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Hundreds of thousands of Americans gather on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on Aug. 28, 1963. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

REALIZING THE PROMISE

Gregory Galluzzo, Executive Director
Denis Detzel, Board Chair

In January 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States. This was a proud moment for the Gamaliel Foundation. The president began his career in public service as an organizer with a Gamaliel affiliate in the south suburbs of Chicago called the South Suburban Action Conference. He went on to be the founding director of the Developing Communities Project, another Gamaliel affiliate. It was a Gamaliel organizer, Gerald Kellman, who first recruited and trained the young college graduate. The president frequently alludes to these early years in Chicago as formative to his development as a public person.

As a non-partisan, faith-based network of community organizations that work with elected officials across the political spectrum, Gamaliel believes that organized grassroots action is key to fulfilling the promise of democracy.

During the 2008 election cycle, we engaged in non-partisan voter registration and turnout drives. We conducted major public meetings in 21 cities across the country to educate the public about the central issues facing our nation.

Gamaliel ended 2008 with a powerful gathering in Washington, D.C., called "Realizing the Promise." Conducted jointly with the Center for Community Change, it was attended by 2,500 people, half from our affiliates. Present were major figures from the new administration. Gamaliel and the Center laid out a "people's agenda" around health care, immigration, and transportation, and committed to push for this agenda to be part of the agenda of the new administration.

Much of 2009 was spent motivating, educating and activating our base around these three

pivotal issues. Gamaliel held rallies and public meetings at the local level and in D.C. to intensify the public will for action amid a deepening economic crisis—a crisis that, more than ever, demands grassroots action to give ordinary people control over the decisions affecting their lives. The network has emerged as a recognized force in all three of its national areas of focus: health care, immigration, and transportation.

Gamaliel has continued its work of creating, building, fortifying, and growing the affiliates in the 19 states in which we operate. We have decided to build statewide structures in each of the new states in which we operate, and in existing states where local affiliates are amenable.

The network has also initiated a strategic planning process to direct its activity over the next five years. At a time of crisis and opportunity for our country, Gamaliel is organizing itself to create an activated, united and powerful movement to fulfill the promise of democracy for all.

CIVIL RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANTS

America's people of faith have witnessed how our country's broken immigration system has separated countless families and compromised the dignity of millions of decent people. That witness inspired the Gamaliel Foundation to launch its Civil Rights of Immigrants campaign, whose goals are to enact smart and fair policies that affect immigrants locally and to win Comprehensive Immigration Reform nationally.

In 2009, Gamaliel's Civil Rights of Immigrants (CRI) table launched a National Prayer Vigil Campaign to win comprehensive immigration reform. This campaign involved weekly public prayer vigils in front of the offices of 20 members of Congress around the country.

Gamaliel leaders used these moments of public prayer to call on members of Congress to support immigration reform based on the faith values Gamaliel members hold dear: the sanctity of family and justice rather than cruelty.

Affiliates held a total of 108 vigils from December 2009 to April 2010. The vigils resulted in meetings with hard-to-get members of Congress and strong media coverage for Gamaliel members.

When asked why she organized weekly prayer vigils in front of Rep. Aaron Schock's office, a leader from Gamaliel affiliate Faith Coalition for the Common Good said:

I am an immigrant, a mother, a worker, a volunteer, and above all, a member of the human race. I love my adopted country, and I want the same opportunity for all my brothers and sisters who are here contributing to make and remake this amazing nation. This year, I want to proudly announce that the USA has a comprehensive immigration law that treats all people with justice, dignity, fairness and compassion. And I hope that Aaron Schock wants it too.

In the midst of all this action, Gamaliel leaders have continued the complex work of building relationships with their members of Congress. The Civil Rights of Immigrants campaign has led Gamaliel affiliates into meetings and relationships with Senators such as Dick Durbin, Johnny Isakson, and Al Franken, and Representatives such as Emanuel Cleaver, David Scott, Aaron Schock, Jerry Costello, among many others.



Gamaliel affiliates have held prayer vigils and actions outside the offices of 20 members of Congress, as well as at immigration detention centers around the country. Photo courtesy of Sister Barbara Pfarr.



Gamaliel members from affiliates around the country rallied in Washington, D.C., in support of national health care reform in June 2009. Photo courtesy of ARISE.

