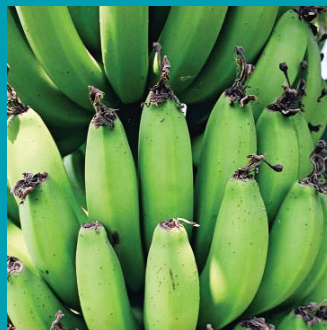
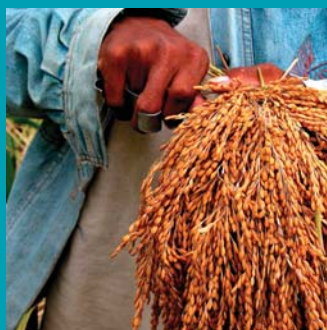
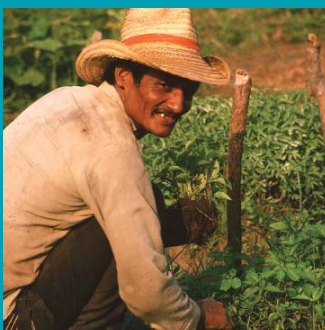
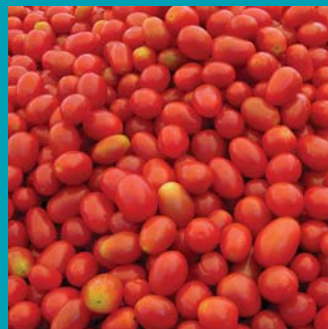


# annual report 2007



RESOURCE  
RIGHTS  
AND  
FOOD  
SOVEREIGNTY  
FOR ALL

25  
YEARS



FUNDING GLOBAL MOVEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

**Grassroots  
INTERNATIONAL**

## **Grassroots International** FOR 25 YEARS, YOUR PROGRESSIVE ALTERNATIVE TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

