

2010 Annual Report

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

Working Locally for Justice in the Global Economy

2010 in Review

CAGJ's organizing is especially critical at this juncture in history, as many of the pressing issues of recent years — the global economic crisis, wars of terror, peak energy and climate change — have intensified. There was an increased incidence of natural disasters and catastrophic environmental accidents during 2010. Earthquakes hit Haiti and Chile and a large volcano erupted in Iceland. In October toxic red sludge, a hazardous byproduct of the bauxite manufacturing process, flooded several Hungarian villages. The increased corporate grip on public life and policies makes it harder for all levels of government to support people's well-being and a healthy, sustainable environment.

CAGJ is working with our Seattle communities and global networks of activists towards a sustainable, equitable world, at the same time that the general public is becoming increasingly aware of the hazards of major energy sources and opposing their further development. In the US and Canada, resistance to oil, coal and natural gas extraction has grown, as these energy sources are proved dangerous to the environment and our health. One of the biggest stories of the year was the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig and the resultant spill of hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. In the following months, significant oil spills occurred in Nigeria, Singapore, Alaska, Michigan and China. Activists and organizers have worked hard to monitor and publicize the Deepwater and other disastrous spills, as well as call attention to the dangerous chemicals used to disperse the Gulf (continued on page 2) of Mexico slick.



CAGJ activists after a successful action at the Gates Foundation's headquarters, protesting their ties to Monsanto and Monsanto's dumping of seeds on Haiti after the earthquake.

SAVE THE DATE!
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Happy Hour & Dinner
June 11, 2011
St. Demetrios Church
Montlake

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Community Education

In early 2010, CAGJ organized presentations with Kenyan food activists who spoke on food sovereignty and agricultural development. They discussed the Gates Foundation's programs that push GMO seeds onto farmers in the Global South. CAGJ's AGRA Watch project commemorated the International Day of Peasant Struggle on April 17 with creative street theater at the University District Farmer's Market. In June, AGRA Watch staged an action against the Gates Foundation in solidarity with Haitian farmers who burned "donations" of GMO maize and vegetable seeds from Monsanto. Later that month, a contingent of CAGJ organizers presented and attended workshops at the U.S. Social Forum in Detroit.



In August, CAGJ held another successful Strengthening Local Economies Everywhere Dinner (SLEE) with keynote speaker Ben Burkett, a leader in the Federation of Southern Cooperatives and President of the National Family Farm Coalition, addressing a packed room of supporters and food activists. (Ben is pictured at left with CAGJ's Director, Heather Day, when she visited his farm in Mississippi before the Community Food Security Coalition conference in October).

Throughout 2010, AGRA Watch organized monthly, well-attended documentary screenings that addressed issues such as corporate globalization, food sovereignty and sustainability. The Food Justice Project continued a series of Teach-Outs with local food producers, engaging over 150 people to support local projects through in-depth and handson service, and education about our local foodshed issues.

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Throughout the year, coal mine explosions killed miners in West Virginia, exciting Seattle Farm Bill Principles (seattlefarm-China, and New Zealand and left others in Chile trapped underground for billprinciples.org). We are truly honored by this months before they were rescued. In the regulatory sector, community ad- recognition of our work! vocates scored major victories by exposing the dire consequences of such mining related practices as clear-cutting and mountaintop removal.

Launching the Northwest

Farm Bill Action Group

CAGJ and its allies launched the Northwest

Farm Bill Action Group (NWFBAG), an exciting

new coalition of diverse organizations and in-

dividuals, at a workshop attended by over 80

people. NWFBAG's mission is to educate the

public about this important bill that governs the

food system in the U.S., and has a huge impact

globally on crop trade inequities. Education

leads to advocating for change! The group will

be developing a Train-the-Trainer education pro-

gram and has a new website (nwfoodfight.org)

that serves as a resource for demystifying the

bill and keeping readers informed about Farm

Bill politics. In March, NWFBAG and the UW

brought nationally recognized expert Dan Im-

hoff to Seattle to speak to a packed hall.

