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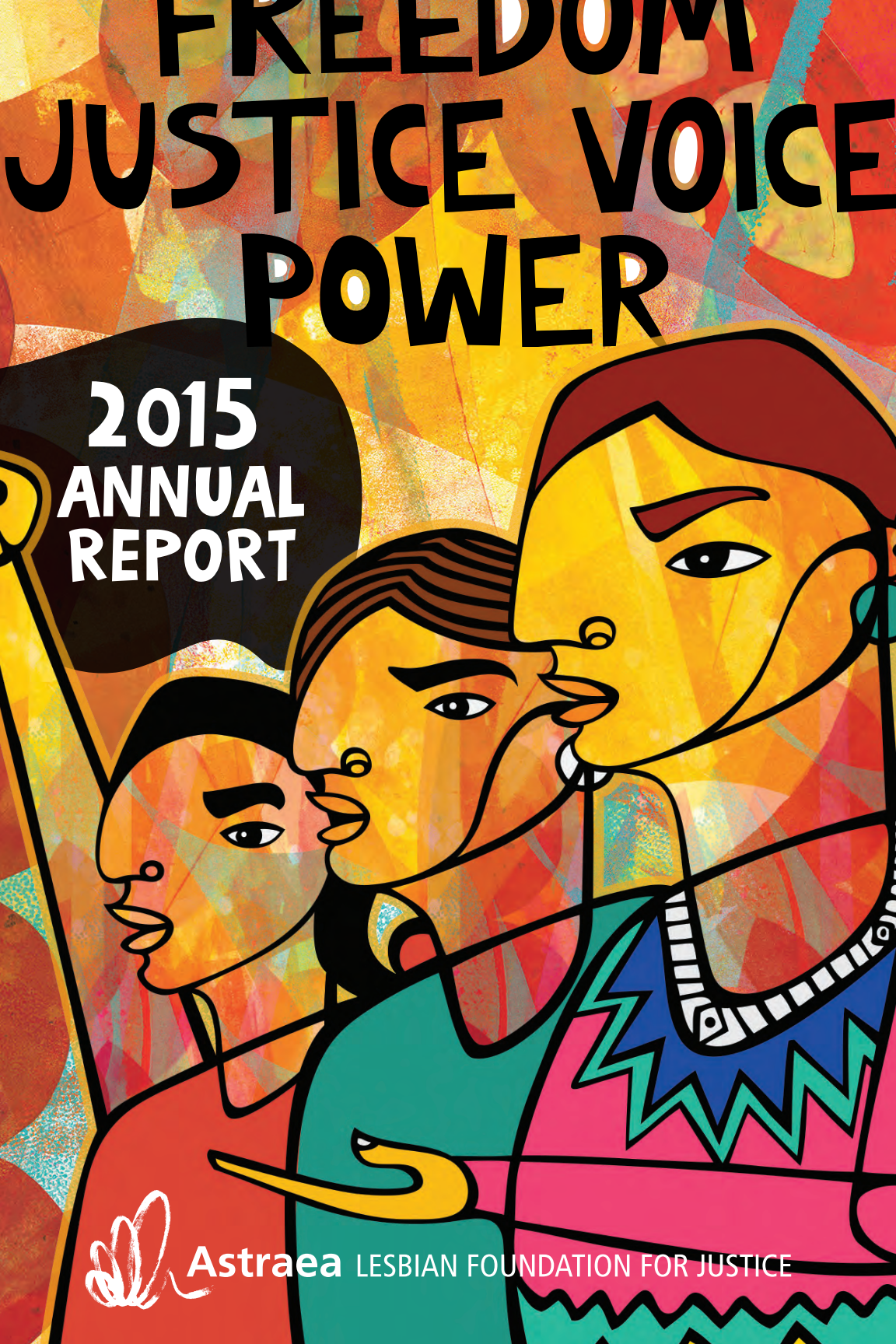

Astraea LESBIAN FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE

DEAR FRIEND,

2015 begged the question: *What do we do with the violent contradictions we face as a community?*

This year, while many of us were celebrating our hard-earned victories, many others were mourning the egregious loss of life and criminalization of the same bodies we will forever occupy. How can our loves be affirmed but our lives not be? Around the world, we scored major victories in the fights for same-sex marriage and adoption, and we were torn apart by the brutal loss of too many queer, gender nonconforming and people of color across the world. How too, do we honor the joy and courage this time has spurred? Activists and artists have risen up against injustice, taken to the mics and streets, demanding accountability and change. So when we reference *the Movement for Black Lives, Southerners On New Ground* or the *Queer African Youth Network*, we aren't just naming groups to whom we've made grants, we are acknowledging the strategic thought leadership most needed in our movements at this time. These are our visionaries. They urge us to know, progress for some is not progress for all.

