



COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

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In 2022, our community demonstrated immense persistence and creativity as we navigated year 3 of this global pandemic. Through hybrid organizing, we have come together in jovial and inclusive movement building. Rise-Up Summer School has been a resounding success, providing an entry point for people to participate in the food sovereignty movement. In 2022, the program attracted over 100 registrants, who participated online and in person through Teach-Outs in the Pacific Northwest, including visits to Familias Unidas members' cooperative farm and the Gates Foundation's visitor center. CAGJ's current speaker series, Art & Activism, builds on the lessons learned from Summer School, with a focus on using art as a mobilizing tool.

To create space for all CAGJ members to participate in campaign-specific organizing, our Monthly Organizing Meetings now feature ways to get involved across all areas of our work. We've worked hard on strategic planning to revamp our communications and clarify our organizing strategies, and we're working to build capacity to coordinate even more powerful campaigns.

We've truly missed community building in person! In May we organized our 3rd Urban Food Justice Hike-A-Thon to safely bring members together again. Hikers and bikers visited BIPOC-led urban farms, murals, and edible gardens on Beacon Hill. At the end, we planted seeds in CAGJ's garden beds, a symbol of our hope for the future! We also rejoiced at being together for our SLEE Gala in the summer.

After canceling her trip to Kenya in 2021 amid another COVID-19 wave, Heather was especially excited to have the opportunity to travel to Cameroon in the fall for the Africa Food Systems Conference and General Assembly of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa. The trip was the culmination of a year of great momentum and accomplishments for AGRA Watch and our partners, including a successful campaign to de-fund and de-legitimize AGRA. As a result of this organizing, our campaign was featured in a front-page article in The Seattle Times, critical of Gates and AGRA. We were also thrilled to release our full short film series, Rich Appetites, which was shown at Town Hall in March, and will be screened via Zoom in April.

Even as we celebrate our successes and the relationships we've cultivated over this past year, we are saddened for those we've lost to both the pandemic and our political climate. Across the US we see moves to erase members of our communities through police violence, bans on teaching critical race theory, restrictions on abortion and trans healthcare, and cuts to social safety nets. War and climate catastrophe continue to decimate communities around the world. Still, people are organizing and resisting wherever we look. Climate activists, farmers, unions, healthcare professionals, scientists, lawyers, educators, and many others are standing up to systemic violence. Our partners are restoring the land, creating networks of mutual aid, freeing the salmon, and shutting down harmful legislation.

In the face of these intersecting crises, we need broad-based movements organizing for justice. That's why CAGJ continues to play a role in coalitions and alliances, including the US Food Sovereignty Alliance and AFSA. As a result of building and connecting movements, longtime Pan-Africanist Malik Yakini was able to join Heather and AFSA in Cameroon, assisted by USFSA; we look forward to collaborating more with Malik in the coming years! We also deepened our partnerships with groups in our state. In particular, the farmworker union Familias Unidas por la Justicia invited us to co-organize their fall statewide tour.

We stand with them and with you all, and we thank you for joining us as we continue to fight for local and global justice and food sovereignty.

In solidarity, Heather Day and Deb Orieta

Heather Day *Deb Orieta*





CAGJ BY THE NUMBERS IN 2022

50,000+	Views of Rich Appetites films across social media channels
\$20,372	Monthly Sustainer donations in 2022 from 81 people
1200+	new followers on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
\$700	Raised for both Familias Unidas por la Justicia and Black Star Farmers during our Hike-a-thon
105	Rise Up! Summer School participants
50	Organizations signed AGRA Watch Open Letter to Bill Gates
12	Interns
8	Contracted organizers
5	Short films plus series trailer produced with AFSA for Rich Appetites series
1	Article featuring AGRA Watch on front page of The Seattle Times
1	Staff



AGRA Watch in action: On left, being interviewed for a French documentary about Gates; on right, calling out the *Seattle Times* for lack of critical coverage of Gates.

Trade Justice

Trade justice includes **supporting Fair Trade** networks, and CAGJ members were grateful to Equal Exchange for providing them with the opportunity to hear about their work with a Peruvian cooperative at the NW Chocolate Festival!

Working with our office-mate and longtime partner WA Fair Trade Coalition, we continued to push for **vaccine equity** in 2022 through a TRIPS waiver (the much-needed change to intellectual property rules at the World Trade Organization called for by Global South countries), but the WTO continues to delay any decision, in part due to US resistance.

