

2024  
Impact Report

# BUILDING THE GOOD





Liberty Hill is the Home  
for Progressive Los Angeles

We prioritize building  
power in communities  
impacted by systemic  
oppression.

LOOKING FORWARD

We fuel grassroots  
organizing and activists  
fighting for change.

FIGHTING BACK

We provide a community  
where donor activists can  
engage beyond their gift.



By the Numbers

Provided **\$400K**  
to **15** orgs through  
Liberty Vote! Grants

Raised more than  
**\$11M** from  
Foundations &  
Corporations

Donor Advised Funds  
(DAFs) made **591**  
grants totaling  
**~\$5.8M**

Distributed **159**  
program grants  
totaling **\$6.8M**

Raised more  
than **\$2.9M**  
in individual  
contributions

Distributed funds  
to **31** community-  
based organizations  
totaling **~\$5.4M**  
through government  
partnerships

*We will not rest until society provides justice and equality for all.*











***For the past four decades, Liberty Hill has been fighting.***

Fighting for change. Fighting against injustice. Fighting for the more just and equitable future we all hope for. That fight—and the people in it—have always been a driving force behind our work.

During the five decades since the founding of Liberty Hill, Los Angeles has changed considerably. Our region is on the leading edge of progressive victories such as banning toxic neighborhood oil drilling, but we still face many intractable problems like a system that jails vulnerable youth instead of providing community-based care and opportunity, a commodified housing market that has driven our vulnerable neighbors onto the streets in record numbers, and oil companies that would rather release toxic fumes into our communities than invest in a just transition to a healthier future.

As we look toward the future and our vision for the next five years of this decade, it's clear we're going to have to keep up this fight. If we want to achieve our long-term goals and protect the progress so many have made over the years, we're going to have to stand together like never before in the face of so much national uncertainty. Now more than ever, Liberty Hill is focused on building the more just future we seek—for Los Angeles and our country at large.

***And that means committing to Building the Good, not just fighting the bad.***

What does it mean to “Build the Good” in Los Angeles? We're building the power our partners need to stay in these fights for the long haul. We're building the partnerships that allow us to fortify the foundations of our movement for change. We're building the community of partners, donor activists, funders and allies who are committed to driving, supporting, and sustaining this critical work. And we're building on the success Liberty Hill and our partners have achieved in the fights to end youth incarceration as we know it, eliminate toxic oil drilling, advocate for equitable environmental progress, and fight for a roof over every head and housing as a human right.

***Liberty Hill is well prepared for the work ahead.***

We've been standing side by side with our frontline partners for nearly 50 years in the fights for racial justice, youth and transformative justice, LGBTQ justice, housing and economic justice, and environmental and climate justice.

This past year we've supported our partners as they also work to build the good and defend our progress. From STAND-L.A.'s recent victory on measure AB3233, which protected our hard-fought wins to eliminate toxic neighborhood oil drilling in Los Angeles, to the formation of our Liberation Fund and the efforts to end youth incarceration for girls and gender-expansive youth, to recent victories to secure a right to counsel for vulnerable tenants caught up in an unfair housing system—Liberty Hill and our partners won't stop building now.

Our efforts to organize around systemic changes to entrenched systems are long-term and transcend election cycles, campaigns, candidates, and even presidents.

***Liberty Hill and our partners are committed to the work ahead.***

Whether you are a frontline organizer, community leader, community partner, or a donor activist—we're so grateful for your support. With our community by our side, we will keep the work of justice moving forward—through barriers, challenges, and ultimately—on to victory. We will rise to meet this moment in our history and continue to advance our goals to build a more just and equitable society for all.

***Let's build the future—together.***

*Shane Murphy Goldsmith*

**Shane Murphy Goldsmith**  
President & CEO  
Liberty Hill Foundation



## Our Mission

Liberty Hill is a laboratory for social justice and social change. We leverage the power of community organizers, donor activists, and allies to advance social justice through strategic investment in grants, leadership training, public partnerships, and campaigns.

## Our Vision

Liberty Hill envisions a society in which all people have a powerful voice, including those currently shut out of our democracy, people cut off from opportunities because of their economic status, their skin color, their gender or sexual orientation, or because of where they live, or where they were born.



# How Liberty Hill Powers Change

**We**

train the next generation of leaders to represent their communities within movement campaigns and government.

**We**

give donor activists opportunities to engage beyond their financial commitment.

**We**

fund and support grassroots organizations leading social justice campaigns.

**We**

help organizations build capacity for future success.

**We**

are a convener and facilitator that brings unusual allies together to effect change.

## A Commitment to Racial & Economic Justice

Liberty Hill supports a transformational movement for racial and economic justice that seeks to dismantle systemic racism and other systems of harm in America. To strengthen that movement the principles of racial and economic justice have always been embedded into the core principles of all of our work.





## Our Priority Areas

### Youth & Transformative Justice

Our Youth & Transformative Justice priority area is focused on investing in youth and communities, not incarceration. We seek to shift power from current punishment systems to people disproportionately impacted by criminalization, while dismantling these harmful systems, and working toward reimagined approaches to justice that focus on investing in communities and youth development, rather than prisons and surveillance.