HEALTHCARE REFORM CAMPAIGN

“Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.” (Luke 9:1-2)

Countless hours of faithful work by Gamaliel leaders, joining with millions around the country, resulted in healthcare reform that will provide coverage to 32 million uninsured people. It will prevent insurance companies from denying care and dropping coverage, and will improve Medicare benefits and preventive care. It will also devote \$12 billion in new funding to safety-net programs for low-income families.

The reform is also projected to reduce the deficit by over \$100 billion over the next ten years, reigning in waste, fraud and abuse, and focusing on the quality of care rather than the quantity.

But the impact of Gamaliel’s health care work goes beyond the reforms in the bill. This historic movement, which we helped create, shifted the balance of power over health care – from giant insurance corporations to ordinary people and small business owners. Gamaliel affiliates:

- organized hundreds of health care forums in congregations, educating and enlisting people to take public action
- organized busloads of leaders from affiliates around the country to Washington, D.C., in December 2008 and June 2009 to join in the national health care rallies and meet with their members of Congress
- participated in rapid response phone and email campaign that delivered thousands of

messages to members of Congress at critical junctures

- organized letters to members of Congress with the signatures of thousands of religious leaders
- held hundreds of rallies to urge members of Congress in our affiliates’ states to lead reform efforts for affordable and accessible care

The Gamaliel Foundation’s health care work is driven by our faith values of sacred community and equal opportunity for all. Healing and community are central themes in the scriptures of our faith traditions and a sign of the presence of God. All of us are responsible to be good stewards of all that God provides. We fought for reform that would be faithful to our vision of the beloved community.

While the reform fell short of our highest demands, it provides truly important benefits to poor and working families.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY NETWORK

Repairing America's current inequities, restoring our national commitment to community, and preparing ourselves for the next global economy all require powerful organizing to realize the promise of America as one nation, indivisible—starting with our national transportation system. The Transportation Equity Network (TEN) was built on this fact.

In 2009, TEN had an extraordinary year in its fight for a more just, prosperous, and connected America. The challenges were steep: the economic crisis is forcing 84% of our nation's transit systems to cut service, hike fares, or both; and legislative gridlock has stalled the \$550 billion transportation spending bill that will shape our nation for five years after passage.

Amid these challenges, TEN achieved a remarkable string of victories on both the local and national levels:

- TEN won unprecedented access for minority and female workers to a \$550 million highway project in Missouri. Thanks to TEN and Metropolitan Congregations United, minority and female workers performed 26% of the workforce hours, \$2.5 million were devoted to job training, and the project was finished three weeks early and \$11 million under budget.
- TEN won a commitment from Secretary of Transportation Raymond LaHood to encourage state departments of transportation to adopt this model of workforce development model, TEN's "Missouri Model," nationwide.
- TEN worked with Rep. Russ Carnahan to secure language in the jobs bill that passed

the U.S. House on Dec. 17, 2009, to let transit agencies use up to 10 percent of the bill's \$8.4 billion in public transit funding to avert fare hikes and service cuts.

- The Congressional Black Caucus lifted up TEN's Green Construction Careers Program, job training demands, and the Missouri Model in an open letter to President Obama in December 2009.
- In January 2010, the USDOT adopted new livability-based funding guidelines for major transit projects, overturning narrow Bush-era cost and performance criteria and fulfilling a longtime TEN demand.

TEN also expanded its staff to 10 full-time and part-time employees, and its list of member and partner organizations grew to more than 350 in 41 states and Washington, D.C.

Over the coming year, TEN will continue to work to transform our national transportation system in a way that lets us overcome crises in the economy, energy security, and climate change. TEN will continue its unique combination of grassroots action in local communities and federal policy work to build prosperous, equitable, and healthy communities and provide equal public transportation access to all.



The Transportation Equity Network is holding coordinated National Days of Action to highlight transit service cuts and fare hikes—especially their effect on low-income people, people of color, older Americans, and Americans with disabilities. Photo courtesy of the Los Angeles Bus Riders Union.

National Tables and Training

NATIONAL TABLES



The Gamaliel Foundation has five national structures that help to coordinate its work on a national scale:

- the Council of Presidents
- the African American Leadership Commission
- the Gamaliel National Clergy Caucus
- the Civil Rights of Immigrants Department
- the International Leadership Assembly

These tables are composed of leaders who are either appointed or elected by the network's local affiliates.

The Gamaliel Foundation conducts its seven-day National Leadership Training Program four times a year in the U.S. and twice a year in South Africa. It conducts a condensed version of this training in Great Britain twice a year.