Meanwhile the Biden administration is pursuing trade talks through newly fashioned agreements, however, perennial concerns remain with how the negotiations are taking place - behind closed doors without labor, farmer and other stakeholder participation. **Our Kenyan partners are skeptical about the first bilateral agreement to ever be negotiated with an African country**, the Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership with Kenya, which is set to be a model for future agreements with African countries. US influence on trade in Kenya was suspected when soon after the US Trade Representative attended the newly elected President's inauguration, he lifted the longstanding ban on importation of GMO's, though the decision has been delayed by the courts.

Looking forward

AGRA Watch will continue to lend support on the trade justice front to our Kenyan partners, one of whom, Daniel Maingi, just won a fellowship at Stanford University, and will be visiting Seattle later this year. As the lead country this year of APEC, the Asia-Pacific regional trade forum, the US is hosting negotiations for the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, and will meet in Seattle in August. A local coalition is preparing to greet them in the spirit of 1999!



Food-chain Worker Justice

In March 2022, UFCW 21 expanded its scope through a merger with UFCW 1439, and became **UFCW 3000**; its 50,000 members now make up the largest local in the country! We are collaborating with them to oppose the Albertsons-Kroger merger, which would further consolidate corporate power. CAGJ members participated in meetings with Equal Exchange and UFCW 3000 to learn **why the merger could cause great harm to the health of our food system**, including increased food prices, the risk that hundreds of stores could be closed causing the loss of thousands of union jobs, and small producers and Fair Trade cooperatives will have an even harder time getting access. Learn more: nogrocerymerger.com

To the left: Faviola Lopez, UFCW community organizer, with Heather at Farmworker May Day March





Farm Worker Justice

It was a breath of fresh air to join the **Farmworker May Day March** organized by **Community to Community** and **Familias Unidas por la Justicia (FUJ)** in Skagit Valley after a winter of harsh isolation. Members of CAGJ and many other organizations showed up with bright banners and raucous energy, which set the tone for a strong year of organizing. Later in May, FUJ joined us in Seattle for our **Urban Food Justice Hike-a-Thon**, where we raised \$700 for the union.

In the Summer, we launched **Rise Up!** with a **month's worth of curriculum on the foundations of food sovereignty and farmworker organizing**. FUJ's political director Edgar Franks and organizer Marciano Sanchez joined over 40 people for the first webinar, where they spoke to the importance of empowering workers, and strengthening the movement through alliances with organizers in other sectors.

FUJ requested our collaboration to organize their statewide farmworker tour in October which aimed to **raise awareness about the Farm Workforce Modernization Act**, the need to pressure our governor to declare a climate emergency in WA state, and WA Labor and Industry's responsibility to opt into the HEAL Act. The Seattle leg of the tour included a rally, march, dinner and early-morning Teach-Out at the Gates Foundation with AGRA Watch co-chair Webster Walker.

We led a Teach-Out to the cooperatively run and owned farm, **Cooperativa Tierra y Libertad**, which demonstrates how FUJ and their membership are working to enact the future they want to see, now. Participants got a farm tour from FUJ President Ramon Torres, who talked about the cooperative's history, how it's adding new families this year, and the success of their new endeavor, growing nopales (cactus).

Looking forward

The 2023 legislative session in WA opened with a proposal to limit overtime pay for farmworkers. Thankfully, this bill died in committee, but activists worry it might come back in a different form. We stand ready to mobilize our community in support of farmworker's rights should it arise again. In the meantime, we look forward to joining the 2023 May Day March (on April 30th).



Indigenous Food Sovereignty: Stop GE Salmon



Above: Block Corporate Salmon leader Carl Wassilie and intern Meagan G. say #NoGMOSalmon!

It has been almost ten years since we joined the fight to oppose GE salmon in solidarity with **Northwest Tribes, who are the Salmon People, and who carry this movement for Indigenous Food Sovereignty!** Today we're grateful to join organizers from Uprooted and Rising, NAMA, and Friends of the Earth, as part of the Block Corporate Salmon (BCS) campaign.

In 2022, BCS published a **groundbreaking whistleblower report** on the conditions at AquaBounty's Indiana facility. The report reveals worker and consumer safety violations through photographs and first-hand descriptions. The company broke ground for their new Ohio facility in 2022, the largest planned to date. However, **local environmentalists are fighting back** against this expansion under the hashtag, #NoNewOhioFacility, with BCS's support.