Natural and energy-related catastrophes directly impact food sovereignty, justice and security globally. Industrial crops are dependent on fossil fuels and atomic energy during the growing, harvesting, processing, packaging, and distribution phases. As the cost of energy goes up, the price of food produced by agribusiness also increases. Until the industrialized world curbs its fossil fuel consumption and transitions to renewable energy sources, we will see continually rising energy costs and wars over resources.

But there is more to the story. People's equitable access to food is subject to the forces of the global economy. Corporations, gov-

ernments, and private speculators seek to turn common resources — en- nity partners into our efforts to better carry out ergy, food, land and water into for-profit commodities. Ongoing energy, anti-oppression principles in our organizing and environmental and economic crises are further worsened by the economic internal dynamics! policies of the US and other nations. Rampant food speculation on Wall Street has inflated food prices to the highest levels since 2008. When basic year is far from complete, but it shows what a staple foods become too costly for too many people, mass social unrest oc- grassroots organization with just one paid staff curs. Around the world people have taken to the streets. The root causes of political upheavals in Haiti, the Middle East and Mexico are the intersection of so-called natural disasters and very un-natural economic agendas economies everywhere and prepare for future and corporate control that cause inflated food prices and shortages. While the potential for real power for the people is present in these uprisings, it remains to be seen how real change in each country will evolve.

Within this context of global crises and growing resistance from peoples and social movements around the world, growing and eating local foods and supporting local, self-sustaining economies here and everywhere is not only sensible, our survival depends on it! CAGJ has continued to advocate for local, sustainable, equitable economies through a year of continued struggles. Working in solidarity with communities in Washington and in Africa, we've had many successes, none of which would be possible without the help of supporters like you.

Networking for Change

In June, a contingent of CAGJ organizers presented and attended workshops at the U.S. Social Forum in Detroit. From October to the end of the year, CAGJ representatives presented at conferences, including What's on Our Plate and Why Does it Matter?, Tacoma, WA; the African Scholars Conference, San Francisco, CA; the CFSC Food, Culture & Justice conference, New Orleans, LA; the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, Nagoya, Japan; and Cultivating Regional Food Security, Seattle, WA. Through these venues, we connected with hundreds of concerned and newly informed people looking for solutions to the problems inherent in our food system, made new allies, and inspired folks to take action by advocating for social change. As a result of our organizing, CAGJ was invited to become a member of the National Family Farm Coalition, a member of La Via Campe sina and the Regional Food Policy Council. We also helped to draft the

Strengthening the Organization

CAGJ continued to make great strides in building our capacity as a volunteer-led organization this past year. By solidifying our fundraising strategies, we were able to increase our director's position to 34 time and prioritize leadership development among our members and new project co-chairs. Through strategy retreats and a communications training in the fall, we further defined the direction of our campaigns, tightened our messaging, and raised key questions about the organization's role as an ally to people of color and lowincome communities. CAGJ also made substantial progress in planning an organizational anti-oppression analysis to begin in early 2011. We look forward to integrating the voices and experiences of members and commu-

This recap of activities of the past can accomplish. With your continued support we will step-up our efforts to strengthen local

In Memoriam



Margo Adair, a lifelong activist and author of Working Inside Out: Tools for Change, passed away on September 2, 2010. Although

she was very ill, just a few months earlier she participated in the US Social Forum and facilitated workshops there on Activism for the Long Haul. Margo was the life and work partner of Bill Aal, a founding member of CAGJ and Co-Chair of AGRA Watch. She was also a friend and mentor to many CAGJ members and to the greater activist community. Due to her work on social justice theories such as intersectionality and anti-oppression, she has been a major influence on CAGJ's development and continuing evolution. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Margo.

CAGJ 2010 Project Reports

AGRA Watch

AGRA Watch bloomed in 2010! During the first part of the year, lead organizers spent several months in Kenya investigating the realities and struggles of small-scale farmers, especially women, and tracking the work and impacts of AGRA on the ground. Through this research, we developed a better sense of how AGRA sees its role in agricultural development and uncovered the Gates Foundation's close ties to transnational agribusiness, including Monsanto. Most importantly, we made crucial connections with farmers training other farmers in sustainable agricultural practices and with communities resisting AGRA while building their own solutions to the problems they face. Later in the year, we continued to strengthen these relationships and cosponsored events on grassroots movements for food sovereignty and agroecological alternatives to the new 'Green Revolution' featuring two of our African partners, Joshua Machinga and Josphat Ngonyo.