### LGBTQ & Gender Justice

Our LGBTQ and Gender Justice priority area is focused on ensuring that gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming and queer leaders are equipped and supported in the fight to end discrimination and expand opportunity. We place a particular focus on low-income, often immigrant, queer people of color who are frequently at the forefront of fights for workers' rights, racial justice, and reform of the criminal justice and immigration systems. That's why we incorporate a focus on LGBTQ and Gender Justice into our other priority areas as well.

### Environmental & Climate Justice

Environmental justice is a cornerstone of social justice. And for low-income communities and communities of color, environmental racism means the increased dangers of exposure to environmental hazards are severe. Through our Environmental & Climate Justice priority area, we support several programs and initiatives to fight for a safer, healthier, cleaner, and more resilient LA.

### Economic & Housing Justice

Our Economic Justice and Housing priority area supports organizing that builds prosperous communities through living wages, worker protections, and fighting for housing as a human right for all. Through this priority area, we fund grassroots groups like worker centers, tenant rights groups, and advocacy campaigns fighting for basic labor rights and worker protections, stopping wage theft, ensuring fair wages, and fighting for housing as a human right.



***It is our duty to be the unwavering force for positive change.***

*– Derek Steele, Executive Director,  
Social Justice Learning Institute*





Liberty Hill's strategic vision is rooted in our unwavering commitment to amplifying the voices of those most impacted by injustice. Our work is not just about addressing immediate needs, it's about fostering lasting change by ensuring that power resides where it truly belongs—in the hands of the people.

"Building the Good" is about more than just fighting back against what we don't want. It's about supporting organizers on the frontlines as they achieve major victories, defend against inevitable backlash, and work toward building the more just future we know is possible.



## Our Agenda for a Just Future

- Make housing a human right and win a right to legal counsel for tenants facing eviction.
- End youth incarceration as we know it and invest in youth leadership.
- Eliminate neighborhood oil drilling and invest in community solutions to toxic pollution.

*In partnership with organizers and advocates throughout LA County, Liberty Hill contributed to the following victories:*

### Fighting For A Roof Over Every Head



- Distributed \$1.5 million in flexible grants to housing justice organizations.
- Passed codified Right to Counsel ordinance for LA County, providing free legal counsel to tenants facing eviction, and supported organizing that led to the passage of the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance in the City of LA.
- Supported advocacy efforts for United to House LA (ULA), leading to \$450M in ULA revenue, 11,000 households with rental assistance and 800 new affordable units developed.
- Invested \$220k from Liberty Vote! fund in support of

"Yes on Measure A" and "No On 36" campaigns.

- Supported tenant protection initiatives in 14 cities with significant victories in Maywood, Long Beach, Cudahy, Pomona, Burbank, Claremont, Pasadena, and South Pasadena.
- Secured \$6.6M in public dollars to support Stay Housed LA's mission of educating tenants about their rights, providing legal services for vulnerable renters, and preventing homelessness, leading to more than 400,000 tenants reached in person or by phone, and more than 424 workshops conducted.



## Ending Youth Incarceration as We Know It



- Awarded key grants to organizing and advocacy groups that deemed LA County youth jails unsuitable at the state level, sparking national attention and securing a \$2M county investment in alternatives to incarceration, paving the way for youth jail closures.
- Provided over \$2M in grants to 12 organizations to implement their blueprint for the full decarceration and liberation of girls and gender-expansive youth across L.A. County.
- Secured \$20 million from LA County for youth development, coming out of the historic Measure J victory.
- Awarded \$400,000 in grants to 20 youth development organizations to build the youth development ecosystem and strengthen the capacity of our partners.
- Expanded Ready to Rise, in partnership with the California Community Foundation, into a \$50 million initiative, supporting 100 youth development organizations to benefit over 50,000 young people and drive systems change.

## Eliminating Neighborhood Oil Drilling



- Participated in the country's only Just Transition Taskforce devoted to planning for a transition away from fossil fuels to clean energy.
- Distributed \$420,000 to the 11 STAND-LA organizations to support ongoing organizing to defend the ban and phasing out of neighborhood oil drilling.
- With support of the LHF, STAND-LA successfully fought back against the oil industry's attempt to overturn the existing ban on oil and gas drilling in LA, protecting years of progress and advocacy efforts.

## EJ Ready, Ports & Thriving Communities



- Conducted six months of Organizational Infrastructure and Capacity training for 16 EJ Ready member organizations.
- Granted \$360,000 to eight organizations to support organizational infrastructure and submission of federal grant proposals.
- Partnered with South Coast AQMD to secure a \$500 million US-EPA Climate Pollution Reduction grant and direct \$20 million toward community benefit projects.
- With the support of Liberty Hill, EJ Ready member Active San Gabriel Valley (Active SGV) won a US-EPA Community Change grant in the amount of \$20 million.
- Selected as a co-lead of the US-EPA Thriving Communities Grant Making (TCGM) program, supporting the administration of \$40M in grants throughout Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, and NV).