A huge highlight of the year was when indigenous fisherman Carl Wassilie and organizer Estefanía Narvaez gave an overview of the campaign to RiseUp! Summer School, and then led us in a **Visionary Fiction workshop**. Participants worked together in small groups to come up with stories that focused on solutions to a problem similar to that of GMO salmon; the report-back was full of laughs, gasps, and epiphanies.

In November, the FDA published its amended environmental assessment of GE salmon, as required by the courts due our partners' successful lawsuit. On an active day of protest in December, BCS testified at the FDA hearing in the morning, and then carried out a light projection action that night with the support of CAGJ intern Meagan and several members, **shining "No GMO Salmon" above the iconic fish stalls at Pike Place Market**. In January, CAGJ **submitted our critique to the FDA**, highlighting their failure to take Tribes' treaty rights into consideration.

Looking forward

We are proud to feature this campaign at our 17th annual SLEE Gala on October 14th where the keynote will be given by **Willie Frank, Chairman of the Nisqually Tribal Council**, and son of iconic leader Billy Frank Jr.

"CAGJ has impacted me on a personal level but also embodies collective organizing on a systemic scale. Since I became involved with CAGJ I've seen how the work of this community has impacted communities across the globe. I'm grateful for how much I've learned through CAGJ, and I'm excited to see our community keep growing."

—Katherine Hillesland, SLEE Gala Coordinator

Community Alliance for Global Justice presents

FOOD JUSTICE GALA

17TH SLEE!

Sat, Oct. 14
STRENGTHENING LOCAL ECONOMIES EVERYWHERE

Keynote
Willie Frank III
Chairman of Nisqually Tribe

5:00 PM Happy Hour, 6:30 PM Dinner
St Demetrios Church in Montlake

Strengthening our Food Sovereignty Movement

"I'm so deeply appreciative that CAGJ is out there doing all that it does, from confronting some of the worst corporate and philanthrocapitalist offenders, to amplifying farmworker and Indigenous struggles, to building living examples of food sovereignty in the here and now – from the local to the global levels."

— **Christina Schiavoni, Grassroots International**

CAGJ's Updated Structure

Since 2006, CAGJ has operated through three programs: Food Justice Project, AGRA Watch, and Trade Justice. To respond to changing political landscapes and organizing opportunities, we've restructured our work around three focal points: **Food Sovereignty, Ending Corporate Control in the Food System**, and **Trade Justice**. We will continue to prioritize a **solidarity approach**, working with partners to build, amplify, and carry out campaigns.

As identified in our Theory of Change, we carry out our work through two strategies: **shifting the narrative** and **movement building**. Our organizing provides the public with accessible information and builds strategic partnerships that give people many ways to take action for food sovereignty.

CAGJ enacts these strategies through our **core campaigns: AGRA Watch, Trade Justice, Indigenous Food Sovereignty, Farmworker Justice** and **Food-chain Worker Justice**.

CAGJ's recurring programs engage our community: Rise Up!, Teach-Outs, Our Food, Our Right Zine and WTO protest commemorations.

These changes don't radically change the way we organize, but they help us understand how each part of our work relates to each other, and how to better communicate those connections. You can see these changes reflected in this Annual Report, through our campaigns and programs sections.

Strengthening CAGJ

Over the past year CAGJ has implemented recommendations from our strategic planning processes, with a focus on membership engagement and strengthening our communications overall. We've also made some big changes in how we structure our work, with the goal of involving more people in our movement!



Above: Heather with SLEE Co-Coordinator Katherine Hillesland and Pukhraj Sidhu

Visual Identity

We've continued working with consultant Debbie Carlsen to hone our communications strategy and build up better infrastructure to strengthen this area of our work. A key part of this process has been our visual identity (aka brand). We've updated our graphic design styles, (as you've probably noticed if you follow us on social media), and clarified our values, tone, and visual attributes. We are also seeking funding to enable CAGJ to hire a communications coordinator, who will take CAGJ's narrative organizing to the next level. If you've noticed the changes in our visual communications, be sure to let us know; our members' feedback goes a long way in improving our offerings.



