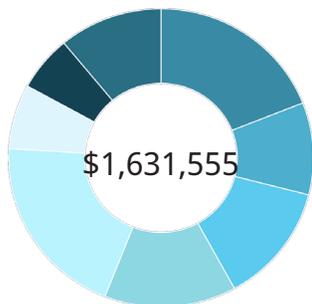
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501C3 REVENUES



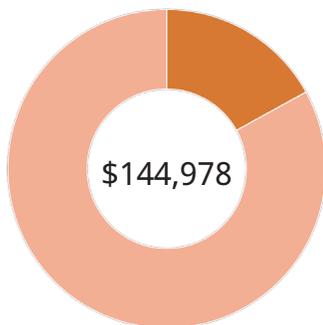
25% Earned Revenue
7% Contribution & Events
11% Government Grants
57% Nonprofit Grants

501C3 EXPENSES



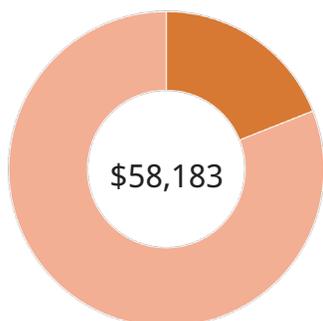
6% Cultural Work
11% Admin & Fundraising
19% Fiscal Sponsorship & Partnerships
10% Jade District
13% Policy
14% Civic Engagement
20% Community Organizing
7% Leadership Development

501C4 REVENUES



83% Grants
17% Contributions

501C4 EXPENSES



81% Grants & Contributions
19% Direct Expenses

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Support APANO's Youth Organizing Program at the start of the New Year while learning two dance fitness styles: Zumba and UJAM. No dance experience needed.

Saturday, January 13, 2018**3:00 - 5:00PM**

Matt Dishman Center

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