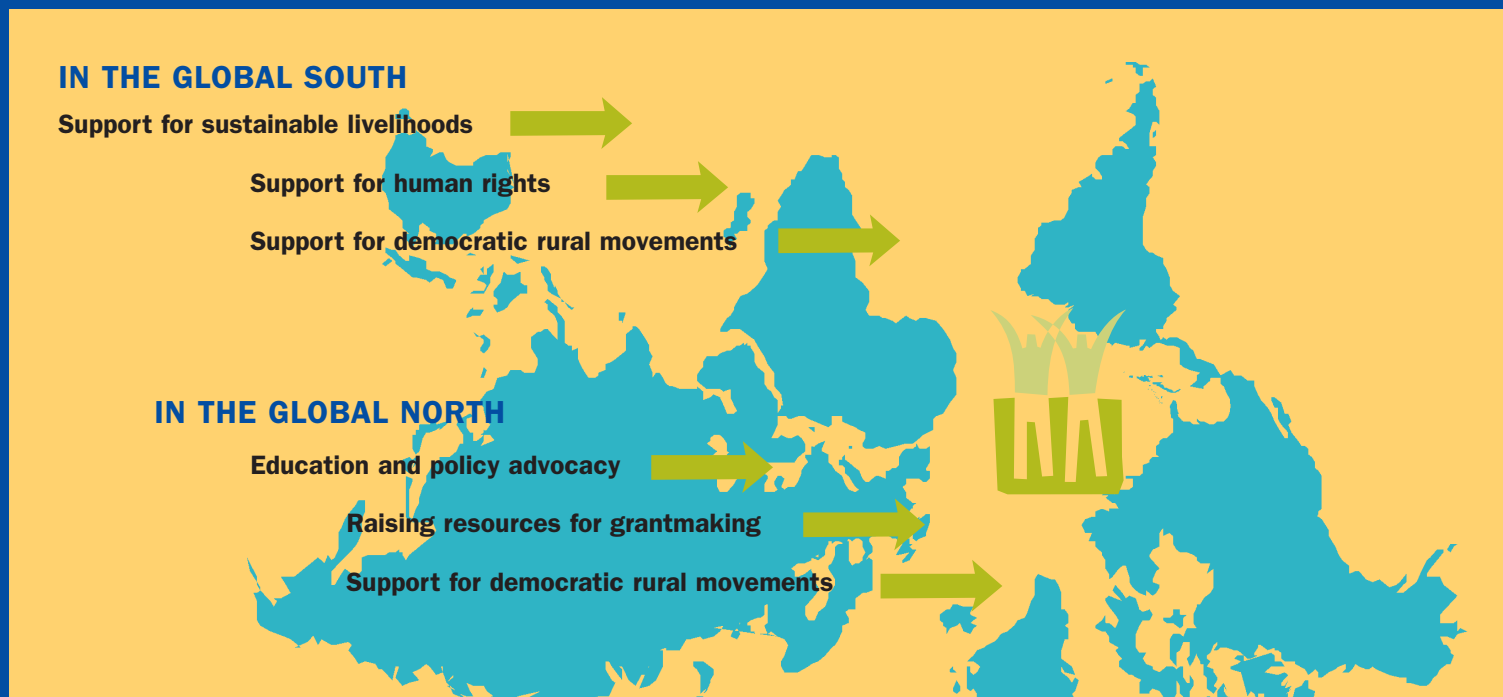
### **OUR MISSION**

Grassroots International works to create a just and sustainable world by building alliances with progressive movements. We provide grants to our Global South partners and join them in advocating for social change. Our primary focus is on land, water and food as human rights and nourishing the political struggle necessary to achieve these rights.

Since 1983 we have worked in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the Americas, concentrating our efforts in areas where U.S. foreign policy has been an obstacle to positive change and where creative movements build solutions to global problems from the grassroots up.

### **HOW WE WORK**

Grassroots International and its supporters pursue justice by supporting rural people around the world in their struggle for a fair share of the earth's land, water and food and the sustainable stewardship of these precious, life-giving resources. To win, they must overcome determined and powerful interests. That is why political organizing and human rights protection cannot be separated from the act of sowing seeds in the ground.



## Building a Movement for the Next Quarter Century

In 2008, Grassroots International celebrates 25 years of global work for justice. Over that time, we have developed deep bonds of trust and support with donors and program partners alike. In 2007 we drew on that network to review and refresh our strategic approach to grantmaking and advocacy. I thank everyone who contributed thoughts, insights and advice to this reflection.

In essence, our friends told us that Grassroots needs to continue doing what we have been doing—and that we need to do more. Given the depth of the current food crisis, the need to build a global movement for resource rights and food sovereignty could not be clearer.

The Grassroots International Board of Directors adopted an ambitious new plan for growing our support for indigenous and rural organizations and our education and advocacy work in the United States. Over the next five years, we will pursue:

- Doubling our annual grants to core partners
- Launching strategic programs for change, such as winning women's rights to land and defending indigenous territorial rights
- Offering larger, multi-year grants and encouraging women's and indigenous leadership in movements
- Exploring partnerships in new areas, including Asia and Africa
- Advocating for agriculture, trade and energy policies that will promote food sovereignty, climate justice, human rights and help millions of families maintain sustainable livelihoods

Our growth is only as good as the work it sustains. In the following pages, you will see how much we do now—and how much more remains to be done. History shows us that for social justice to be realized we must build powerful social movements deeply grounded in people's struggles and aspirations. Only then can we hope to change the behavior of states and elites to reform the systems that now direct wealth to the wealthy and deal more poverty to the poor.

Movement building is what most inspires me about the work we do at Grassroots International. You are very much a part of it. I am so grateful to every one of our Grassroots International donors, partners and friends for helping us build people-to-people solidarity over the past 25 years. Please join us for the next 25!

For peace with justice,



Nikhil Aziz  
Executive Director



# FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

## Creating a new green food system

**F**ood Sovereignty means that farmers can work with nature rather than against it to grow healthy foods for their families and local markets. It means that consumers can purchase local foods. It means that national and international trade rules should support rather than undermine community food systems and fair prices.