Above: National Family Farm Coalition meeting in Gloucester

Movement Building

Movement-building is central to CAGJ's strategy, complementing our work to shift narratives. We work within multiple alliances, across local and transnational geographies. We connect with the **National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC)** through monthly member Zooms, and take our leadership on the **Farm Bill** from their members. Heather joins executive committee meetings, and had the great honor of representing CAGJ at the summer gathering in Gloucester. CAGJ leaders will join the Iowa gathering this coming summer.

CAGJ plays a leadership role in **US Food Sovereignty Alliance (USFSA)**, who will host a member gathering via Zoom this spring, with the hopes of its first in-person gathering since 2018 later this year. Every year CAGJ helps USFSA organize the **Food Sovereignty Prize**, which in 2022 was awarded to **Food Sovereignty Ghana** and **Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC)**. Malik Yakini, of Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, nominated Food Sovereignty Ghana for the prize and MC'd the ceremony. As a result of his involvement, and because of his organization's membership within USFSA, Malik was invited to accompany Heather to AFSA's annual conference in Cameroon. Our resulting collaboration is an exciting development!

CAGJ continues to host a monthly organizing meeting for allies **tracking the Gates Foundation**, creating important synergies in our work. In this space, we are grateful to have ongoing collaboration with the **Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)**, the Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI), the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), GRAIN, ETC Group, US Right to Know and Oakland Institute. We also join regular calls for organizations **opposed to genetically engineered fish**, allowing us to collaborate with the Center for Food Safety, Friends of the Earth, NAMA, and **Block Corporate Salmon**.

Community Education

In concert with the relational aspect of movement building, **shifting the narrative** is a crucial part of building the world we want to see. We can't change the things we don't understand, so honing that understanding must be a key aspect of our work. By deepening our analysis of the problems and having hope in the potential solutions, we can become empowered to act, build relationships, and dream up better futures.

Most of our regular programs are geared towards community education, shifting the narrative by both presenting social problems in an accessible way, and highlighting potential solutions. We cover most of these efforts in the "programs" section of this Annual Report, where we highlight Rise Up!, Teach-outs, and the Art & Activism Series. In addition to these programs, we also carry out community education through:

- Our **monthly e-news**, which collects both upcoming community events and news and analysis of the issues we work on.
- Regular **reports**, primarily born out of our AGRA Watch work, which analyze the flows of money from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to projects in Africa and beyond.
- Three editions of CAGJ's **Our Food, Our Right Zine**, which captures intimate reflections from our movement, dreams of the future, recipes to feed ourselves and build community, and more.
- Our **Monthly Organizing Meetings**, where partners are invited to share about developments in their current campaigns.
- **Webinars** with community partners, where we hold in-depth discussions about campaign strategies and the contexts they respond to.
- Producing **video series**, such as *Rich Appetites*, and accompanying **resource compilations** and **companion guides**.



Above: Zine Collective celebrating our print edition!

STRENGTHENING OUR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY MOVEMENT

16th SLEE Gala: In-person!

For our 16th SLEE we hosted a garden party at the MLK Community Center's playground. This new format enabled us to hold a COVID-safe gala, and the concept worked out wonderfully! The setting allowed us to highlight our keynote, **Black Star Farmers**, in the garden space they've cultivated. It was such a joy to come together around delicious food prepared by Kristen Cole. Formerly with Madres Kitchen, she volunteered her time as a caterer, with the able assistance of CAGJ's usual kitchen crew! Guests enjoyed our Silent Auction and beautiful live music, and we all learned from the keynote speeches, given by four members of Black Star Farmers. It was a memorable afternoon, and raised significant funds for CAGJ's organizing.

Leadership Development

Strong movements require strong and committed leaders. Every year, we work with staff, interns, volunteers, and members to tease out their innate skills and empower them to be leaders in their own right. Here are a few highlights from the past year:

- The organizing collective of the **Rise Up!** program created a curriculum with a connecting storyline, facilitated discussion sessions, led outreach, and conducted program evaluations. As a result of her participation in the collective, volunteer **Molly McMahan** decided to pursue a graduate degree in Food Studies!
- CAGJ's annual **SLEE Gala** is the biggest undertaking of the year for CAGJ. UW students **Pukhraj Sidhu** and **Katherine Hillesland** did a fantastic job co-organizing the gala, coordinating the silent auction, volunteers, outreach to local organizations and food producers, and more.
- Interns are taking the lead on several **Communications** projects. **Meagan G.** is leading "Back to the Basics," which aims to make terms like Food Sovereignty and Philanthrocapitalism more widely accessible. Meagan also designed the 3rd Rich Appetites companion guide, and represents CAGJ at Block Corporate Salmon meetings. UW intern **Megan Hassi** is supporting our social media campaigns by collecting testimonials from our members.
- Our **AGRA Watch Research** is bolstered by longtime member **Matt Canfield**, who is continuing his scholarship on Gates, and working with intern **Emma Pascal** to research Gates' ties to Microsoft. Emma also researched the companion guide for our fifth film in the Rich Appetites series. Over the summer, intern **Nick Smaldone** did research for our climate-smart agriculture brief and the companion guide to the third film. AGRA Watch member **Sarah Hopwood** researched and wrote the fourth companion guide.
- Our **Steering Committee** is an opportunity for committed CAGJ members to help lead by making strategic decisions about how to allocate our material and human resources. Long time member **Rachel Hoversland** has helped coordinate Summer School and our Monthly Organizing Meetings, **Bill Aal** and **Webster Walker** represent AGRA Watch, and **Reid Mukai** acts as at-large Co-Chair. We're grateful to members who stepped down in 2022, **Erika Mazza-Smith** and **John Chapman**.

Thanks to CAGJ's Organizing Staff!

We also want to thank our lead organizers who fill part-time positions that keep CAGJ going! The majority of CAGJ's paid organizers started out as interns and volunteers, and were hired based on their strong leadership capacity. Thank you to Sara Lavenhar, who keeps our operations running smoothly and is leading the efforts to preserve our organizational knowledge. Deb Orieta, who joined our team in 2022 as Rise Up! Summer School coordinator, has stayed on to lead communications work. Ashley Fent has deftly ushered us through the finish line of our *Rich Appetites* film series and associated companion guides, while leading several research efforts for AGRA Watch. Thanks to AGRA Watch research assistant Tejaswi Dantuluturi, and Theo Calhoun, who is assisting with submitting *Rich Appetites* films into festivals around the world. As we finish defining our organizing for 2023, we are thrilled to welcome back the leadership of Lisa Colligan, who is coordinating our Art & Activism Series, and Noël Lum, née Hutton, who is our SLEE 2023 coordinator and CAGJ organizer.

To the right: ED Heather Day, SLEE Coordinator Katherine Hillesland, AGRA Watch Researcher Ashley Fent and volunteer Molly McMahan



AGRA Watch

Our AGRA Watch campaign has had a remarkable year, full of exciting wins with our partners and opportunities to reach new audiences and grow our movement.



Above: Africa Food Systems Conference in Cameroon

Building a transnational movement to defund industrial agriculture and promote agroecology

We have continued to collaborate with our partners, including the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), Oakland Institute, GRAIN, and Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), on a **campaign to defund AGRA, pressuring the initiative's major funders to withdraw support and invest in agroecology instead.** We celebrated a minor victory when, in September's African Green Revolution Forum, AGRA announced that it would be rebranding itself to remove the problematic "Green Revolution" from its name, becoming a standalone acronym. While a small win, this demonstrates AGRA's vulnerability to growing criticism about industrial agriculture and the idea of the Green Revolution. We can use this as leverage to continue demanding a change in structures and practices — not just in name.

In 2022, we led a letter campaign focused on the US Agency for International Development (USAID), in collaboration with AFSA, who led a Congressional briefing in March to ask members of Congress to compel USAID to stop funding industrial agriculture in Africa. Building on these demands, we launched a petition to allow individuals to take action and email USAID to reiterate these demands. **In August, we updated USAID Administrator Samantha Power on the status of the letter campaign,** and we notified members of Congress, including WA Senators Murray and Cantwell, and Representatives Jayapal, Smith and Kilmer, among others. We were also able to meet with staffers in Jayapal's and Kilmer's offices to share our concerns.

At the end of 2022, Heather had the immense privilege of traveling to Cameroon to participate in **AFSA's 4th Food Systems Conference and general assembly.** Thanks to the support of the US Food Sovereignty Alliance, she was joined by Malik Yakini, Executive Director of Detroit Black Community Food Security Network. We've organized joint report-backs and are planning future events focused on connecting food sovereignty movements within Africa to similar movements in the African diaspora.