The network also conducts three-day leadership training programs: Ntosake, our women's training program; Advanced Leadership Training; Clergy Training; and the Juneteenth Training by the African American Leadership Commission.

In addition, the network conducts over 100 one- and two-day trainings at sites throughout the network. Finally, Gamaliel conducts two annual staff training events for all organizers in the network.

TRAINING PROGRAMS



SPOTLIGHT: GENESIS

GENESIS is a faith- and values-based organization dedicated to building an inclusive San Francisco Bay Area region that works for all of its communities by bringing equality to those most vulnerable and marginalized in our region. GENESIS empowers ordinary people to do extraordinary things in the pursuit of justice, and understands that social equity, inclusiveness, and equality of benefits and opportunities for all are necessary conditions of environmental sustainability and economic prosperity.

Transportation decisions and policies in the Bay Area discriminate against people by race and class. Bus riders (80% of whom are people of color, poor and working class) receive a \$2.78 public subsidy per ride; while train riders (only 40% of whom are people of color) receive a \$13.78 subsidy. Funding over the past 20 years has increased 139% for Cal trains and 43% for Bart Trains, while AC Transit bus funding has been cut by 30%.

This inequity affects people's ability to get and maintain a job, take a child to see a doctor, access medical care, or simply visit a friend. These policies are hurting the most vulnerable people in the Bay Area.

In 2009, leaders from GENESIS learned that area transportation officials planned to use federal stimulus funds for the same short-sighted ends: to favor the interests of developers, builders, and other corporations over the poor. GENESIS leaders were alarmed and angry that federal stimulus funds designated for transit were going to be transferred to an unnecessary airport connector between BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) and the airport, rather than helping fund the

operation of transit lines that were facing continuous cuts.

GENESIS launched a campaign that led to \$225,000,000 being moved from the planned airport connector to operating costs for existing transit. Moving into 2010, GENESIS continued to lead the fight against wasteful new development, and for equitable transit access for all, especially poor people and people of color.



SPOTLIGHT: VOICE-BUFFALO

VOICE-Buffalo is a Gamaliel affiliate in Buffalo, NY, devoted to building the capacity of people to act on their concerns, creating a culture of responsibility and accountability for what happens in our community, strengthening and connecting our institutions to their communities, and breaking down the barriers that are deeply dividing our neighborhoods, city and region.

VOICE-Buffalo advanced major goals in 2009: building a more diverse and balanced board, developing leaders, and winning local and regional fights to revitalize our economy and expand opportunity.

- **Regional Issues:** VOICE-Buffalo faith and community leaders fought for the strategic goal of establishing a Bi-Regional Economic Development Commission. This Commission would follow the Framework for Regional Growth: a Smart Growth document that includes planning and infrastructure that would bring in millions of dollars to revitalize western New York.
- **Local Issues:** VOICE-Buffalo adopted public transportation as a key local issue. Its leaders believe that economic, physical and spiritual boundaries exist all around us. Investment in public transportation can break these boundaries. VOICE-Buffalo pushed for a national Transportation Re-Authorization Act that would establish public transportation as a priority for the region for the next 10 years. It also worked for equitable fare restructuring and bus shelter prioritization.
- **Leadership Development:** VOICE-Buffalo sent 14 leaders and its Lead Organizer to National Leadership Trainings in the Bronx and Hawaii. It held a local training for 89 people from VOICE-Buffalo, Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope (NOAH), and People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH).
- **October Public Meeting:** This public action was a display of the organization's commitment to building over the long haul. More than 400 people gathered at St. Martin De-Porres Church with an agenda of economic development for the region.



SPOTLIGHT: THRIVE

Thrive is a Gamaliel affiliate in Stockton, England, working to lift up the voices of people in poverty with key decision-makers and to change our communities for the better. Throughout 2009, Thrive worked hard on issues that have a severe impact on some of the most vulnerable people in Stockton: household debt, health inequities, financial exclusion, and job access.