This is a powerful idea. Food sovereignty presents a direct challenge to the dominant global industrialized food system which feeds off soil and water contamination and depends on biased trade rules and bloated subsidies to agribusinesses. Food sovereignty calls for new democratic political structures that wrench control of food out of the hands of global corporations and gives it back to hundreds of thousands of communities all over the world.

Whether you are a farmer or a consumer of food, and whether you live in Mexico or Palestine or Massachusetts, this challenge matters to you.



*Industrial farming produces vast quantities of corn and soybeans, but at enormous cost to the environment, to food producers and, in the end, to the health of food consumers. All of us taxpayers pay to clean up the mess.*

“Grassroots International gives people around the world a path for creative resistance and positive change.”

—HOWARD ZINN,  
GRASSROOTS DONOR

### FOOD CONTROL FOR SOME

**U.S. Farm Bill and food policies**  
**Global free trade agreements**  
**Transnational agribusiness monopolies**

Single-use patented seeds  
Privatized water  
Soil decomposition  
Export crops and biofuel plantations  
Deforestation and pollution  
Imported and packaged foods  
Massive migration



### FOOD SOVEREIGNTY FOR ALL



Biodiversity and ecological resilience  
Fair access to water and land for all  
Growing for local markets at fair prices  
Sustainable agriculture  
A world of fresh local foods  
Families able to stay on their farms

**Regional fair trade pacts**  
**“Buy local” food policies**  
**Credit and support for small farmers**



Farmers markets all over the world still provide an alternative: healthy, delicious, sustainably-grown local food at a price fair to both consumers and growers.

## RETHINKING AID

**T**oo much international emergency aid fails the basic standard: do no harm. International agencies often rush to the scene of a headline-making catastrophe, ignoring community-based groups and putting local food producers out of business with cheap, subsidized and imported food.

Grassroots takes the long view, even in a crisis. We take care to build the power of local producers and community-based groups. We look to the local economy for food sources first. We seek out community-based partners with the capacity to deliver on commitments and the potential to stick with the issue long after emergency funding streams dry up. Above all, we do no harm.

*Israel's closure of Gaza this year has created a food crisis for Palestinians. Grassroots donors supported the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) Urban Agriculture Program as well as their emergency relief assistance to families. PARC'S Besieged Farmers to Besieged Families Program helped keep supplies of locally-grown food moving to urban centers.*



# SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

**E**very day brings fresh evidence that our global food system is broken. Millions of family farmers and farm workers can not earn enough to support themselves. More than 1 billion people around the world go hungry every day. The vast majority of them are farmers living in rural areas where food should be most plentiful.

Grassroots supports local community-led sustainable development projects that advance democratic access to and management of crucial local food production, markets and natural resources. Grassroots funds livelihood projects which bring people together to advocate for social change while helping families meet their food needs and increase family incomes.

*In Brazil, the Movement of Small Farmers (MPA) supports the growth and distribution of local seeds and preservation of traditional crops through the Creole Seeds Program. International biotechnology has targeted Brazil as a market for patented, genetically-modified (GM) seeds.*



“Grassroots International is trusted by local organizations because it creates relations between people. You offer us real partnership and do not condition your support.”

—DR. MUSTAFA BARGHOUTHI,  
PALESTINIAN MEDICAL RELIEF SOCIETY



*In Oaxaca, Mexico, Grassroots helps women from coffee growing farming families survive the plunge in global coffee prices by growing backyard organic vegetable gardens. The gardens help boost nutrition and income and are community models of biodiversified agriculture.*



Through years of chaos and violence, the Peasant Movement of Papaye (MPP) has steadily helped increase the family incomes and food security of small farmers in Haiti’s eroded Central Highlands through reforestation, soil conservation, expanded access to water and sustainable organic agriculture projects.