In addition to organizing community education events (such as monthly film nights) described in the overview, AGRA Watch activists traveled around the US presenting and networking at national conferences like the African Studies Association in San Francisco, the Community Food Security Coalition in New Orleans, and the US Social Forum in Detroit. This allowed AGRA Watch to make important connections with academics and activists around the country and to put the problematic agricultural work of the Gates Foundation on their radar.

On an international level, AGRA Watch raised money for two members and one of our African colleagues to attend a meeting of the UN Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Nagoya, Japan. Alongside allies from South Africa and Kenya, we organized and presented on a panel detailing the Foundation's collusion with the private sector to pressure African countries into adopting biosafety legislation. Notably, the side-event was well-attended by representatives of the Kenyan government, AGRA, the US State Department, and others with close ties to industry.

AGRA Watch's media strategy was very effective, as evidenced by significant coverage of our activities from major news outlets. Feature articles written by AGRA Watch activists were published in such journals as YES! Magazine and Third World Resurgence and AGRA Watch became increasingly sought out to voice our positions on the Gates Foundation and AGRA, including recent interviews with French television broadcast Envoye Special, Reuters, the Associated Press, and regional radio. Critical views of the Foundation's work in agriculture are now becoming widely represented in mainstream media.

Our press work began in August when AGRA Watch issued a press release exposing the Foundation's purchase of Monsanto stock, as well as the deeper connections between Gates and Monsanto documented through our research. The press release generated local, national, and international media coverage and was picked up by the Seattle Times, Democracy NOW, Chronicle of Philanthropy, Huffington Post, The Guardian UK (in a blog funded by the Foundation itself!), and others while going viral over -

hundreds of blogs. Widespread outrage and heightened interest, particularly among key players in the US food movement, led to a national campaign (anchored by AGRA Watch and with over 30 partners) to challenge the Gates Foundation's approach to agricultural development on the African continent.

We amplified the pressure by joining forces with La Via Campesina North America to co-author an organizational sign-on letter calling on the Foundation to support solutions to hunger, poverty, and climate change coming from the communities most affected. The letter was signed by over 100 civil society organizations, farmworkers, farmer and farmer organizations, grassroots groups, health and consumer organizations, environmental groups, scientists, academics, and development experts around the world. A petition in support of the letter gathered signatures from over 1500 individuals.

Food Justice Project

Art: Rini Templeton

While transitioning to new leadership in 2010, the Food Justice Project continued strong in 2010! Our fabulous Co-Chairs, Teresa Mares and Maria Rodriguez, moved on to new pursuits. Erica Bacon and Chris Iberle stepped up to take our organizing in new directions. Food Justice Project members responded to multiple requests to give presentations on food justice and food sovereignty in 2010, and many members also participated in two key national events to build the movement for food sovereignty in the US: The US Social Forum in Detroit, and the Community Food Security Conference in New Orleans.

The Food Justice Project organized eight Teach-Outs with local food justice projects in 2010, involving over 150 participants who worked alongside project organizers for the day while learning about their role in building a healthier foodshed. Through Teach-Outs the Food Justice Project is able to build stronger relationships with community groups, so we can better support their important work, and we give each project exposure to a wider community through reports in our monthly enewsletter, and on our website. 2010 sites included Croft Place Townhomes with the Spring Into Bed garden-building event, Clean Greens Farm, the Refugee Farming Project (aka the Farm Incubator Program), Laughing Crow Farm and Bainbridge Island Vineyard and Winery, Alleycat Acres, GroundUP Organics and Creatives for Community, Rainier Community Kitchen and Central Co-op. If you missed the Teach-Outs, check out the accounts on the CAGJ website!