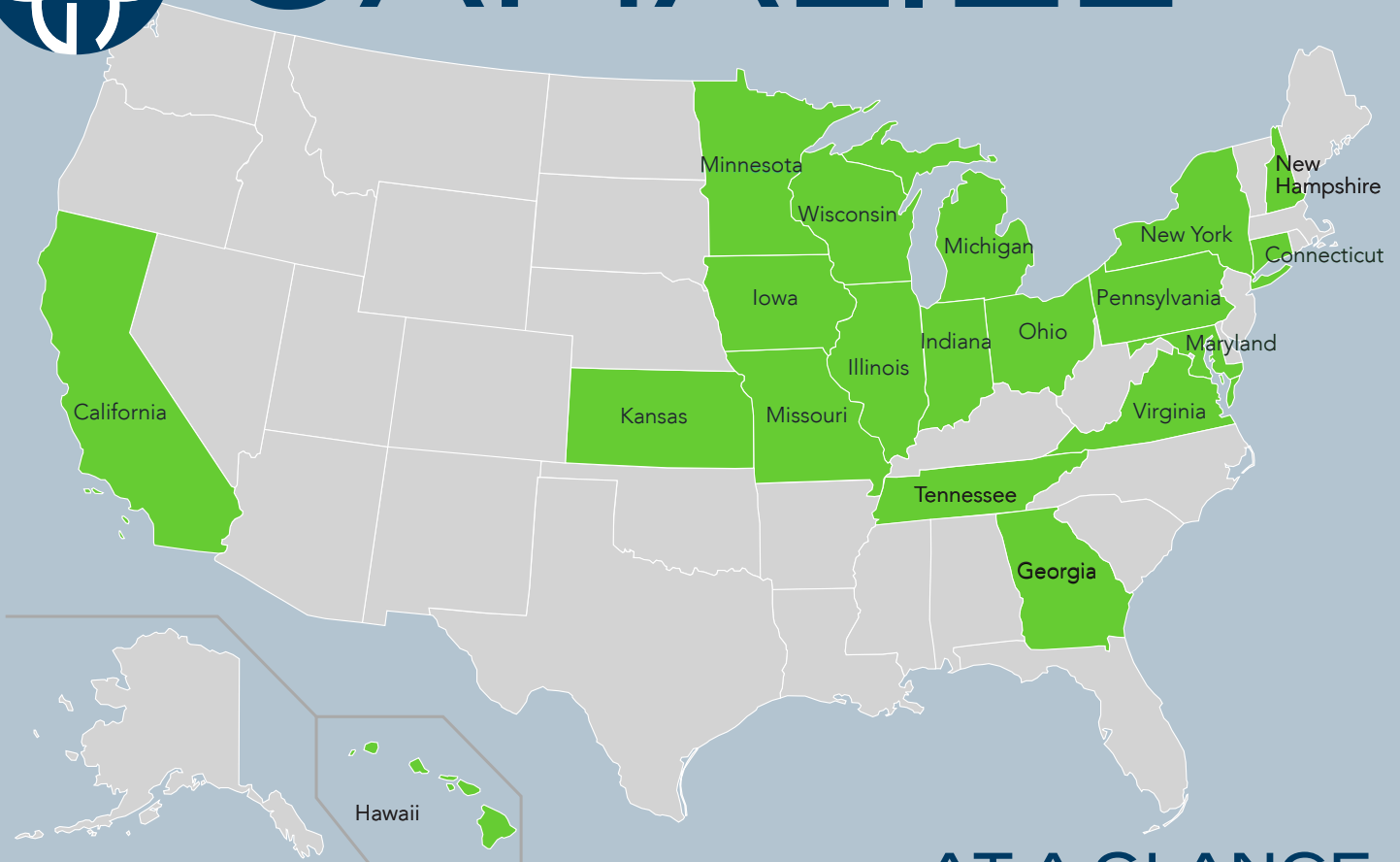
In March 2009, Thrive hosted a three-day training for its grassroots leaders with Gamaliel Executive Director Gregory Galluzzo. Participants included community members with direct experience of poverty, partners from Durham University, and representatives from local faith and community groups.

Complementing Thrive's community organizing work is a program of action-research, in which trained volunteers work with low-income households to get a deep understanding of the issues affecting their lives. In addition to this research, Thrive mentors community members to build relationships of trust and support. Those relationships become the basis for collective action to create positive change.

On June 24, 2009, over 100 people turned out to an accountability session between Thrive and a group of key local decision-makers on jobs, consumer protection, and community safety. The invited officials acknowledged Thrive's important role in the community and agreed to make changes to their services as a direct result of Thrive's work and testimony.