## Expanding Our Home for Progressive Philanthropy



- Raised more than \$2.5M in individual contributions.
- Received 1,063 unique gifts from individual donors.
- DAFs contributed over \$1M to Liberty Hill in FY24.
- DAFs made 591 grants totaling ~\$5.8M.
- Raised more than \$11M from foundations and corporations

## Investing In Organizing



- Distributed 159 Program Grants totaling \$6.83M.
- DAFs made 591 grants totaling \$5.76M.
- Provided \$400K to 15 organizations through Liberty Vote! Grants to invest in electoral organizing.
- Committed \$1.32M over three years for the Environmental Leadership Initiative (ELI).
- Led grantmaking and capacity building for Bold Vision Initiative.
- Disbursed three grants totaling ~ \$111K for the Bold Vision Mental Health Campaign.
- Distributed \$1.5M in flexible grants to housing and youth justice organizations working to build their capacity and infrastructure.

## Leadership Development



- Trained 36 individuals across 27 organizations through our Wally Marks Leadership Institute, focusing on healing justice-centered programming and how to heal organizational culture to support long-term sustainability and wellness.
- Secured a 5-year, \$11M commitment from William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and The David & Lucile Packard Foundation for Environmental Leadership Initiative (ELI).
- Trained 60 diverse leaders to serve as movement builders in EJ, climate change and environmental justice organizations throughout the state.
- Launched capacity-building support for Youth Ecosystem Strengthening grant program for 20 youth development organizations.



# Grantee Highlights: Building Power

*Through our Agenda for a Just Future, Liberty Hill invests in organizations, campaigns, and movements that are building power and winning lasting change across our region. In this next chapter of LA's social justice story, organizers are confidently owning and wielding their power to protect their wins, defend against backlash, and most importantly, continue the fight to "build the good."*



## Expanding the Focus on Ending Youth Incarceration

The Young Women's Freedom Center was recently selected as a grantee partner of Liberty Hill's Liberation Fund Initiative—a grant program that supports the work of community organizations focused on ending the incarceration of girls and gender-expansive (GE) youth. Since 1993, the organization has worked to create positive change in the lives of young women and GE youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system. Alongside our other partners, they are co-creating strategies focused on their advancement, leadership development, and power-building. We applaud the Young Women's Freedom Center and their continued commitment to ensuring that all young women and trans youth of all genders have the support they need to live self-determined lives, free of oppression. The work of the Liberation Fund is laying the foundation to create a model for ending the incarceration of girls and GE youth across California, with the potential to be replicated nationwide.

*"It is time to close these facilities and provide a pathway to freedom for those unjustly confined. Let us unite in this crucial cause for the betterment of our community and future generations."*

— Dominique Davis,  
Young Women's Freedom Center

## Electoral Power Building During An Election Year

Our Liberty Vote! initiative supports frontline grassroots organizations engaged in electoral organizing, advocacy, and other civic engagement strategies in Los Angeles County. As part of this nonpartisan electoral engagement program, we provide social and economic justice organizations with the resources they need to engage, educate, and organize LA voters to build electoral power at the ballot box. Low voter turnout is a significant factor threatening LA communities and their abilities to access vital resources. That's why Liberty Vote! grantee partners at InnerCity Struggle work hard year-round to educate, motivate, and mobilize local voters—building an empowered electorate that best represents LA communities.



*"We are appreciative to Liberty Hill for providing InnerCity Struggle with vital funding to support our Integrated Voter Engagement efforts in the Eastside of Los Angeles. The Liberty Vote! grant allowed us to engage voters in Eastside neighborhoods like Boyle Heights and East LA, where very little voter outreach usually occurs. Resources from the Liberty Vote grant supported ICS in training hundreds of grassroots community leaders to speak with local voters and provide them with critical information on how they could exercise their right to vote, as well as what was at stake in the election. Due to this work, we were able to help secure hundreds of millions of dollars for affordable housing for low-income residents in Los Angeles County."*

— Henry Perez, Executive Director of  
InnerCity Struggle





## Housing Justice in Action

This year we saw some significant achievements in housing justice and tenant rights in Los Angeles. Our amazing housing justice partners have been working tirelessly over the past year on everything from a tenant anti-harassment ordinance in the City of Los Angeles, to City Council adoption of Measure ULA's 11 program guidelines that help keep Angelenos in their homes. None of this would have been possible without the tireless advocacy of the United to House LA coalition member groups. In a significant development, the LA County Board of Supervisors also approved a groundbreaking Right to Counsel ordinance, which guarantees free legal representation for qualified tenants facing eviction in communities across LA County! This historic ordinance is the first of its kind in Southern California and represents a huge victory for tenants, coming after months of steady advocacy from Liberty Hill partners.

We also proudly supported the citizens' initiative known as Measure A or the "Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now Measure." Our Housing Justice grantees and community partners at United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance, SAJE, LiBRE, LA Voice, LACAN, ACCE, LA Forward, Our Future LA and others were among the coalition members that united behind the measure. The innovative Measure A will assist tens of thousands of Angelenos living on LA County streets by maintaining essential care, preventing an increase in homelessness, ensuring that funding is directed to the most effective services, and creating more affordable housing.