So what *do* we do in the face of such disparate truths?

Astraea fuels and helps build movements.

2015 was our biggest grantmaking year yet! With over $3.6 million in grants, to 203 grantee partners in 55 countries, we supported activists who are leading the most insistent and creative organizing strategies. The sheer volume of this activism is a bittersweet testament to the stamina and urgent needs of our people, everywhere.

Astraea continued to connect activists and technologists around the globe. We worked with local activists to design communications, technology, community building, and self-care imperatives at our CommsLabs Kenya, while we furthered our instutional and political commitment to an open society with equal access to information, freedom of speech, freedom to gather, free from surveillance, with equal access to information for all.

Our ongoing philanthropic partnerships with the *Funding Queerly Giving Circle*, the *Global Philanthropy Project* and the *LGBTQ Racial Justice Fund* mobilized critical new resources for LGBTQI movements in the U.S. and across the globe. We continued to support nascent movements, launching the world's first Intersex Human Rights Fund with support from the Arcus Foundation and generous seed grants from Kobi Conaway and Andrew Owen.

At this time, we must reflect on our mandate to further social justice. Astraea continues to raise every single dollar we carefully grant, diligently ensuring resources flow where they otherwise would not. Building power is purposeful business. And with you by our side, we're ready for it.

In deep solidarity,

J. Bob Alotta

ACHIEVEMENTS

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF OUR GRANTEE PARTNERS' SUCCESSES IN 2015

- **Transgender Resource Center** (Hong Kong, China) assisted in defeating the Marriage Amendment Bill that proposed to make it mandatory for trans* people to have "full" sexual reassignment surgery and sterilization in order to have their marriage legally recognized.

- **Black and Pink** (Dorchester, MA) published "Coming Out of Concrete Closets," the first national survey of LGBTQ incarcerated people, bringing together the voices of more than 1100 queer and trans* people who have been imprisoned or are currently in prison.

- **Power Inside** (Baltimore, MD) advocated, provided testimony and mobilized community members for over two years to pass the Healthy Births for Incarcerated Women Act, which prohibits shackling and defines the rights of incarcerated pregnant women before, during, and after giving birth.

- **Association Okvir** (Bosnia) launched a queer feminist online multimedia platform where they promote and disseminate work by LGBTIQA activists, artists and creative workers in BiH.

- **BreakOUT!** (New Orleans, LA) and **Streetwise and Safe** (New York, NY) helped pass new bias-free police policies and enforceable bans on police profiling of LGBTGNC people in New Orleans and New York City respectively.

- **Community United Against Violence** and **Transgender, Gender Variant, Intersex Justice Project** (San Francisco, CA), in coalition with other organizations in the city, pressured the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to shut down their $300,000,000 San Francisco jail project plan.

- **Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement** (Los Angeles, CA)**, Mariposas Sin Fronteras** (Tucson, CA)**, Arcoíris Liberation Team Familia** (Phoenix, CA), and **AZ-QUIP** (Phoenix, CA) organized national campaigns to #FreeMarichuy, #FreeNicole, #FreeEloyLesbians and #FreeChristina to release queer and trans women from detention and build support for ending all detentions.

Photo: Freedom Inc. participate in a ground organizing campaign against police brutality. Photo courtesy of Freedom Inc.

- **Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement** (Los Angeles, CA) organized with immigrant youth organizations to prevent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention expansion in Santa Ana City Jail, which is known for its LGBTQ pod and high rates of human rights abuses.

- **Gender Dynamix** (Cape Town, South Africa) created a partnership with the largest nurse's union in the country to improve non-discriminatory primary care for trans* people.

- **Santamaria Fundación** (Cali, Colombia) played a leadership role in Aquelarre Trans, a national coalition of trans* organizations and allies, that secured a Gender Identity Decree that allows trans* people to change their name and gender marker on their identification without having to undergo psychiatric or physical examinations.