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AT A GLANCE

Domestic Membership

U.S. GAMALIEL AFFILIATES

California

JOB (Justice Overcoming Boundaries), San Diego

CAUSE (Coastal Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy), Oxnard

GENESIS, North Bay

The ARC (Advocacy, Respect, Commitment) of California, Sacramento

Connecticut

UACT (United Action Connecticut), Middletown

Georgia

ABLE (Atlantans Building Leadership for Empowerment), Atlanta

Hawaii

Face of Oahu (Faith Action for Community Equity)

Face of Maui (Faith Action for Community Equity)

Illinois

Gamaliel of Illinois

Gamaliel of Metro Chicago

SSAC (South Suburban Action Conference), Harvey

PNCC (Pilsen Neighbors Community Council), Chicago

UCM (United Congregations of Metro East), Madison

FCCG (Faith Coalition for the Common Good), Springfield

Indiana

TAP (Transforming Action Through Power), South Bend

Iowa

QCI (Quad Cities Interfaith)

Kansas

MORE² (Metro Organizing for Racial and Economic Equity), Kansas City

Maryland

PRISCM (Partners for Renewal in Southern and Central Maryland), Capitol Heights

Michigan

Gamaliel of Michigan with affiliates

MOSES (Metropolitan Organizing Strategy for Enabling Strength), Detroit

EZEKIEL Project, Saginaw

JONAH (Joint-Religious Organizing Network for Action & Hope), Battle Creek

ISAAC (Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy and Action in the Community), Kalamazoo

Minnesota

ISAIAH, with chapters in St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Cloud, and Rochester

Missouri

MCU (Metropolitan Congregations United), St. Louis

MORE² (Metro Organizing for Racial and Economic Equity), Kansas City

New Hampshire

Institute on Disabilities, Durham

New York

NOAH (Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope)

VOICE-Buffalo

ACTS (Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse)

ARISE (A Regional Initiative Supporting Empowerment), Schenectady

NWBCCC (Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition), New York

LION (Long Island Organizing Network), Riverhead

Ohio

ACTION (Alliance for Congregational Transformation Influencing Our Neighborhoods), Youngstown

Pennsylvania

PIIN (Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network)

CALL (Congregational Action to Lift Lives), Erie

Faith Speaking, Wilkes Barres

Tennessee

UVS (University of the South), Sewanee

Virginia

EHR (Empower Hampton Roads)

Petersburg Exploratory Project

Wisconsin

WISDOM with affiliates

AMOS (Advocate Mobilize Organize in Solidarity), LaCrosse

CUSH (Congregations United to Serve Humanity), Kenosha

ESTHER (Equality Solidarity Truth Hope Empowerment Reform), Fox Valley

JOB (Justice Overcoming Borders), Beloit

JONAH (Joining Our Neighbors, Advancing Hope), Eau Claire

JOSHUA (Justice Organization Sharing Hope and United for Action), Green Bay

MICAH (Milwaukee Intercity Congregations United for Hope)

RIC (Racine Interfaith Coalition)

SOPHIA (Stewards of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action), Waukesha

International Membership**INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES****Great Britain**

TCC (Together Creating Communities), Wales

Change Makers, England with affiliates

Manchester affiliate

Stockton affiliate (Thrive)

Bradford affiliate

South Africa

CBCO (Church Based Community Organizations) and affiliates

Durban affiliate

Port Elizabeth affiliate

Soweto affiliate

Cape Town affiliate

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Chicago Legal Clinic	National Immigration Forum	Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)	New World Foundation	The Surdna Foundation
The Discount Foundation	Open Society Institute	The Wallace Global Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church	Public Interest Projects <i>Fulfilling the Dream Fund</i>	We Are America Alliance
Faith in Public Life		

2008-2009 FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2009	2008
Cash	235,706	526,652
Amounts held in custody for others	6,915	41,276
Accounts receivable, net allowance for doubtful accounts of \$86,000 and \$91,000 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively	125,776	42,910
Contributions receivable	1,139,988	650,000
Prepaid expenses	16,900	40,882
Total Current Assets	2,420,080	2,007,084
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	69,766	100,185
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Deposits	1,782	1,782
Total Assets	2,491,628	2,109,051

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2009	2008
Line of credit	100,020	75,020
Note payable	46,776	46,776
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	191,307	175,534
Amounts held in custody for others	6,915	41,276
Deferred revenue		2,725
Total Current Liabilities	345,018	341,331
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Note payable	38,980	85,757
Total Liabilities	383,998	427,088
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	(1,172,605)	(902,332)
Board designated reserve operating fund	997,420	847,420
Total Unrestricted	(175,185)	(54,912)
Temporarily restricted	2,282,815	1,736,875
Total Net Assets	2,107,630	1,681,963
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	2,491,628	2,109,051

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