# MOVEMENT BUILDING

**U**nequal power breeds poverty, inequitable development, environmental degradation and other forms of injustice. The answer? Support a network of vibrant and democratic social movements which have the creativity to suggest alternatives and the power to hold decision makers accountable.

Grassroots supports social movements by nurturing leadership, particularly among women and youth. We help our partners train and organize their constituents, build alliances and advocate for fair policies and social justice.

Weaving a web of strong allies is critical to making an impact for social change. In the era of corporate globalization, farmers need their own version of globalization from below. They need to reach out to environmentalists, consumers, and indigenous people to exchange techniques and ideas and develop coordinated strategies. Grassroots helps our partners with cross-border learning exchanges and alliance-building, strengthening local and international movements for food sovereignty at the same time.

*The Central American Training Center in Managua, Nicaragua, provides training in agroecology and building powerful, democratic organizations to farmer-leaders from all over Central America. As they learn, students also help the Center strategize new teaching approaches. Grassroots helped renovate training center facilities and provide financial support for the training program.*



**The first of its kind 2007 World Forum for Food Sovereignty brought food producers and activists from 80 nations together to declare common cause between food consumers and producers. Grassroots helped support the Forum organizers and ensured that small farmers from around the world could attend.**





*Through member organizations like our Mexican partner, the National Union of the Autonomous Regional Farmers Organizations. The Via has been a leading advocate against the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank's structural adjustment programs, and the World Trade Organization's efforts to reinforce corporate control of agriculture.*

## **A Big Thanks to Grassroots Volunteers**

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# HUMAN RIGHTS

**S**truggles for the most basic rights—rights to water and food for example—often bring everyday activists into direct confrontation with powerful interests seeking to maintain control over resources.

Grassroots works to defend these unsung heroes, sometimes jailed, branded as “terrorists” or even assassinated, whom the media ignore. We help local, regional, national and international organizations monitor and document human rights abuses and defend economic, social, cultural and environmental rights including the rights to food, water and land.

We make grants for legal defense of resource rights activists; communications, education and training to raise public awareness of resource rights as human rights; and presentation of documentation or cases at regional or international human rights bodies.

We also advocate on behalf of our partners and allies, insisting that their local, state and national governments comply with and enforce the law. Furthermore, we insist that transnational corporations like Monsanto and global financial institutions like the World Bank are held accountable to local and national laws and international standards of human rights and environmental justice.



*The Palestinian Center for Human Rights provides legal support and advocacy on behalf of victims of land and property rights violations, including fisher people losing their livelihoods due to being banned from fishing grounds.*



*The Brazilian Landless Workers Movement (MST) has helped nearly 350,000 families gain permanent access to under-used or abandoned lands equal in area to the state of Massachusetts. Working together, the families first occupy and farm the land. But they often face fierce resistance from large landowners who are powerful enough to turn out government troops to evict the farming families.*

“Grassroots International responded immediately to allow us to provide hundreds of illegally detained people with legal help... Rapid response and adjustment from GRI is a sign of their strength.”

—EDUARDO TORRES,  
THE CENTER TO SUPPORT THE  
POPULAR MOVEMENT IN OAXACA

*The Brazilian Landless Workers Movement (MST) has legally settled nearly 350,000 families on under-used or abandoned lands equal in area to the state of Massachusetts. But to gain title, families must first occupy the land in the face of fierce resistance from landowners and the government.*



# FINANCIAL REPORT 2007

Here are some highlights from Grassroots International's fiscal year 2007:

- Provided partners with over \$2.6 million in cash grants and material aid in addition to our advocacy work on their behalf.
- Continued to maximize the impact of donations received, as evidenced by top ratings from Charity Navigator and the Better Business Bureau.
- Maintained low operating overhead, devoting over 86% of spending to programs and education.

Grassroots International does not seek U.S. government funding, and remains outspoken in support of global justice. As always, your active support makes all of this possible.

## Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended October 31, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted		FY 2007
		General	Donor-advised	Total
<b>Support and Revenues</b>				
Institutional contributions	254,866	619,326		\$ 874,192
Individual contributions	538,495	146,969	–	685,464
In-kind (donated goods and services)	–	1,441,291	–	1,441,291
Investment and other income	58,727	–	103,773	162,500
Sub-Total	852,088	2,207,587	103,773	3,163,448
Net assets released from program restrictions				
	3,033,628	(2,290,330)	(743,298)	–
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<b>3,885,716</b>	<b>(82,743)</b>	<b>(639,525)</b>	<b>3,163,448</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Programs</b>				
Cash Grants – general	667,725			667,725
Cash Grants – donor-advised	622,440			622,440
Shipping Grants	30,004			30,004
Goods Shipments	1,441,291			1,441,291
Program Services	319,342			319,342
Education	179,309			179,309
Sub-Total	3,260,111	–	–	3,260,111
<b>Support Services</b>				
Management and General	248,507			248,507
Fundraising	265,259			265,259
Sub-Total	513,766	–	–	513,766
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,773,877</b>			<b>3,773,877</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>111,839</b>	<b>(82,743)</b>	<b>(639,525)</b>	<b>(610,429)</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>754,419</b>	<b>325,262</b>	<b>1,929,256</b>	<b>3,008,937</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>866,258</b>	<b>242,519</b>	<b>1,289,731</b>	<b>\$3,008,937</b>

## Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2007

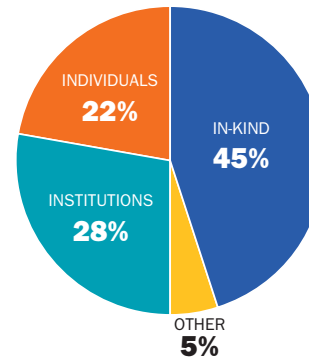
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 830,637
Grants Receivable	43,000
Investments	1,552,889
Fixed Assets, Net	42,986
Other	27,302
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,496,814</b>

## Liabilities and Net Assets

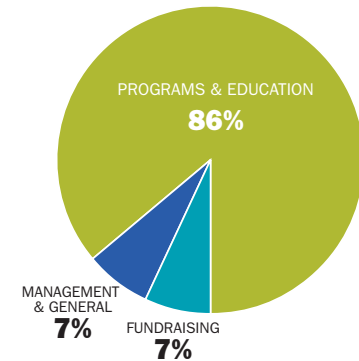
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Grants Payable	–
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	98,306
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>98,306</b>

<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	866,258
Temporarily Restricted	
General	242,519
Donor-advised	1,289,731
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>2,398,508</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,496,814</b>

## SUPPORT AND REVENUES



## EXPENSES



# GRANTEES 2007

## Human Rights Defense

### Brazil

Landless Workers Movement (Pernambuco)  
Human rights defense \$25,000

Social Network for Justice & Human Rights  
Human Rights defense \$27,500

### Haiti

Platform of Haitian Human Rights Organizations  
Human Rights education \$15,000

### Mexico

Mixe Peoples' Services  
Land and water rights defense \$30,000

Center to Support the Popular Movement in Oaxaca  
Human Rights defense \$10,251

### Palestine

Palestinian Center for Human Rights  
Protection of land and property rights \$22,275

Stop the Wall Campaign  
Organizing against the Separation Wall \$22,000

### Palestine

Union of Agricultural Work Committees  
Advancing farmers' rights \$15,000

## Movement Building

### Brazil

Jubilee South-Brazil  
Organizing against debt and free trade \$10,000

Landless Workers Movement  
International Women's Day march \$3,000

Landless Workers Movement  
Learning Exchange with Haitian peasants \$2,500

Landless Workers Movement (Maranhão)  
Participation in the National Congress \$1,000

Landless Workers Movement (Pernambuco)  
Participation in the National Congress \$1,000