Promoting our narratives through films and research

In 2022, we completed our 5-part docu-series, *Rich Appetites: How Big Philanthropy is Shaping the Future of Food in Africa*, co-produced with AFSA and a South African animation studio. *Rich Appetites* examines problems with the Gates Foundation-funded industrial agricultural model being pushed onto African farmers and demonstrates the dangers of philanthrocapitalism. At the same time, it amplifies agroecology and food sovereignty, as practiced by our partner organizations in Africa. **Watch all five *Rich Appetites* films online: www.richappetitesfilm.com!**

Additionally, we published **companion guides** to accompany the films, which provide more in-depth research and analysis behind each film, debunking a series of common myths about the food system, philanthropy, and solutions. These guides have been a major hit at tabling events, and provide an opportunity to educate wider audiences about some of our critiques of Gates-backed industrial agriculture models. As part of our research for the films, we also released a report analyzing the Gates Foundation's African agricultural development funding.

To disseminate our research more widely, we developed an infographic about the Gates Foundation's connections to big ag, for use in tabling and future actions. We also conducted research exposing the conflicts of interest involved in the Africa Food Prize.

"As the corporate takeover of African agriculture threatens to erode cultural diversity and destroy natural resources, CAGJ and its AGRA Watch campaign are on the frontlines, tirelessly exposing and resisting corporate greed and infiltration under the guise of philanthropy."

—Kirubel Tadele, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)

Shifting public and media narratives

We and our allies have spent many years pushing the *Seattle Times* (and other major US news outlets) to cover the Gates Foundation's agricultural development work in a critical light. On one of the hottest days of the summer, our Executive Director Heather Day was joined by three fantastic CAGJ members to post flyers on light poles from the Gates Foundation headquarters to the Seattle Times office, calling on the Times to undertake critical coverage of Gates. The following week, due to our ongoing efforts to build relationships and pitch stories, Seattle Times reporter Nina Shapiro published an **excellent front-page article on the failures of the Gates Foundation's "Green Revolution" model in Africa**, featuring interviews with Heather and many of our African partners! AGRA Watch Researcher Ashley Fent was also interviewed and quoted in an article by Food Tank and as part of a British documentary series critical of billionaires, which will be broadcast in the US (on BBC Select) in May.

We also led the process of writing an open letter to Bill Gates, which was published in Common Dreams and signed onto by 50 organizations. The letter was also picked up by the progressive media watchdog group FAIR and by French media, and it was featured in a video by Russell Brand, which garnered 623,000 views! *Referencing this video does not represent CAGJ's endorsement of Russell Brand's views more generally. Please read our AGRA Watch position statement on the problems with Gates conspiracy theories.*

Taking action & raising public awareness

In February 2022, **Heather was invited to speak on a panel with Vandana Shiva**, to discuss AGRA Watch's chapter in Vandana's recent book, *Philanthrocapitalism and the Erosion of Democracy*. The event was organized by Yes! Magazine and Synergetic Press. Our chapter in the book features our previous research on the Cornell Alliance for Science.

As part of our 2022 Summer School program, we held a webinar, *Farming for a Hot Planet: Grassroots Alternatives to Corporate "Climate-Smart" Agriculture* (watch on CAGJ's YouTube channel), with Leonida Odongo (Haki Nawiri Afrika) and Dr. Jennifer Taylor (Lola's Organic Farm and Florida A&M University) who joined us to discuss the importance of grassroots, agroecological solutions in adapting to climate change.

During the November climate talks in Egypt we put on a light-projection action, where we literally **shined a light on the Gates Foundation's false climate solutions**, showing solidarity with our African partners who struggled to get governments to pay attention to agroecology as a real solution, despite the critical role it plays.



Above: Heather with Malik Yakini and Mariann Bassey in Cameroon

Building Momentum in 2023

We officially launched our *Rich Appetites* film series at an in-person screening and panel discussion at Town Hall Seattle in March 2023, and we're planning both virtual and in-person events to further extend the films' reach. We are also submitting the films to film festivals — they have been accepted into the **American Association of Geographers' Film Shorts competition!** We also look forward to working with environmental justice influencer **Isaias Hernandez - Queer Brown Vegan** - who will be helping us promote our films and reach younger audiences.

This spring we will host a **virtual report-back session for AFSA's Seed Working Group to connect with activists in the US**. This event is co-organized with US Food Sovereignty Alliance, National Family Farm Coalition and other groups, who all share the common goal of protecting seed sovereignty. We are excited to pursue the possibility of new transnational organizing campaigns!

