



2017-2018

MK GANDHI INSTITUTE FOR NONVIOLENCE

ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Friends,

This report tells the story of a year when our efforts began to bear ever more significant fruit. In 2018, the Institute was featured in the New York Times and Atlantic Monthly, through an Austrian documentary on Gandhi, and via The Thread, a podcast with hundreds of thousands of listeners.

While the branches of the work spread further, the roots went deeper with our near neighbors, many of them women and children in food-insecure households. We shared hundreds of pounds of organic produce and a deepening connection with those around us in a zip code where average mortality rates for adults are a full ten years less than in surrounding suburbs.

This balance feels right and is achieved by our small staff and small budget because of all of you, who share your time, treasure, and talent with us so generously. Please read this report as a love letter to yourself and to all those whose lives you cherish.

In peace and hope,
Kit Miller
For the Gandhi Institute

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You guys give us good advice, like on how to resolve situations in a better way, and you guys are great listeners about what's going on outside of school and at home, and in class.

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Dalaisha,
8th Grade Student,
Monroe High School

OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2017-2018

REVENUE

Contributions.....	\$108,310
Grants.....	\$57,150
School Programming.....	\$244,295
University of Rochester Support.....	\$80,439
Community Training.....	\$17,669
Merchandise Sales.....	\$7,302
Other.....	\$464
TOTAL.....	\$515,629

EXPENSES

Personnel.....	\$390,812
Location/Office.....	\$47,056
Programming/Gen.....	\$16,252
Fundraising/Marketing.....	\$6,300
Training/Travel.....	\$7,980
Bank&Finance.....	\$8,081
Other.....	\$2,105
TOTAL.....	\$478,586

NET SURPLUS.....\$37,043

IMPACT



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The effects of the many team building activities done by the Gandhi Institute were visible: I saw students greet one another in the hallways, using their names. This did not occur before that work was done.

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Teacher,
School #12
(anonymous survey)

Student Conflict Resolution Support for 5,997 Students

Last year, we supported students every day in four Rochester City School District schools, and worked with staff and students in dozens of urban and suburban schools.

Training for 6,455 Adults and Youth

In the past year, we led or participated in over 160 workshops, keynotes, and panel discussions on conflict resolution, nonviolence, and other topics. Many events were held at the Gandhi House.

“My students were entirely engaged in the conversations that progressed and the activities as they connected to our conversations. They enjoyed the statue activity which was powerful in physically expressing comfort and discomfort and how we display that in our body language.”

-Alpa Khandhar, Teacher, Brighton HS

Youth Healing Hate

Since 2017, 24 youth projects addressing issues of hatred and incivility took place. Urban and suburban students from public, charter, and private schools participated; projects ranged from a music video to school-wide peace days to youth-police talent slams. This project models respect and support for the creativity, care, and effort youth can bring to addressing serious social ills.

Other Highlights

We completed our 5th year of support for the Harambee Summer Literacy Program (formerly the Freedom School) with five youth in the Summer Youth Facilitation Institute. The youth also tended the garden and shared produce with neighbors, as well as helping in other ways.

We helped to organize a second sold out “RocRestorative” conference in April for over 500 area educators, parents, and youth. This year’s event focused on offering support for young women of color to unleash their gifts and leadership in the world.

We organized events with leading thinkers in nonviolence (Paul Chappell, Miki Kashtan), in restorative justice (Dominic Barter), and in intersectional organizing between race and environment (Fred Tutman).

WHAT'S AHEAD



Nonviolence Now Media Project

This project is using beautiful graphics and best practices in marketing to encourage interest in nonviolence globally. Over 900,000 people viewed our impactful ads in the project’s first four weeks. This one year project kicked off at the United Nations on October 2 on Gandhi’s birthday. This project is funded in part by the Newman’s Own Foundation and PVBILIC Foundation.

Labyrinth

The Institute’s campus will be enhanced this spring with the addition of a walking labyrinth, based on a South African design specifically used for conflict resolution. Students at School 19 and the many hundreds who visit each year, in addition to neighborhood residents, will be able to take advantage of this resource. Stay tuned for a spring grand opening. This project is funded by the Greater Rochester Health Foundation.