

Oakland Peace Center Staff:
Sandhya Jha, director
Stevens Carter, facilities coordinator
Rachel Thomson, intern

Board:
Karen Barrett
Peggy Bristol
Patricia Contreras Flores
Aimee Fields
Sandhya Jha (President)
Gus Newport
E. J. Pavia (Secretary)
Angela Urata (Treasurer)

Oakland Peace Center Partners:

Alliance of South Asians Taking Action	Niroga Institute
Black Alliance for Just Immigration	Impact Hub Oakland
Black Organizing Project	Oakland Leadership Center
boonachepresents	Oakland Peace Ambassadors
Bluu Speaks	OneLife Institute
Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency	Pace e Bene
Buddhist Church of Eternal Enlightenment	People's Grocery
California Peace Alliance	POOR Magazine/Prensa POBRE
CircleUp Education	Project Darreis
Connection Action Project	Project Peace East Bay
EarthLight Magazine	Sacred Space
East Point Peace Academy	Seeds of Awareness
Ella Baker Center for Human Rights	Seminary of the Street
Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy	SOS Juice
Fellowship of Reconciliation	Soul Shoppe
First Christian Church of Oakland	Siren Project
First Mongolian Christian Church	the Table
Growing Together	Tapestry Ministries
International Peace and Art Center	United Roots (aka Youth Impact HUB)
Krip-Hop Nation	Urban Peace Movement
Mind Body Awareness Project	Urban Releaf
Nafsi Ya Jamii	YES!
New Beginnings Sister Circle	Young Workers United



Annual Report 2015

*a community of artists, activists, cultural workers,
educators and non-profits collaborating to bring about
a city of hope, justice, nonviolence and compassion*

111 Fairmount Ave.
Oakland, CA 94611
510.451.8822
www.oaklandpeacecenter.org

Letter from the Oakland Peace Center founder and director

In 2010, a dozen changemakers gathered to imagine a space where people and nonprofits doing social service, social justice and social change could work with each other instead of struggling to help a few people at a time. The vision of the Oakland Peace Center was born. We officially launched MLK weekend 2012.

The fact is, five years ago, we didn't realize that by 2015:

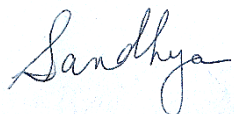
- We would play a major role in reducing displacement of nonprofits during a housing and office space crisis in Oakland;
- we would collectively plan an annual event where over 300 community members receive basic skills in meditation, anti-racism and food justice as well as nurturing their souls with music and spoken word poetry.
- forty organizations would find ways to partner so that the impact of their work would reach from homeless shelters to cancer wards to prisons to playgrounds.

2016 holds a lot of work for us as we rehab a historic building and make it a space for all people. It also holds a lot of work to create deeper connections and a shared vision for how to create a Bay Area rooted in equity, access and dignity for all. We count on your support to make that vision of peace a reality.

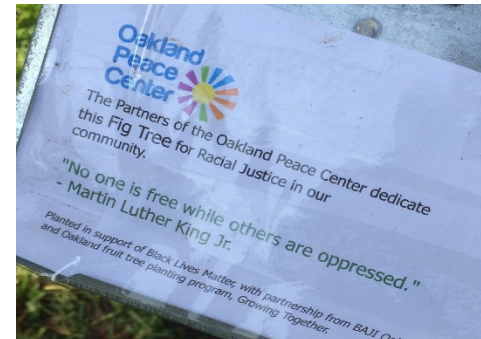
- Please consider donating via check or online donation (<http://www.oaklandpeacecenter.nationbuilder.com/donate>).
- Since we are still a new organization, consider hosting a house party so your friends can learn more about our work.
- Keep an ear out for our spring "Mini-Miracle Day" where volunteers can help us fix up the building to better serve our partners.

As always, peace begins with you. Thank you for being a peace maker.

Peace,



Sandhya Jha, Director



OPC partners Growing Together and Black Alliance for Just Immigration plant community fruit trees for racial justice during OPC 3rd anniversary celebration. Our partners have joined together on many projects to reduce state-sanctioned violence against Black and Brown communities in 2015.



OPC partner St. Mary's Center celebrates International Day of Peace by organizing for homeless people's "Right to Rest." Homeless seniors are creating solutions to the challenges of homelessness throughout the Bay Area as well as mistreatment of homeless people.



Each year Project Darreis creates a safe space for kids to have fun at Halloween while they also learn that violence is never the solution. Project Darreis feeds and clothes hundreds in need throughout the year. They are one of the OPC's very first partners in ending violence in Oakland.

2015 budget: \$24,500.

Grants received: \$10,000. Individual donors: \$23,000 (some from 2014)

Spent: \$15,000 on staffing, \$7,000 on building-related expenses, \$2,500 on program and administrative costs.

\$8,500 in reserve for 2016.