Landless Workers Movement (Maranhão)  
State-level leaders' training \$12,000

Polo Sindical  
Countering impact of large dam project \$15,134

Social Network for Justice & Human Rights  
Research on agrofuels impact \$19,800

Social Network for Justice & Human Rights  
Agro-energy booklet \$3,000

Social Network for Justice & Human Rights  
Participation in the US Social Forum \$2,000

Via Campesina-Coalition of Latin American Rural Organizations (Southern Cone)  
Leadership training for peasant activists \$10,000

### Guatemala

National Coalition of Campesino Organizations  
Strengthening land rights \$10,000

National Coordination of Indigenous Peoples and Campesinos  
Women's leadership development \$20,000

Committee for Campesino Unity  
Capacity building \$15,000

### Haiti

Peasant Movement of Papaye  
Leadership training for peasant activists \$12,500

Haitian Platform to Advocate Alternative Development  
Food Sovereignty campaign \$24,350

### Honduras

Via Campesina-Central America/  
Honduran Coordinating Council of Campesino Organizations  
Global Agrarian Reform Campaign \$35,000

Via Campesina-Central America/  
Honduran Coordinating Council of Campesino Organizations  
Participation in World Forum for Food Sovereignty \$8,000

Via Campesina-Central America/  
Honduran Coordinating Council of Campesino Organizations  
Delegation to Indigenous Peoples Convening \$10,000

### Indonesia

Via Campesina/Federation of Indonesian Peasant Associations  
Organizing World Forum for Food Sovereignty \$15,000

Via Campesina/Federation of Indonesian Peasant Associations  
Support for International Secretariat \$20,000

### Israel

Ahali Center for Community Development  
Community Empowerment Project \$15,000

### Mexico

Via Campesina – International  
International Peasant Leader Exchange \$20,000

Center for Economic Research and Community Political Action  
Community education and transnational alliances \$26,780

Union of Indigenous Communities of the Northern Zone of the Isthmus  
Autonomy for indigenous territories \$25,000

National Union of Autonomous Regional Peasant Organizations  
Participation in the US Social Forum \$704

National Union of Autonomous Regional Farmers' Organizations  
Campaign to reform/renegotiate NAFTA \$30,000

Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca  
Zapotec autonomy and land rights \$30,000

Via Campesina-North America  
Support for North American Secretariat \$20,000

### Nicaragua

Via Campesina-Central America / Association of Rural Workers  
Learning exchange with Brazilian peasants \$2,000

Via Campesina-Central America / Association of Rural Workers  
Building training center facilities \$33,000

Via Campesina-Central America / Association of Rural Workers  
Support for training and leadership development \$28,536

### Palestine

Union of Agricultural Work Committees  
Participation in World Forum for Food Sovereignty \$2,000

### United States

National Family Farm Coalition  
Food Sovereignty outreach and organizing \$11,022

### Uruguay

Network of Civil Associations for Friends of the Earth Media support for World Forum for Food Sovereignty \$2,000

## Sustainable Livelihoods

### Brazil

Association in the Settlement Areas of the State of Maranhão  
Family-based agroecology training \$12,800

### Brazil

Movement of Small Farmers  
Support for Seed Sovereignty \$20,000

Landless Workers Movement  
National agroecology training \$30,000

### Haiti

National Congress of the Papaye Peasant Movement  
Creole Pig Repopulation Project \$29,067

Peasant Movement of Papaye  
Water management and local irrigation \$50,400

Peasant Movement of Papaye  
Reforestation and agroecological training \$42,666

### Mexico

Center to Support the Popular Movement in Oaxaca  
Micro-regional development planning \$36,000

Center to Support the Popular Movement in Oaxaca  
Organic vegetable gardens \$10,000

Oaxaca State Coffee Producers Network  
Organic vegetable gardens \$17,500

Enlace Civil  
Agroecological training \$25,000

### Palestine

Gaza Community Mental Health Programme  
Women's Empowerment Project \$15,000

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees  
Urban agriculture in Gaza \$32,785