Building on our research over the past year, we will soon be releasing a **policy brief on so-called "climate-smart agriculture" and a report on the role of the Gates Foundation, AGRA, and Microsoft in promoting digital agriculture**.

Heather and AGRA Watch volunteers plan to travel to Africa to attend AFSA's annual meeting again in the fall, strengthening the relationships and connections that we affirmed in Cameroon in 2022.



FJP → MOM

Above & below: Beacon Hill Food Justice Hike-a-Thon

After starting out the year with monthly Food Justice Project (FJP) meetings, we transitioned in the fall to **Monthly Organizing Meetings (MOM)**. These provide a space for members to engage in all of CAGJ's campaigns and programs. Over this last year, MOM proved a crucial space to educate our community on how **Familias Unidas por la Justicia** were opposing the Farm Workforce Modernization Act that would affect migrant farmworkers. We were also joined by **UFCW 3000**, who spoke about the ongoing campaign against the Kroger-Albertsons Merger. This spring we launched our Art & Activism series, inviting speakers to share their experience with building movements through art.

CAGJ's **Art & Activism** Series combines webinars with in-person workshops. The webinars operate as a space for artist-organizers to share their work along with movement history, and the Artmaking Workshops will provide an opportunity for folks to come together and learn new techniques while making movement art for CAGJ and our solidarity partners! David Solnit and his partner Julie Searle will join us for the May workshop, where they will lead us in poetry-writing and screen printing.

Teach-Outs



This year, we held our third **Food Justice Hike-A-Thon**, a walking tour of Beacon Hill's BIPOC-led community projects -Nurturing Roots, Beacon Food Forest, Feed the People, and the Station Café. We were joined by members of farmworker union Familias Unidas por la Justicia and Black Star Farmers, who were joint recipients of the money raised by the event. The Hike-a-Thon gave members an opportunity to establish relationships with and learn about these various projects, and even do some volunteering together. Our day ended at the CAGJ office, where we planted vegetable and flower starts in our garden beds!

Other Teach-Outs this year included a visit to **Cooperativa Tierra y Libertad** (Earth and Liberation Cooperative Farm) in Everson, WA, where participants learned about the history of the farm and its connection to farmworker organizing and then got to do some greenhouse work. Our AGRA Watch campaign coordinated a visit to the **Bill and Melinda Gates Discovery Center**, where we led participants through a walking tour as we discussed the ways in which the Foundation contributes to the export of US-style industrial agriculture in Africa. The visit led into a flyering action where we called on the Seattle Times to engage critically with this aspect of Gates' work (to great success!).



Rise Up! Summer School

Rise Up! is CAGJ's 3 month political education and leadership development program, which explores the foundations of food sovereignty and engages participants in our partners' work. In 2022, our topic was Future Paradigms: Reimagining our Food System through the Lens of Food Sovereignty. We explored how food sovereignty is used as a lens to create food system interventions that focus on dignity, health and resilience. Throughout the three months that we met, we explored Farmworker Justice, in partnership with farmworker union Familias Unidas por la Justicia; Indigenous Food Sovereignty, in partnership with Block Corporate Salmon; and Food Security vs. Food Sovereignty, in partnership with members of Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa and US Food Sovereignty Alliance.

Looking forward: New timelines

In 2023, we will pilot a winter session of Rise Up! to accommodate folks who are unable to join in the summer due to travel and other engagements. Look out for the start of recruitment for the Organizing Collective in early September, and for general sign-ups in November!



FARMING FOR A HOT PLANET PANELISTS



DR. JENNIFER TAYLOR
with Lola's Organic farm.
Prof. of Agriculture and
Food Sciences at Florida
A&M University.



LEONIDA ODONGO
Co-founder of Haki
Nawiri Afrika, advocating
for Gender, Food and
Climate Justice in Kenya.

10-11:30AM PT
THURS, AUG 12
ZOOM

Register: tinyurl.com/agroecologywebinar22

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
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**RISE
UP!**
SUMMER
SCHOOL

WTO 25th Anniversary

2024 will mark the 25th anniversary of the 1999 protests in Seattle against the World Trade Organization. A few of the many organizers of the protests in 1999 founded CAGJ, and since then have endeavored to keep alive the powerful story of how a People's Uprising changed the course of history! On November 30th, we often screen the documentary *This is What Democracy Looks Like*, co-produced by CAGJ member Jill Freidberg. For the tenth anniversary, we co-hosted a People's Summit, and for the 20th led a day of workshops and direct action. Join us in 2023 as we envision what the upcoming 25th anniversary might look like, and let's make it spectacular!