*"I have been fighting for dignified housing for years now. I was a tenant in an illegal housing unit. The landlord harassed me day and night, and I fought back. I am a housing insecure senior citizen, and I will continue to fight for myself and my community. I see Measure A as an opportunity for myself and everyone couch surfing, living in a tent, a motel, motor home, or cars, an opportunity at a new chance. With the revenue generated by Measure A, Los Angeles County will be able to house thousands of people. That's why I door knocked to get support for Measure A, that's why I'm hopeful for the future."*

– Maria Briones, 8th City District Chapter  
Elected Chairperson, ACCE

## Defending Environmental Progress & Pushing Forward

Thanks to the full power of our community, Liberty Hill's partners at STAND-LA, and advocates across the state, defended years of hard-won progress and successfully urged Governor Newsom to sign bill AB 3233 into law. This important legislation affirms the right of local governments to protect their residents from harmful oil and gas pollution and holds Big Oil accountable for its actions. And on the federal funding side, EJ Ready cohort member and partner Active SGV has begun to reap the benefits of the EJ Ready program that is moving federal dollars into local communities in support of environmental justice. They recently received a \$20 million grant from the Community-Driven Investments for Change initiative to support and implement large-scale projects aimed at addressing environmental and climate justice challenges locally.













*"We're taking incremental steps and fighting the good fight to make sure that we get what we need for our community members."*

– David Diaz,  
Executive Director of Active SGV








































# 2024 Liberty Hill Foundation Grantees

Liberty Hill Foundation is deeply grateful for the partnerships we have with all of our program grantees. We work in collaboration with many organizations and individuals who spearhead campaigns for social justice. Our Community Funding Board plays a key role in guiding decisions on selection of grantee organizations that can make the greatest impact in their communities. Through a participatory grantmaking process, the CFB helped us select our Fund for Change grantees.

	#SmartCohort Project		Communities for A Better Environment
	A New Way of Life Reentry Project		Community Asset Development Re-Defining Education
	ACCE Action		Community Coalition Action Fund
	ACCE Institute		Del Paso Heights Growers Alliance
	Acjachemen Tongva Land Conservancy		Dignity and Power Now
	Active San Gabriel Valley		East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
	All of Us or None—Los Angeles Chapter		Eastside LEADS
	Alliance for Girls		Empowering Pacific Islander Communities
	Anti-Eviction Mapping Project		Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
	Armenian Relief Society of Western USA Inc.		Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
	Arts for Healing and Justice Network		Fideicomiso Comunitario Tierra Libre
	Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement		Filipino Migrant Center
	Beloved Youth		Flintridge Center
	Beverly-Vermont Community Land Trust		Fossil Free California
	Black Women For Wellness		Gabrieleno-Tongva Tribal Council
	Black Women for Wellness Action Project		Garment Worker Center
	Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley		Gente Organizada
	California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance		Girls Club of Los Angeles
	California Native Vote Project		Ground Game LA
	California Youth Connection		Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA) Youth Inc.
	Californians for Human Immigrant Rights Leadership Action Fund		Holman United Methodist Church
	Californians For Justice Education Fund Inc.		Innecity Struggle
	Cancel The Contract: Antelope Valley		Inquilinos Unidos
	Catalyst California		Justice Outside
	CBE Action		Khmer Girls In Action
	Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice		Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates of Southern California
	Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy		LA CAN
	Climate Resolve		La Defensa
	Coalition for Engaged Education		LA Voice Action



	LAANE Action Fund		Rising Communities
	Labor Community Strategy Center		Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples
	Leaders for Environmental Activism Reclaiming Their Health		Sanctuary of Hope
	Liberty Community Land Trust		Sankofa Roots
	Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma		SCOPE Agenda Action Fund
	Long Beach Forward Inc.		Sister Warriors Freedom Coalition
	Long Beach Residents Empowered		SLATE-Z
	Los Angeles Center for Community Law and Action		Social Justice Learning Institute Inc.
	Los Angeles Center for Economic Survival		Sol Community Village
	Los Angeles Youth Uprising Coalition		Southeast Asian Community Alliance
	Mar Vista Family Center		Southern California Pacific Islander Community Response Team
	Meztli Projects Inc.		Spirit Awakening Foundation
	National Center for Youth Law		Stars: Illuminate, Educate, Advocate
	New Village Girls Academy		Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
	Orange County Environmental Justice Education Fund		Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education
	Pacoima Beautiful		Students Deserve
	Pasadena Altadena Coalition of Transformative Leaders		Tataviam Land Conservancy
	Paving the Way Foundation		Tenemos que Reclamar y Unidos Salvar la Tierra – South LA
	People for Mobility Justice		The California Conference for Equality and Justice, Inc.
	People Organized for Westside Renewal		Tia Chuchas Centro Cultural Inc.
	Physicians for Social Responsibility, Los Angeles		Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy
	Pie Ranch		Transition US
	Pilipino Action Center		Union De Vecinos
	Pomona Economic Opportunity Center		Warehouse Worker Resource Center
	Pomona United for Stable Housing		Young Women's Freedom Center
	PowerCA Action		Youth Advocates For Change
	Promesa Boyle Heights		Youth Climate Strike Action LA
	R.A.C.E. Matters – Slo County		Youth Justice Coalition Inc.
	Redeemer Community Partnership		Zen Heart Horsemanship Inc.





