



# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

JusticeAid leverages the community-building power of art and music to transform awareness into action in the fight against injustice.



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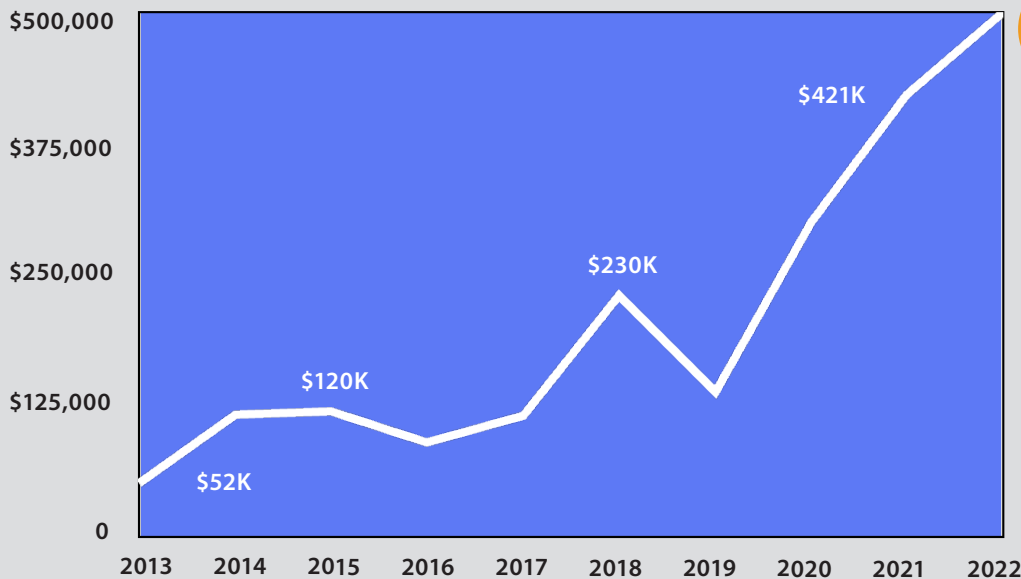
In 2013, a group of civil rights advocates and music lovers founded JusticeAid to use music and the arts to raise money for organizations fighting injustice and inequality.

Each year the JusticeAid Board identifies a pressing civil rights cause and a nonprofit deeply committed to correcting that injustice: nonprofits that are ending mass incarceration, addressing the criminalization of poverty and inhumane immigration policies, protecting civil rights for all.

We produce 1-2 benefit concerts each year, featuring such diverse talent as Trombone Shorty, Mavis Staples, and Los Lobos. To further our impact, we also produce free live and streaming discussion panels, social media campaigns, films, and other outreach—educating thousands more Americans on justice issues.

JusticeAid Board members and a circle of loyal donors cover all administrative and program costs so that **100% of every other donation** goes directly to support the work of our grantee partners.

## ANNUAL GRANTS TO GRANTEE PARTNERS



TWO  
MILLION  
DOLLARS!

Since 2013, JusticeAid  
has provided over  
**\$2 million**  
to its grantee partners.

## GRANTEE PARTNERS 2013-2022

**RISE**  
FOR JUSTICE

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Strengthening Public Defenders. Transforming Public Defense.

**JUSTICE  
FOR VETS**

**YOUTH  
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**the CAMPAIGN for the FAIR  
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2013

2014

2015

2016

**URBAN  
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**ELECTION  
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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

**smyal**  
empowering LGBTQ youth

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022





## 2022 FOCUS ON LGBTQ RIGHTS

In 2022, we turned our spotlight to LGBTQ civil rights. This year has seen the largest number of anti-LGBTQ laws passed in state legislatures amid a wave of hatred directed specifically at queer and trans youth. JusticeAid is proud to support this vulnerable community and the trailblazing work of our 2022 grantee partner SMYAL (Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders).

## IMPACT

Through the generosity of donors like you, SMYAL has recently expanded its supportive housing program to now serve 60+ youth experiencing homelessness. SMYAL also provides affirming mental health counseling for these youth, as well as outreach and education for the community. Our thanks to each and every donor, trusted voice, and artist who helped JusticeAid advance its mission in 2022.



In 2022, JusticeAid granted \$500,000 to SMYAL.

### HOUSING

SMYAL is the largest housing provider to LGBTQ youth in the region.

### MENTAL HEALTH

SMYAL's health screening and mental health counseling are 100% free of charge.

### TRAINING

2,000+ teachers, social workers, and health professionals received cultural competency training last year.

### LITTLE SMYALS

One of the only programs in the country designed for youth ages 6-12.

### NUEVO/NEW!

A street outreach program, piloted in September, already serves 26 Spanish-speaking youth.

### PARTICIPATION

1,600+ LGBTQ youth and their families attended SMYAL's virtual community/support programs in 2022.

## SPRING CONCERT

**Bessie! Empress of the Blues** May 16, 2022, City Winery NYC

There's something wonderful about sharing a good meal and uplifting music in the company of like-minded advocates and friends.