Programs

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Aiming High in our 22nd Year

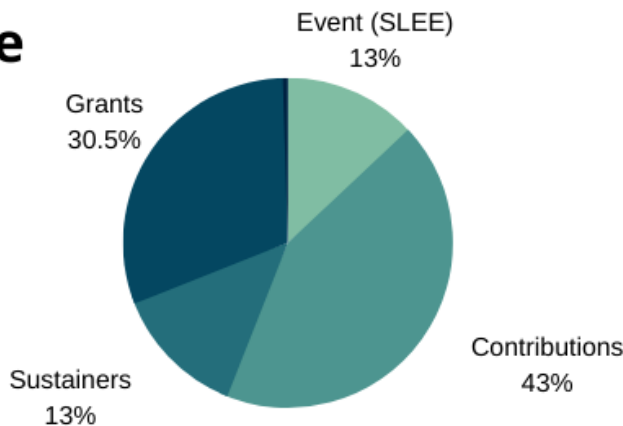
CAGJ turns 22 in 2023, and we're setting our sights higher than ever before, to establish more long term staff positions that will bring stability after the pandemic years which have seen several organizers come and go. Since 2020, CAGJ has relied on part-time, contracted organizers to keep programs and fundraising moving. While this has provided needed flexibility for our organizers, we're happy to be able to hire back Noël Lum (née Hutton) this Spring as an employee, and hope to hire for 1-2 other key positions in the upcoming year. One of these positions may focus on fundraising and grant writing, opening up new opportunities.

This past year has been one of ongoing change. We are finding our footing in a blended world of virtual, hybrid, and in-person gathering. Virtual events have proved invaluable since the start of the pandemic, enabling us to organize with people and movements around the world. At the same time, we were excited and grateful to reconnect with our members in person again for our fundraising events such as the Hike-a-Thon and SLEE Gala, and we look forward to continuing that trend in 2023 - save the date for our 17th SLEE on October 14th, 2023!

CAGJ's fundraising lagged in 2022, as we were not able to find new grant funding as hoped. However, we've worked hard to restructure and strengthen our organizing, especially communications, which put us in a good position to find new funders. Having wrapped up our joint film project with our African partners, we're now coordinating the next phase of work to propose to foundations.

We are so grateful to our Members for their generous support of CAGJ, with a special shout-out to our Monthly Sustainers! We also greatly appreciate these longtime donors who have helped us expand capacity in recent years: UFCW 3000, Seymour and Sylvia Rothchild Family Foundation, Stansbury Family Foundation and Swift Foundation. CAGJ also depends on our SLEE attendees, volunteers, table captains, and sponsors to support our annual signature event. Big thanks to our SLEE Sponsors: Central Co-op, Farmer Direct Organic, Friends of the Earth, New Roots Organics, PCC Community Markets, Social Justice Fund, UAW 4121 and UFCW 3000; in addition to our in-kind Sponsors, Clean Greens Farm & Market, Loki Fish Co., and Real Change News!

Income



Expenses



Income

Fundraising Event	\$20,165
Contributions	\$65,488
Sustainers	\$20,049
Grants	\$46,654
Merchandise	\$1,000
Total Income:	\$153,356

Expenses

Personnel	\$71,043
Organizing	\$65,056
Admin	\$37,446
Fundraising	\$15,468
Total Expenses:	\$189,013

Beginning Balance: \$90,212

Ending Balance: \$54,555

Thank you to everyone who makes CAGJ's organizing for a better world possible!

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Get involved and stay connected in 2023!

CAGJ is run by our volunteer members and there are many ways to plug in!

- Become a Member by making a one-time donation or just complete our membership form online!
- Become a Sustaining Member by signing up to contribute on a monthly basis
- Help to organize our annual SLEE Gala
- Volunteer in CAGJ's Beacon Hill office
- Internships are offered year-round!
- Stay connected: Sign up for our monthly E-newsletter, listservs, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Come to an event, webinar or action - check out the calendar on our website.
- Contact us to talk about specific ways you would like to contribute!

When you become a Member of CAGJ, you sign on to being part of our community in the fight for Food Sovereignty. Membership helps us to identify who makes up our base, whether they be donors, volunteers and/or supporters. The direction of our organization is shaped by and held accountable to our Members.

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