# Building Foundation, Corporate & Government Partnerships

*Liberty Hill works in collaboration with many organizations and partners who help power progress and transformational change in Los Angeles. From foundations to local government and their various departments, to groundbreaking partnerships with sports teams like the Dodgers, Liberty Hill is teaming up with a diverse list of partners to amplify our impact across our region.*

## LA Dodgers Foundation Partnership

As a powerful ally of our work over the years, the Dodgers Foundation has been unwavering in its commitment to our shared vision of social justice, equity, and community empowerment. Not only have they provided important financial support to help fund our mission, but they have also used their powerful voice to amplify important issues such as our youth development work in LA County. The foundation dedicated the proceeds from their Black Heritage Night at Dodger Stadium raffle to Liberty Hill. The funds raised will go to support the California Funders for Boys and Men of Color (CFBMoC)—a statewide initiative to remove systemic barriers and create pathways to enable boys and men of color to achieve their best. Champions on and off the field!



## New Statewide Environmental Leadership Initiative

In 2024, we announced the inaugural cohort of our new Environmental Leadership Initiative (ELI)—a groundbreaking fellowship program that invests in the development, empowerment and growth of emerging leaders dedicated to advancing environmental justice in communities across the state. Twenty-two leaders from Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), immigrant, Native Californian and tribal nation communities, were selected from a pool of nearly 120 applicants. Together, participants deepen their understanding of environmental justice principles, engage in collective movement-building work, and develop the skills necessary to create lasting impact in their local communities. This program is hosted by Liberty Hill Foundation, through the generous support and investment from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and The David and Lucile Packard Foundation.







## Foundation/Institutional Partnership Highlights

- Erol Foundation **doubled its support** for STAND-LA, helping this coalition fight off formidable opposition to neighborhood oil drilling bans.
- Meadow Fund and Satterberg Foundation **continue to build power** in LA by providing consistent, flexible support that allows Liberty Hill to remain a stable and steadfast supporter of movement building across the region.
- L.A. Care Health Plan **bolstered the impact** of the Stay Housed LA county contract by filling in funding gaps to ensure the program is fully funded.
- The Heising-Simons Foundation and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation **renewed grants to fortify** a countywide transformative alternative to youth incarceration, centering youth voices.

## FY 24 Government & Other Contracts

- **City of Long Beach**  
(Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles)
- **City of Los Angeles**  
(Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles)
- **County of Los Angeles**  
(Executive Office, Board of Supervisors)
- **County of Los Angeles**  
(Dept. of Public Health, Public Health Councils)
- **County of Los Angeles**  
(Department of Public Health, Silicosis Prevention)
- **County of Los Angeles**  
(Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles)



## EJ Ready Partners with White House EJ Council on Bus Tour

As part of our EJ Ready initiative to leverage funds from the federal government and ensure communities that have been overburdened by pollution and historic underinvestment benefit from EJ-related funding locally, Liberty Hill and the Resource Legacy Fund hosted its inaugural EJ Ready Bus Tour. The tour centered community voices and highlighted the work being led by frontline environmental justice communities. Guests included the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the White House Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Council who participated in facilitated conversations among public agencies charged with the disbursement of these resources and community partners seeking to increase overall support to access and mobilize public infrastructure resources.

***“Having foundations step up and partner with communities, having communities be able to share what the difficulties are and what the barriers are, and then creating the spaces where people can work together to partner—EJ Ready is a model that I think should really be used across the country.”***

*—Dr. Jalonne White-Newsome, Federal Chief Environmental Justice Officer,  
The White House Council on Environmental Quality*



## Building Community

### Narrative Change Roundtable with Mayor Bass

Liberty Hill and the Creative Artists Agency Foundation (CAA) hosted a roundtable discussion focused on the role storytelling and narrative change play in shaping a better understanding of homelessness in Los Angeles. The event brought together dozens of CAA representatives for an engaging conversation featuring Executive Producer of “Clipped,” Gina Welch, Liberty Hill President & CEO Shane Murphy Goldsmith, and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass. They shared insights about LA’s unhoused population and ideas on ways the entertainment industry can use narrative change to challenge stereotypes and foster a deeper understanding of this issue, while approaching those experiencing homelessness with compassion.



### Legal Aid Foundation & Purple Lily Awards

This past year, both Liberty Hill Foundation and our President & CEO Shane Murphy Goldsmith were honored at awards ceremonies that celebrated our dedication and commitment to social justice. The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles honored Shane with the Access to Justice Award for her incredible leadership in advocating for systemic change for disadvantaged communities. Liberty Hill was also honored with the Purple Lily Award from our amazing community partners at Latino Equality Alliance, a Latinx LGBTQ+ nonprofit that works to promote healthy and safe environments in schools, homes and neighborhoods for LGBTQ+ youth and families. As the organization’s first source of funding, Liberty Hill was celebrated for its exceptional support, advocacy, and leadership in uplifting the Latinx LGBTQ+ community in Los Angeles.