- Following years of advocacy by **Colombia Diversa** (Bogotá, Colombia)**,** Colombia's Constitutional Court ruled that it is illegal for adoption agencies to discriminate against gays and lesbians. Gays and lesbians now have equal adoption rights to those of heterosexual couples.

- **Mujeres al Borde** (Bogotá, Colombia) produced community theater plays and impactful video shorts through their Latin America video academy, raising awareness about the realities and experiences facing LGBTQI communities in the region and reaching over 600 people in Argentina, Spain, Paraguay, México, Colombia and the U.S through film festivals and community building events.

- **Nazariya Project** (New Delhi, India) supported an 18 year-old trans* man in successfully securing a positive judgment from the Delhi High Court, affirming his right to self-determination and providing protection from his family that had attempted to confine him in their home.

- **Taller de Comunicación Mujer** (Quito, Ecuador) systematically monitored and conducted international advocacy around the 368 'de-homosexualization' centers in the country, where LGBT people, particularly women, are interned by their families against their will and endure torture and other human rights violations.

- **Association of Russian-Speaking Intersex People (ARSI)** (Russia & US) provided crucial support and human rights information to Russian-speaking intersex people via a Facebook group and in-person spaces.

- Resulting from the advocacy of many **Intersex Fund grantee partners**, several United Nations human rights bodies condemned medically unnecessary and irreversible surgeries, treatments and other medical interventions on intersex infants and children without their consent.

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Astraea in 2015

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LINKING LEGACY TO CONTEMPORARY ACTIVISM

What does the future hold for LGBTQI activism? How do we keep the movement alive?

While Astraea's founding in 1977 dates back to a time when the struggles for women's rights, civil rights, and queer liberation were at the forefront of society, we are continually reminded that every waking moment contains critical fights for racial, economic, social, and gender justice. We know that today's battles lay the foundation for tomorrow's freedoms, so we continue to prioritize the resilient queer and trans leaders of our movements. There is an inextricable link between the movers, shakers, givers, and thinkers of the past and those of the present.

In the balmy summer of 1969, queers led a revolution against homophobia and gender violence in New York City. Trans women became leaders in that resistance. The revolution was Stonewall. One of those women was Miss Major Griffin-Gracy. Miss Major continued this important work as the executive director of **Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex Justice Project** in Oakland, California—an organization that Astraea has proudly supported for six years.

After 12 years as TGIJP's Executive Director and mentor of many trans* and GNC leaders in the community, Miss Major transitioned her leadership to a long-term member and staff of the organization, Janetta Johnson, who will continue Miss Major's legacy. Astraea continues to champion Miss Major's contributions to the movement by supporting TGIJP and the biographical documentary *MAJOR!*, directed by Global Arts Fund recipient Annalise Ophelian.

In 1971, Chicana lesbian activist **Jeanne Córdova** became president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, the first organization for lesbian women vying for equality. Córdova continued to improve upon the LGBT landscape by developing the Community Yellow Pages, producing an exhibit for the ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives, and penning an invaluable memoir on the lesbian feminist movement, titled *When We Were Outlaws*.

This year, Córdova donated $2 million dollars to Astraea: the largest estate gift we have ever received. Córdova not only leaves behind a legacy of exemplary work. Her generous gift will benefit the very communities which supported her as a young activist, including Latina lesbians and butch women.

Just like Miss Major's legacy, Jeanne Cordova's legacy will be carried forward by younger generations.

Photo: TGI Justice members on Spirit Day. Photo courtesy of TGIP

Miss Major Griffin-Gracy quote courtesy of Trans Oral History Project

What about the transgender people? What about the folks that were there at Stonewall that were fighting?"

—Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, Executive Director Emerita, TGI Justice Project

Social change takes time, and is best placed with an organization where that burn is alive, and attracts staff that is inherently motivated. I decided on Astraea 20 years' back, and they've convinced me at every turn that my trust in them is warranted.

—Ise Bosch, donor

LINKING ACTIVISTS TO THEIR FIERCEST BACKERS

It's no secret that archaic gender and sex binaries harm LGBTQ communities. But with bodies that do not fit normative, rigid understandings of what is 'male' and 'female,' intersex people are particularly vulnerable, often facing medically unnecessary surgeries and treatments, ridicule, and invisibility. Despite its importance, intersex activism remains grossly underfunded across the globe.