## Rethinking Aid

### Lebanon

The Gathering Association/AI-Leqaa  
Emergency relief for Lebanon crisis \$17,493

### Palestine

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees  
Emergency relief for Gaza crisis \$28,920

Palestine Medical Relief Society  
Shipment of medical supplies in kind

# TRANSFORMING WEALTH

The call of “Presente” in Latin America has been used to honor and call forth those who had died in the struggle for peace and justice. When Martha Miller and Robbie Gamble lived in El Salvador during the 1980s, they attended a parish in a particularly poor area where many catechists had murdered in the long and bloody civil war. Each week, Mass began with “Presente,” calling forth the presence of these martyrs. This made a deep impression on these young volunteers.



When Martha and Robbie returned from El Salvador and grappled with what to do with an inheritance, the power of their experience in El Salvador deeply influenced them. “We wanted to transform this inherited wealth into a seed for supporting those struggling for social change.” One of the many ways they chose to do this was to ask Grassroots Intl to help them create and manage a donor-advised fund. They chose to name it the Presente Fund.

“As people who have inherited wealth, we know firsthand the unjust ways that wealth accumulates and the unequal power it generates,” Martha says. In our giving economic justice has been important, along with anti-war, peace work, and resource rights.

Grassroots has been great to work with,” Martha says. “They give structure and strategy to our giving and amazing resources in the many projects they have proposed.”

“Through the Presente Fund we have honored those who have died and those living today who remain committed to the work of social justice. I hope we can be an example for others to give in this way.”

## Special Funds

Grassroots International is home to several special funds, all closely aligned with our mission, that enable us to make additional grants towards a better world. We have created these funds in close collaboration with visionary, activist philanthropists to make a remarkable range of grants—from bringing indigenous peoples and peasant organizations together from across Latin America to fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa.

### ■ Friends of Jenin Theatre

Each year, Grassroots offers support to a dynamic theatre company, the Jenin Freedom Theatre in the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank for children to perform, and explore peaceful and just solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through creative expression.

### ■ Pangea

Based on the outreach efforts of a fast-growing, Seattle-based giving circle, Grassroots provides tens of thousands of dollars in grants each year to remarkable organizations in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean fighting HIV/AIDS and engaging in innovative community development strategies.

### ■ Sharing the Harvest

In FY 2006, Grassroots established a five-year, \$1 million donor-advised fund to provide essential support to Latin America’s most dynamic social movements including the small farmer (campesino) and indigenous peoples’ rights movements

### ■ The Presente Fund

Each year from 2004 until late 2008, Grassroots will have provided \$500,000 of essential support to dynamic grassroots organizations around the world (including the US) working on the following themes: resource rights, human rights, economic justice, and peace.



## Grassroots International Institutional Supporters FY 07

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# Globalizing Justice: our vision

## We envision a world ...

- Where fundamental human rights, including economic and social rights, as well as civil rights are guaranteed and enforced for all;
- Where equitable access to land, water, and other natural resources are recognized as human rights;
- Where access to nutritious food in adequate quantities to support healthy human life is considered a basic right;
- Where a sound, sustainable environment is universally supported;
- Where people live with dignity, equality and freedom in democratic societies, free of imperialism and militarism;
- Where gender justice is fully upheld and all people have the opportunity for leadership;
- Where the rights of indigenous peoples and other historically disenfranchised groups are guaranteed and respected;
- Where community-led development and fair trade enrich the sustainable use of resources. Where people, rather than corporations and market forces, have a right to determine the structure of their food systems and food markets;
- Where the role of small producers, especially rural peoples, is supported in public policy, including their roles as stewards of the resources they control;
- Where strong social movements hold political parties and the State accountable for guaranteeing human rights and equitable distribution of resources;
- Where movements for economic, political, and food sovereignty result in the shift of power from transnational corporations to the broad base of the world's population.