



Maine Equal Justice

# MAINESHARE QUARTERLY

Fall 2024: Election Time





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## Welcome to the first edition of the new MaineShare quarterly newsletter!

We are excited to share this new quarterly touchpoint with you to highlight the transformative work our **MaineShare partner organizations** are undertaking across the state every day. This newsletter will dig into their efforts to advance justice in Maine, unceded Wabanaki Territory, and demonstrate the impacts donors like you can make when you support the MaineShare network.

We have created new focus areas to help illustrate our partner organizations' intersectional missions and underscore how their priorities connect to your values. These focus areas are:

**Community Organizing**

**Economic Justice**

**Education, Arts and Culture**

**Environmental Justice & Animal Welfare**

**Gender Justice**

**Health Equity & Safety**

**Immigrant-Serving**

**Racial Justice**

**Social Justice**

**Wabanaki Sovereignty and Self-Determination**

The **new MaineShare giving platform** offers you the choice to donate to organizations by their focus areas, grantmaking programs, or by name. If you don't feel like choosing, you can donate to all MaineShare organizations equally with a single donation! Any donation made provides unrestricted funding to our partners, supporting greater flexibility and sustainability in their ongoing work. If you have any questions, please see this **video** for a quick overview of how to use the platform.

The new giving platform, branding, and this quarterly newsletter are all part of an intentional MaineShare "relaunch". MaineShare has been a successful workplace giving program for over 30 years, raising nearly \$7 million dollars for our partner organizations— but we've known it has the potential to be more and to do more.

Our vision for the new MaineShare giving platform is to be a bridge— between our amazing partner organizations working toward a more just and equitable future— and those who already hold these values in their hearts and want to be more involved. MaineShare has the power to not only increase resources for community-based nonprofit organizations in Maine, but to amplify and connect these Changemakers. Their connections with one another build fruitful and powerful change work. Their connection with broader community members builds a multiracial coalition advancing justice in Maine.

This is our vision for the relaunch of MaineShare. We hope you will join us.

Amanda Scarpone  
MaineShare Director



## Election Time

Election time is upon us— **what is your plan to vote?** For MaineShare’s partner organizations, the work goes on, regardless of voting results. But our elections are an integral way that we can shape the future that we seek for our communities. Voting empowers us to use our voices to advocate for the values we hold deep in our heart.

At MaineShare, we seek a just and equitable future for all, where our immigrant neighbors can thrive in their homes, where we reckon with a history of enslavement and colonization that has had lasting impacts on our communities, and where our environment is protected for many generations to come. As you plan for the upcoming election, think about what is at stake for you, your family, and your neighbors. We asked some of our partner organizations to share what is at stake for them and their work in this election. We encourage you to read on to learn more.

### Community Organizing Alliance Safiya Khalid



“In this election, what is at stake is the future of our democracy and the fundamental rights of every individual, particularly those in the Black and immigrant communities. Community Organizing Alliance is a social justice and civic engagement organization that educates, empowers, and engages young people, centering Black and immigrant voices. Just like the mission of our organization, this election is about ensuring that every voice is heard, every vote is counted, and every person is empowered to participate fully in shaping the society we all share. Our work is about building a just and equitable future, where young people are not only educated and empowered but are also at the forefront of civic engagement and social change. This election is a pivotal moment for us to reaffirm our commitment to these values and the communities we serve.”

### Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition Joseph Jackson

“This election is important, because it is a choice between who belongs and who does not. One side is focused on Unity the other side is focused on Division. We choose Unity!”





## Equality Maine Heide Lester

“There is so much at stake this election in our towns, our state, and of course, the nation. Equality is on the ballot as anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric is on the rise locally and nationally and attacks on transgender people, healthcare, teachers, librarians, counselors, coaches, voting access, marriage equality, and youth take their toll on the LGBTQ+ community. As we continue to build toward a safe and just society for LGBTQ+ Mainers, we must all play a role in ensuring that people who stand with our community are representing us at every level of government.”



## Sierra Club Maine Corrine Adamowicz

“The planet's future and our democracy are at stake this election; it is the most important election of our lifetime. We need the strongest climate action in history, to hold corporate polluters accountable, protect frontline communities from pollution, and ensure a just transition to a clean economy.”



## Southern Maine Workers Center Sydney Avitia

“This election will be really impactful on SMWC members due to the sheer gravity of the issues around care work, housing, migration, and reproductive and trans rights. No matter who is elected, we will continue organizing for a ceasefire in Palestine and an end to the genocide - and to protect our human rights here and abroad. Workers are angry and need a place to feel heard, and we are ready to support anyone who is newly inspired to get involved, to find their role in making positive change here in Maine.”



## MAINESHARE FOCUS AREAS

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## MAINESHARE PROGRAMS

Grants for Change Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund Outdoor Equity Fund The Giving Project MaineShare Legacy

## MAINESHARE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Alpha Legal Foundation

Bicycle Coalition of Maine

Bomazeen Land Trust

Capital Area New Mainers Project

Community Organizing Alliance

Consumers for Affordable Healthcare

Defend Our Health

Democracy Maine

Disability Rights Maine

Equality Maine

Food for All Services

Friends of Casco Bay

Generational Noor

Genesis Community Loan Fund

Hardy Girls

Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine

In Her Presence

Indigo Arts Alliance

Intercultural Community Center

Journey ONEderland

Juneteenth Downeast

Khmer Maine

Kivulini Afro Yoga Project

Maine Access Immigrant Network

Maine Alliance for Arts Education

Maine Animal Coalition

Maine Association for New Americans

Maine Audubon

Maine Black Educators Collective

Maine Center for Economic Policy

Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

Maine Community Integration

Maine Council of Churches

Maine Equal Justice

Maine Farmland Trust

Maine Federation of Humane Societies

Maine Hospice Council and Center for End-of-Life-Care

Maine Inside Out

Maine Labor Group on Health

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

Maine Peace Fund

Maine People's Resource Center

Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition

Maine Resource Recovery Association

Maine Soccer Development

Maine Veterans for Peace

Maine Women's Lobby Education Fund

Maine Youth Justice

Maine's Black Future Podcast

Mano en Mano

Mawita'nej Epijj (Welcome to the Gathering Place)

More Women+Surf

Natural Resource Council of Maine

New England Arab American Association

New Ventures Maine

Nibezun

Niweskok

Presente! Maine

ProsperityME

Resources for Organizing and Social Change

Sierra Club Foundation, Maine

Sipayik Resilience Committee

Somali Bantu Community Association

Southern Maine Workers Center

Sunlight Media Collective

Tender Table

The Third Place

Viles Arboretum

Wabanaki Commission on Land and Stewardship

Wabanaki REACH

Wabanaki Youth in Science (WAYS)

WERU Community Radio

Youth Led Justice