### Free the Youth Press Conference

Youth and Transformative Justice advocates, community organizers, and partners from Liberty Hill’s newly established Liberation Fund, came together to host the “Free the Youth” press conference, urging the LA County Board of Supervisors to take action in closing all youth detention centers in LA County. They called for the replacement of traditional structures of punishment and incarceration, advocating redirecting \$140M toward reimagined approaches to youth justice rooted in healing and well-being, racial equity and youth development.





## Liberation Fund Prom

Liberty Hill held its inaugural Liberation Fund Prom to celebrate the critical work of the Liberation Fund initiative to end youth incarceration of girls and gender-expansive youth in LA County. This occasion marked the beginning of the implementation phase of the Liberation Fund blueprint. Youth leaders from several Liberation Fund partner organizations joined the celebration, where they were honored for their advocacy and work to create systemic change.

Speakers included Meadow Fund President Lateefah Simon, LA City Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, and the Dodgers Foundation CEO Nichol Whiteman, who helped us celebrate the Liberation Fund and its efforts to make LA County the largest jurisdiction in the nation to end the incarceration of girls and gender-expansive youth.

## Pride Poetry Night at Grand Performances

Liberty Hill teamed up with Downtown LA's Grand Performances to co-sponsor its "LA Stories: Poetics of Pride + Legacy" event for Pride Month. We gathered with Angelenos from across the city for a special summer night filled with poetry, music, and dance, all in celebration of the legacy and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community. The free community event was hosted by the talented Jen Cheng, award-winning poet and Poet Laureate of West Hollywood. Attendees also had the opportunity to learn more about Liberty Hill's work and join our community in support of LGBTQ+ and Gender Justice.



## NBC News Now National Day of Racial Healing

Liberty Hill President & CEO Shane Murphy Goldsmith joined NBC News Now for its National Day of Racial Healing Special. This vital discussion explored the current state of race in America and the progress we've made in tackling ongoing challenges. Sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the programming examined a variety of topics, including policing, housing, reparations, allyship, environmental justice, and racial trauma across different communities. Liberty Hill is proud to support the national movement for racial justice, understanding that racial healing is a vital step toward achieving racial equity.

***Liberty Hill is a courageous, persistent and unabashed champion for social justice and progressive change in LA. Its focus on grass-roots leaders and movement builders has created a hub and nerve center for changemakers.***

– Claire Peeps, Executive Director, Durfee Foundation



# Donor Activists: Building the Way Forward

## Individual Donor Activists

Our donor activists put their passion into action. Their generous unrestricted gifts allow us to continue to power the grassroots movements shaping LA. Whether they're advocating in support of youth development, signing petitions to end oil drilling across the county, or attending events to raise funds to support this critical work, Liberty Hill's Donor Activists show up for social justice. We couldn't do this critical work without your support.

### Allison Thomas: A Commitment to Restorative Giving

Several years ago, donor activist Allison Thomas became interested in researching her family history and roots, which she knew extended to Colonial Virginia. When she discovered she was a descendant of a wealthy merchant and planter who owned more than 1,000 enslaved Africans in the 1700s, she was resolute. The revelation led her to deeper research, reflection, and a monumental decision—to invest all her inheritance from that side of her family into Black-led community organizations and efforts to uplift and empower Black communities. She heard that setting up a donor advised fund (DAF) at a community foundation was a great way to get to know the local giving ecosystem—which led her to opening a DAF at Liberty Hill. Her approach to restorative giving involves spending her donor advised fund down to zero and then replenishing it each year.

*"I'm a fan of long-term funding for Black-led community organizations. These leaders know what their communities need, and I think we should trust them to decide what they should do with the funding."*

## Donor-Advised Funds

Donor Advised Funds (DAF) are a crucial component of Liberty Hill's laboratory of social change philanthropy, offering opportunities for donors to fund new and innovative models for empowering communities and supporting systemic change.

*"I grew up in Los Angeles, so I wanted to focus my giving here. Liberty Hill has been a great place to learn about what's going on and where my support can be most impactful."*

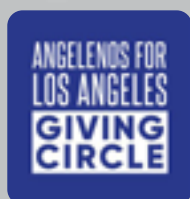
*—Donor Activist Allison Thomas*





## Giving Circles: Collective Impact Through Philanthropy

Liberty Hill's Giving Circles are self-directed groups of dynamic individuals who pool their donations to make a greater impact on the issues that matter to them. These donor activists engage in participatory grantmaking and leverage their collective power as philanthropists.



## Spotlight: The X-Fund Celebrates 10 Years!



The X Fund and its goals to create social change in Los Angeles celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2024. The group held their annual X-Fund Reception, which brought together members and grantees at The Getty House to celebrate their shared dedication to uplifting women, girls, and gender-expansive individuals. Since its inception, the X Fund has championed gender justice issues, providing vital resources to women-led organizations on the frontlines of this important movement. The annual event included a welcome from Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, remarks from X Fund committee members, and inspiring words from newly awarded X Fund grantees.



## ***Honoring Liz Levitt Hirsch 1951–2024***

Longtime Liberty Hill Champion Elizabeth “Liz” Levitt Hirsch was a fierce supporter of the arts, community, and social justice. She served as a board president of the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation, directing her lifelong passion for the performing arts into a source for positive social change. With her bubbly personality and warm smile, Liz lit up every room she entered. A past recipient of the Founders Award at our 2018 Upton Sinclair Award Dinner—which is given to individuals whose philanthropy embodies the spirit of “Change, Not Charity”—Liz truly believed that justice begins at home. Her work to empower communities across Los Angeles through the power of the arts will leave a lasting legacy, and she will remain in our hearts and memories.