Realizing this dearth of funding and the momentum of the intersex movement, Astraea worked to leverage resources in the direction of intersex activists combatting human rights violations around the world. This year, with the financial support of seed donors **Kobi Conaway** and **Andrew Owen**, the **Arcus Foundation** and two other funders, we launched the **Intersex Human Rights Fund**: a first-of-its-kind fund that connects intersex activism's trailblazers with the resources necessary to sustain their nascent but critical movement.

In Mexico, **Brújula Intersexual** is translating non-pathologizing medical information from English to Spanish and sharing this information on social media. Austrian grantee partner **VIMÖ** is educating the anti-discrimination agency of Vienna and politicians about intersex rights. Atlanta-based artist and activist **Sean Saifa Wall** is developing *Letters to an Unborn Son*, a performance that tells the story of his life as the intersex son of an incarcerated African-American father living with AIDS.

50%

of the intersex groups we fund were founded in the past 5 years.

2010 — 2015

Astraea is the 1st funder to over 60% of Intersex Fund grantees

Photo: OII Europe Steering Committee. Photo courtesy of OII Europe

In a world where intersex activism has been resourced on a wing and a prayer, the significance of the Intersex Human Rights Fund can not be overstated.

—Morgan Carpenter, OII Australia

Arcus is proud to be a partner of this new fund that will provide critical support to the growing movement of leaders working to improve the lives of intersex people worldwide.

— Roz Lee, the Arcus Foundation

LINKING ACTIVISM AND ART

Art and activism are key ingredients in our fight for social justice. Together they have the potential to spark courageous dialogue and catalyze action. However, art within activism receives meager funding. Astraea has always believed in the power of art for social change—nearly 25 years ago, we launched the **Lesbian Writers Fund** and supported then-emerging writers such as Audre Lorde, Adrienne Rich, and Cheryl Clarke. This year, our **Global Arts Fund** supported sixteen artists in seven different countries.

Based in Texas, filmmaker **Deborah S. Esquenazi** made *Southwest of Salem*, a documentary on four Latina lesbians from San Antonio who were wrongfully convicted and sentenced to prison. The Kenyan visual artist **Kawira Mwirichia** is creating "To Revolutionary Type Love," an exhibit that includes 100 unique khanga designs and photography, each with messages that embrace the existence of love in its many forms. Of Turkish heritage, **Beldan Sezen** created a guerilla art project titled "Butch It Up" which draws attention to violence against LGBTI bodies and emphasizes the need to combat mainstream attitudes and stereotypical images of women.

It is not easy to carry out radical feminist political work due to the existing levels of violence and militarization ... we feel that through our art and our presence in the streets, we can stand against all those systems of oppression and for social transformation. The financial support we received from you, allowed us to strengthen our group musically and politically and we are deeply thankful.

—Batucada Feminista La Tremenda Revoltosa, Astraea 2015 Global Arts Fund recipient

Supportive of breakthrough work? I can think of no better place to invest my dough and heart than Astraea.

—Tracy Gary, donor

we made $354,486 in arts grants

40

to 40 grantee partners in 13 countries

Photo: Turkish grantee partner Beldan Sezen's art project, *Butch it Up*. Photo courtesy of Beldan Sezen.

LINKING ACROSS STRUGGLES

LGBTQ people of color in the U.S. continue to be disproportionately impacted by criminalization, policing, homelessness, immigration restrictions, safety threats, and violence.

Astraea is, and has always been, a racial justice organization. This year, nearly all of Astraea's US funding went to PoC-led organizations—underscoring our long-term commitment to amplifying and sustaining intersectional activism led by those who are often marginalized by mainstream LGBTQ agendas.

People most impacted by injustice are often the drivers of change. Since our impetus in 1977, we've supported groups led by women of color, undocumented immigrants, current and former prisoners, sex workers, and young queer and trans people.