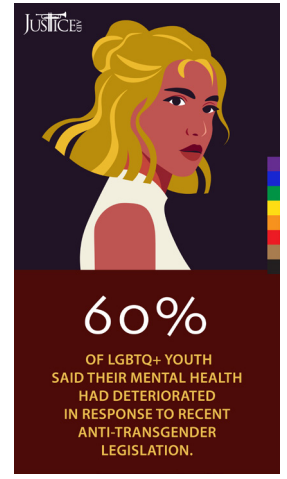
Paula Cole, Nona Hendryx, Valerie Simpson, Terri Lyne Carrington, Allan Harris, Madeleine Peyroux, Morley, Chris Bergson and Ellis Hooks, and Samara Joy sang their own interpretations of hits by the legendary blues and jazz singer Bessie Smith, including "Black Mountain Blues," "Hold Me Again," and "St. Louis Blues."

**BESSIE!** **TICKETS** **MAY 16, 2022**  
EMPRESS OF THE BLUES [justiceaid.org](https://justiceaid.org) CITY WINERY, NYC



## EXTENDING OUR REACH

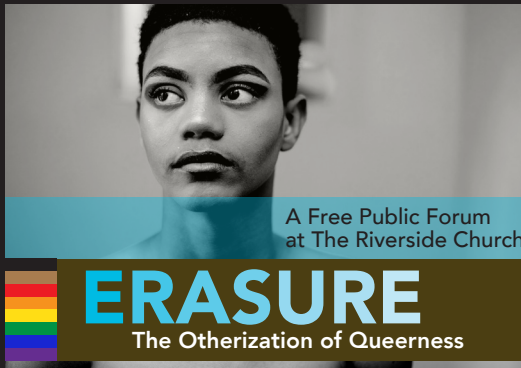
Despite advances in LGBTQ rights, queer and trans youth report higher levels of discrimination than older generations, and continue to face negative educational, employment, and health inequities when compared to their peers. Citing data from Gallup, GLSEN, the Trevor Project, and other groups, JusticeAid created a social media campaign to call attention to these often-times disturbing data.



## FALL FORUM

### Erasure: The Otherization of Queerness

October 11, 2022 The Riverside Church of New York



"WE ARE HERE.  
WE ARE QUEER.  
AND WE AIN'T GOING  
ANYWHERE."

— US Rep. Ritchie Torres  
(D-NY)



JusticeAid partnered once again with The Riverside Church for this free public forum. Speakers and panelists shared their voices and passion, their knowledge and experience, to educate us on the anti-LGBTQ rhetoric permeating our country. Participants included: US Rep. Ritchie Torres, Imara Jones, Rev. Bertram Johnson, Ceyenne Doroshow, Charles King, Adrian Mora, Revs. Livingston and Lamb, and musical artists Matthew Whitaker and The Resistance Revival Chorus.

## LOOKING AHEAD!

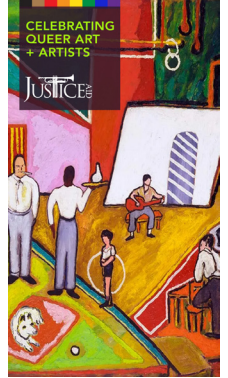
We believe that protecting the right to vote is fundamental to protecting *all* civil rights. To that end, we are excited to announce a refocus on Voting Rights during our 10th anniversary year and the selection of our 2023 grantee partner, **Black Voters Matter**.

We asked ourselves, "Who is doing the best work to explain the importance of voting, build community power, reach into rural areas to mobilize voters, and reverse efforts to restrict voter turnout?"



## QUEER ART + ARTISTS

Consistent with JusticeAid's mission to promote justice through the arts, and in keeping with our 2022 focus on LGBTQ civil rights, throughout 2022 our Queer Arts + Artists curated series included films, fine art, and songs that address important issues to the LGBTQ community. Some of our favorites: Bad Bunny, *Moonlight*, themes in classical art, Kehinde Wiley, *Heartstopper*, and Beauford Delaney.



## FALL CONCERT

### An Evening with Kandace Springs

October 11, 2022  
City Winery DC



"Everyone deserves an opportunity to build a life they love and a chance to feel celebrated and affirmed for exactly who they are and are meant to be!"

—ERIN WHELAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SMYAL



"SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE OF 'KILLING ME SOFTLY,' KANDACE OWNED THE ROOM. BY THE TIME SHE'D 'PUT A SPELL' ON ALL OF US, SHE REALLY HAD."

—MUSIC FAN

## Celebrate SMYAL with JusticeAid

### AN EVENING WITH KANDACE SPRINGS

Oct. 11, 2022  
DC City Winery









# KANDACE!

Spoken word lyricist Paine the Poet encouraged us to open our eyes and ears to the social injustices felt by marginalized individuals. Everyone, he added, deserves a second chance to thrive. Heather Pinkney, JusticeAid Board Member and Director of Washington, DC's Public Defender Service, welcomed Blue Note recording artist Kandace Springs to the stage—her fourth JusticeAid appearance! Ms. Springs enraptured the audience with bold originals and tributes to some of her most important influences, including Nina Simone, Bonnie Raitt, and Roberta Flack.





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—SMYAL PARTICIPANT

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