## 41st Annual Upton Sinclair Celebration

At this past year's 41st Annual Upton Sinclair Celebration we honored the amazing frontline organizers, community leaders, and donor activists who play a vital role in the progressive change in LA. The event featured immersive exhibits highlighting LA's social justice movements, along with original artwork from our wonderful partners at Spirit Awakening Foundation, and a powerful performance by the Los Angeles Community Action Network's The Freedom Singers. Our honorees were an exceptional group, including donor activist and community leader Celia Bernstein, who received our Founders Award; Derek Steele, the executive director of Social Justice Learning Institute, who received our Wally Marks Changemaker Award; the talented Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter and social justice activist Aloe Blacc, who received our Creative Vision Award; and dedicated community activist and Los Angeles City Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, this year's Upton Sinclair Award Honoree and keynote speaker.

*"Each of us has such an important role to play, and I am so grateful that I found mine here at Liberty Hill over these past 36 years."*

*– Celia Bernstein, Donor Activist and Founders Award Recipient*

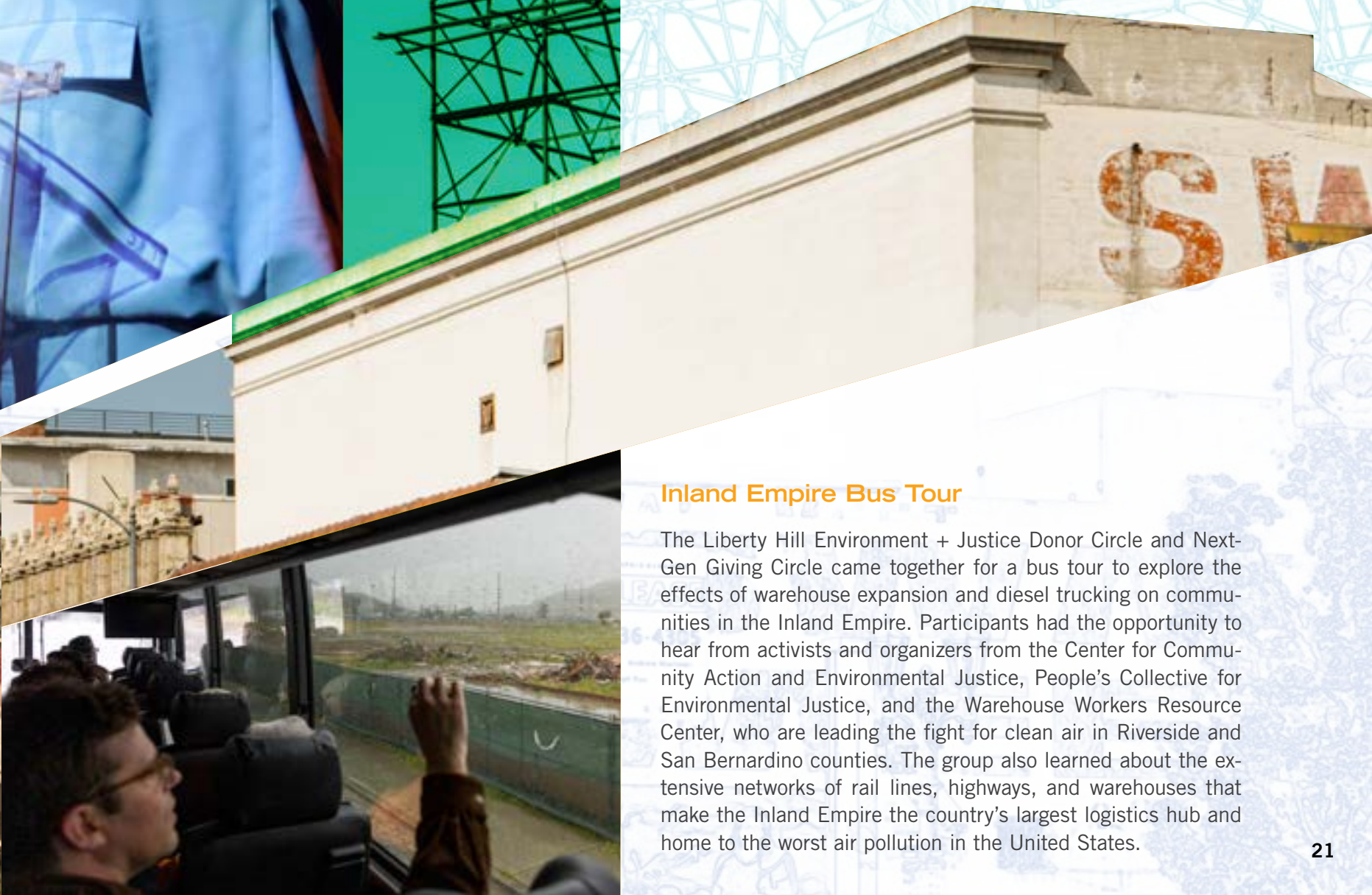


## Luskin Fellows Program Celebrates 10th Anniversary

This past year marks the 10-year anniversary of the Luskin Fellowship Summer Program at Liberty Hill—an innovative partnership between the foundation and UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs aimed at supporting social justice leaders of tomorrow. The long-running program gives UCLA graduate students the opportunity to work with the foundation on research and policy initiatives designed to drive systemic change across Los