The release of CAGJ's first publication, "Our Food, Our Right: Recipes for Food Justice" in late 2009 spilled over into 2010 as copies flew off the shelves (or at least, out of our hands). Some local stores carried our first publication, including Central Co-op, Bulldog News and Left Bank Books, but largely through word of mouth, personal contact, and our website, we succeeded in selling out the first printing of Our Food, Our Right with copies being sent to various readers across the country and interest from as far away as Australia. Many college and university students also had one less textbook to lug around, as Our Food, Our Right popped up as required reading at classes in Seattle and elsewhere.

CAGJ Organizing in 2011

Trade Justice

After a relatively quiet year in 2010, CAGJ is kicking off our 2011 Trade Justice work by organizing our first ever Food Sovereignty Delegation to Oaxaca, Mexico co-organized with Witness for Peace Northwest and WA Fair Trade Coalition (read more below!). We are thrilled to be organizing this program for the first time, and hope to continue to organize delegations in the future!

As of writing we have just learned that the Obama administration is going back on Obama's campaign pledges and pushing forward on three NAFTA style trade deals: with South Korea, Panama, and Colombia, the murder capitol of the world for unionists - 51 were killed in 2010 alone, more than in the rest of the world combined. Instead of standing up for working people, farmers, the environment and strong local economies, WA's Reps are in the lead, sadly, of pushing these deals forward. Stay tuned for action alerts!

Food Justice Project

2011 looks to be an exciting year for the Food Justice Project (FJP). Continuing the success of Our Food, Our Right, we hope to print a second run of the first edition, and are excited to be working on a second edition! "Stories of Change" will highlight many of the great ways people around the world are changing how we eat for the benefit of people and the planet - and you can be a part of it by submitting an article or recipe by MAY 15! Our Teach-Outs will continue as well, with a renewed focus on putting our politics into practice and educating about food systems on the ground.

CAGJ is often asked to speak about global food justice issues at conferences, events, and classes. In response, we have decided to focus more of our energies on developing Community Education curriculum. Our goal is to develop engaging educational tools including visuals, activities, film, and other ways to communicate our message, including some great work by other allies in the food justice movement. Then we will provide training in presenting the curricula for CAGJ members and other interested folks! Later this year FJP will be ready to launch our Community Education project to a wider public, and we'll make resources available online.

FJP will also continue its work to support and mobilize for action on campaigns and issues in the food movement here and abroad. Our work will include political action for worker and immigrant rights, countering the free trade agenda, education about race, class and gender in the food system, funding and supporting community-based food systems, and more!

AGRA Watch

In 2011, AGRA Watch will carry on the incredible momentum of the past year by continuing to build the national and international coalition around Gates and engaging this coalition in planning a Conference on Agriculture and Food Sovereignty in Africa for February 2012 in Seattle. We will also deepen our solidarity with African partners by responding to direct requests to support their work, including a book drive for the agricultural library of Manor House and fundraising for trainings in South Africa and Tanzania that will build the capacity of local groups to resist the push (ie. by the Gates-funded WEMA initiative for genetically engineered "drought-tolerant" corn) to introduce GMOs on the continent.



CAGJ members in front of a mural in Detroit, painted during the US Social Forum by an art collective from NY.

Join our Delegation to Mexico!

Food, Farms & the Roots of Migration:

A Journey for Food Sovereignty to Oaxaca, Mexico: Sept 21 - Oct 1 Delegation co-sponsored by CAGJ, Witness for Peace and the Washington Fair Trade Coalition! Join a special travel delegation to deepen your understanding of the global struggle for food sovereignty while exploring beautiful southern Mexico! Explore the connections between U.S. trade policies and corporate practices that impact farming, food sovereignty, food availability and access, as well as immigration, across Mexico and US communities. Meet with small farmers, indigenous groups, local leaders, and stay with families impacted by the pressures to leave their communities in search of sustaining employment. Witness how these communities and their daily lives are impacted by NAFTA and migration, and learn from the many ways that communities are successfully coming together to identify and face the challenges of food security while preserving environmental and cultural values. In the process, discover connections to your own home community. Oaxacan family homestay included. Cost: Approx. \$1200 plus airfare (includes deposit all meals, accommodations, facilitation, translation, & transport in Mexico. Also covers an orientation/training session, extensive reading materials, & action tools). Fundraising: Delegates have a track record of fundraising success. Contact us for ideas. Don't let cost stop you from participating! Applications are required (along with \$150 non-refundable deposit). Apply online. Questions? Contact Kristen at kkecuador@yahoo.com.