Boldly and bravely interrupting a Pride celebration, **Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement** publicly challenged White House leadership to rectify the discrimination that migrant trans women face, including deportation and detention. **BreakOUT!** organized the first Trans March of Resilience in New Orleans. They also utilized the hashtags **#MakePennyProud** and **#BlackTransLivesMatter** to raise the visibility of trans women of color victims of state and interpersonal violence. **Power Inside** mobilized member testimonies to pass three important pieces of legislation to shield sex work & drug-related criminal convictions and allow people more access to housing, jobs and education. Across the country, Astraea grantee partners are resisting state violence and organizing so that the lives of all members of the LGBTQ community are celebrated, respected and dignified.

$1,329,000

in grants made to 57 grantee partners in 22 states

This year 93% of our US funding went to people of color-led organizations

Photo: New Orleans' first Trans Resilience March. Photo courtesy of BreakOUT!

As mainstream LGBTQ organizations proclaim [marriage as] a victory for the LGBTQ community, we cannot lose sight of all the violence and discrimination still impacting LGBTQ people of color.

—Jorge Gutierrez, Familia

Astraea is a leader in the women's movement, and in the movements for racial justice. It's a bellwether in the international human rights community because it links all these movements together domestically and globally.

—Daniel Lee, Executive Director of Levi-Strauss Foundation; long-term Astraea donor

LINKING GENDER JUSTICE TO LGBTQI RIGHTS

Activism led by lesbian, queer women and trans* people is substantially underfunded worldwide, both within LGBT philanthropy and women's rights funding. As a multi-gendered, multi-racial, multi-identity organization, we prioritize and support the leadership of women, trans* folks, youth, and people of color. Astraea grantee partners are linking LGBTQ and women's rights movements together and addressing the specific forms of violence and discrimination that affect queer and trans* women.

Movimiento Lesbia, a youth-led lesbian group in the Andean region of Peru, launched a city-wide campaign to "End Violence Against Lesbian Women." Through creative and bold strategies such as bike rides and street interventions across the city of Arequipa, they have garnered attention and visibility in a region with high levels of lesbophobia and transphobia.

In Hong Kong, **Transgender Resource Center** partners closely with the Chinese lala (lesbian) movement to break down transgender stereotypes, and create new spaces and support for emerging transgender and gender non-conforming activists. They recently published a Chinese language resource handbook for parents of transgender children.

Photo: La Tremenda Revoltosa Batucada Feminista members convene in the streets of Bogotá, Colombia. Photo courtesy of Clementina Films.

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The majority of Astraea's international grants go to groups led by queer women and trans* people.

Southern LGBTQ organizing is bold, brave and wildly underfunded, especially now. I wouldn't give and organize here if I didn't believe so firmly in the ability of Southern lesbians and trans women.

—Kate Mitchell, Funding Queerly member

Astraea supports the people doing the most courageous social justice work around the world. I'm proud to be a small part of their efforts to ensure that this world becomes a more just and equitable place for all.

—Sharhonda Bossier, Vice President, Network Impact, Education Cities, donor

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Based on Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2015

	Unresticted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	All Funds
SUPPORT & REVENUE				
Grants and Contributions	$884,850	$5,589,574	$503,402	$6,977,826
In-kind Contributions	$696	$293,353		$294,049
Administrative Fees	$50,627			$50,627
Rental Income	$6,477			$6,477
Net Special Event Income	$269,500			$269,500
Net Investment Return	($13,577)	($177,631)		($191,208)
Foreign Currency Transactions (loss) gain		($227,176)		($227,176)
Other Income	$62,551			$62,551
TOTAL REVENUE	**$1,261,124**	**$5,478,120**	**$503,402**	**$7,242,646**
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	$5,959,049	($5,959,049)		-
Total Revenue after Releases	$7,220,173	($480,929)	$503,402	$7,242,646
EXPENSES				
PROGRAM SERVICES				
Grants Awarded	$3,680,030			$3,680,030
Other Program Services	$2,539,634			$2,539,634
Total Program Services	$6,219,664	-	-	$6,219,664
SUPPORTING SERVICES				
Administrative and General	$386,817			$386,817
Fundraising	$533,889			$533,889
Total Supporting Services	$920,706	-	-	$920,706
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$7,140,370**	**-**	**-**	**$7,140,370**
Changes in Net Assets	$79,803	($480,929)	$503,402	$102,276
Net Assets as of June 30, 2014	$648,271	$5,506,964	$2,958,315	$9,113,550
Net Assets as of June 30, 2015	$728,074	$5,026,035	$3,461,717	$9,215,826

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