Angeles. Since 2014, Liberty Hill has welcomed public policy, social welfare, and urban planning graduate students to its community of frontline organizations, community partners, and donor activists, introducing future planners and policymakers to core power building concepts. Thanks to the generous support from Liberty Hill donor activists and UCLA alumni Stephanie Bronson '81 and Harold Bronson '72, this long-standing program for future leaders continues to thrive.







### Inland Empire Bus Tour

The Liberty Hill Environment + Justice Donor Circle and Next-Gen Giving Circle came together for a bus tour to explore the effects of warehouse expansion and diesel trucking on communities in the Inland Empire. Participants had the opportunity to hear from activists and organizers from the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, People's Collective for Environmental Justice, and the Warehouse Workers Resource Center, who are leading the fight for clean air in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The group also learned about the extensive networks of rail lines, highways, and warehouses that make the Inland Empire the country's largest logistics hub and home to the worst air pollution in the United States.



# Donors Bending the Arc Toward Justice

***We are grateful for the unwavering support and commitment of Liberty Hill's longtime Donor Activists and funding partners, as well as the many individuals and organizations that began new partnerships with Liberty Hill at this critical moment in history.***

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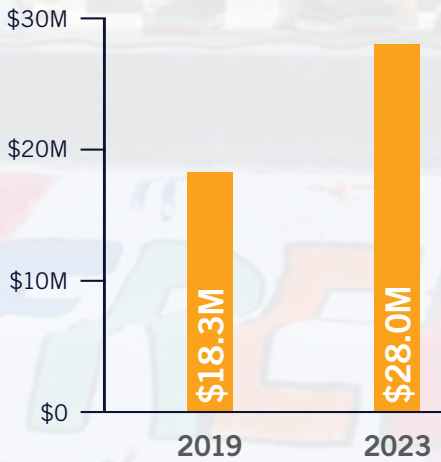
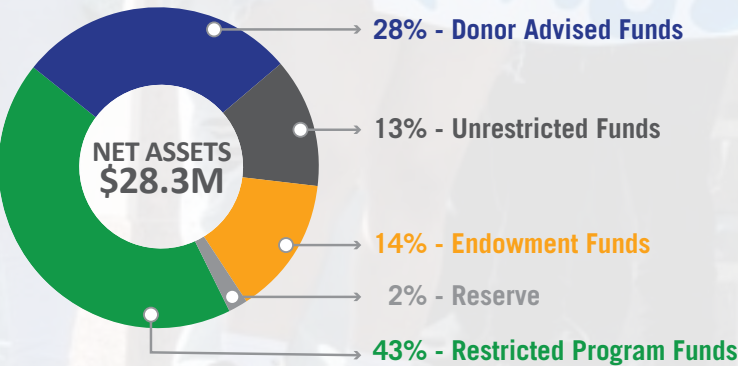
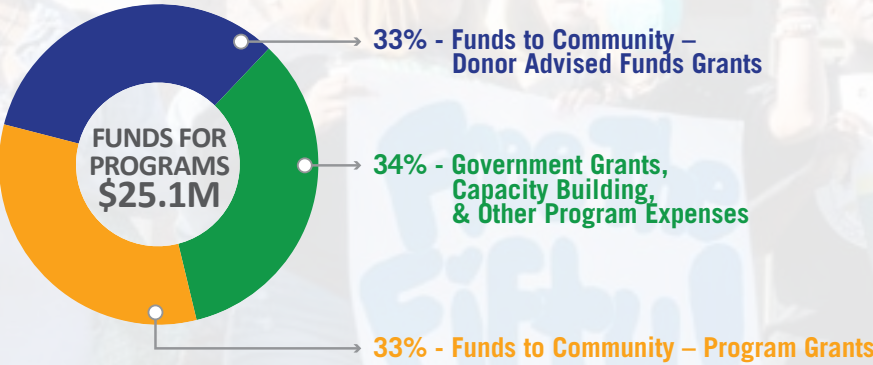
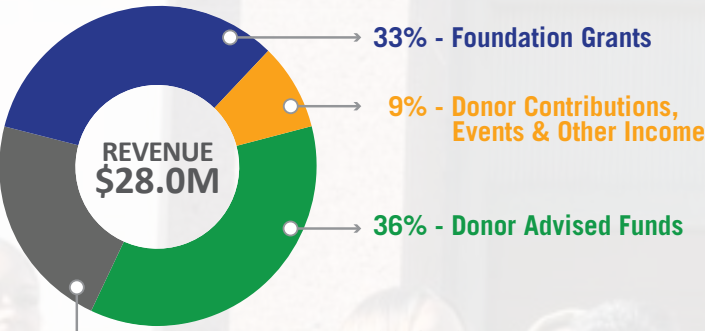
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