CAGJ Fundraising & Membership

2001 - 2011: 10 Years of Local Organizing for Global Justice!

CAGJ is celebrating our 10th anniversary in 2011! YOU can help us stay strong for the next 10 years by becoming a FUND for the FUTURE CHAMPION!

Be a Champion! Become a Member or Renew!

CAGJ aims to raise \$100,000 in our 10th year to ensure we enter the next ten years stronger than ever, with full-time staff, and a reserve fund!

CAGJ wants all of our supporters to become Members: By contributing time &/ or money, CAGJ's Members give us clout, and ensure we have the resources we need to build a powerful social movement together! Please join or renew today, AND BECOME A FUND FOR THE FUTURE CHAMPION by making a one-time gift of \$1000 - \$10,000 OR by becoming a Monthly Sustainer at \$15 - \$100 per month! See enclosed flyer for a return form, or sign up on our website!

Thank You for Joining or Renewing TODAY!

Report on CAGJ's 2010 Fundraising Efforts

Highlights of CAGJ's fundraising accomplishments in 2010 included increasing our Director's compensation from parttime to three-quarter time, securing two grants in order to send two AGRA Watch members and a Kenyan colleague to Nagoya Japan for a UN conference, helping many members attend other key conferences, and organizing yet another amazing SLEE! Dinner, with the highest revenue yet. We still rely on CAGJ's individual supporters for the bulk of our support: THANK YOU!

"CAGJ has been so important to our efforts to keep our Clean Greens program running. You have always been a voice for justice and fairness. It is comforting in this struggle to know that people like you are always there ready to support, ready to do what it takes not just for CAGJ but for all those who are authentically struggling for social and environmental justice."

-Robert L. Jeffrey Sr., Executive

Director, Black Dollar Days Task Force & Clean Greens Farm and Market

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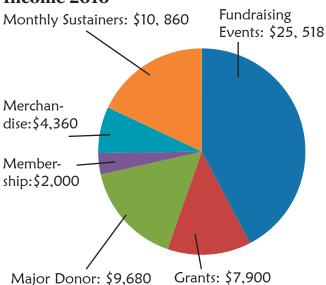
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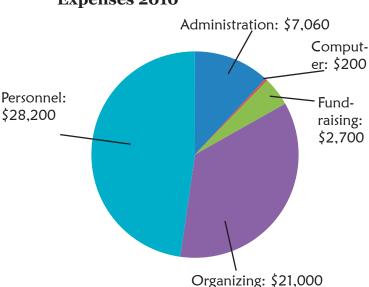
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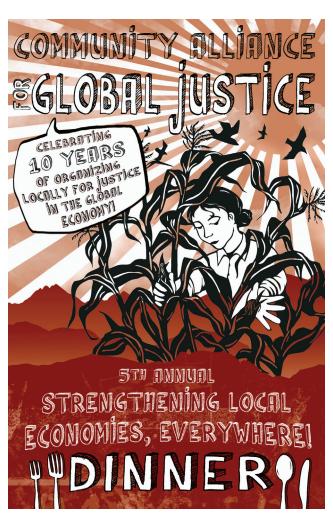
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Strengthening Local Economies, Everywhere! Dinner Saturday June 11, 2011

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 2100 Boyer Ave E, Montlake Neighborhood, Seattle

Happy Hour 5 – 6:30pm

Enjoy complimentary hors d-oeuvres, libations & live music!

Dinner 6:30 - 9:30pm

Scrumptious dishes from Café Flora, Kaspar's & Madres Kitchen, in addition to plates prepared from scratch by the kitchen leaders of Community Kitchens Northwest!

Keynote Speaker: Aba Ifeoma

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