

KEY VICTORIES

26 Organizations in: CT, DC, IL, MA, MD, NC, NJ, OH, NY, VA, WI
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COVID TESTING, PPE & PANDEMIC RELIEF

Affiliates in **MA, MD, NJ, NY, & OH** won increases in available COVID testing and test sites serving over 60,000 people in our hardest hit communities including an agreement designed and implemented by **Metro IAF-NY** and signed by Governor Cuomo, which opened walk-in Covid-19 testing sites in 75 churches across **NYC** utilized by over 47,000 people. • Scarcity brought price gouging and none was more apparent than 3M's N95 mask sales that affected front-line healthcare and other workers in our institutions. **CT, IL, MA, MD, NY, OH & VA IAF**

organized 20 state attorneys general and 3M shareholders with \$13+ billion under management to secure changes in 3M's distribution and pricing practices. • **Metro IAF-NY** pushed elected officials to permit religious institutions to apply to the SBA for loans resulting in \$5 million in PPP loans for over 30 institutions; **Fox River Valley Initiative** leaders in **IL** organized an increase of \$2 million in funds directed to local non-profit organizations. • Community Purchasing Alliance in **DC**, along with affiliates across **Metro IAF**, banded together to create a pipeline for Personal Protective Equipment purchasing that resulted in over \$2 million in supply contracts (40% of contracts went to Black and Brown small businesses). • Affiliates in **MD, NJ, and NY** organized over 3.5 million meals and over \$7 million resulting in jobs and saved businesses. [READ MORE >>](#)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

After the economic shutdown caused sharp reductions in family income, **Metro IAF** organizations stepped into the void to leverage relief for economically stressed families by winning eviction moratoriums and CARES Act funding for rental relief. • Affiliates in **DC, MA, MD, NC, NY & VA** secured over \$150 million for rental assistance including **ONE Wake's** victory in which Wake County, **NC** public officials directed \$20 million from the CARES Act to homelessness and eviction prevention efforts. • **Metro IAF's** campaign to revitalize our country's most disinvested communities and build/preserve affordable homes in high-cost areas continued to grow in 2020. **Metro IAF** developed/financed/preserved over 15,900 housing units directly and through organizing. • **Metro IAF** also leveraged \$1.1 billion in public money through organizing for housing development and neighborhood revitalization. [READ MORE >>](#)



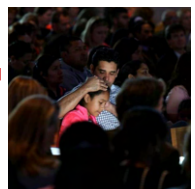
REBUILDING OUR DEMOCRACY

Months of strictly nonpartisan GOTV efforts resulted in increasing voter turnout and protecting the vote in historically low-performing precincts in **NC, OH and WI**. • **NC Congress of Latino Organizations** reached over 273,000 people in the Latino community resulting in an increase of voters in **NC**; 1,000 leaders in **Common Ground** joined key players from the Milwaukee Bucks to increase the vote in Milwaukee, **WI**; **Greater Cleveland Congregations** in **OH** succeeded in making sure 7,000 previously rejected ballot applications were accepted. Most importantly, leaders established a foundation for

long-term neighborhood engagement built on conversations and institutional trust. • **Metro IAF** is building out and expanding its power with exploratory efforts in key swing states and areas: **NC, OH and VA** including rural areas in each state as well as in **MI**. • **Metro IAF** launched 3 new Affiliates in 2020: **ONE Wake** in **NC**, **QUEENS Power** in **NY** and **Prince Georges Leadership Action Network** in **MD**. Over 5,900 people from 120 new member institutions attended the founding actions for these organizations. [READ MORE >>](#)

IMMIGRATION POLICY REFORM

NC Congress of Latino Organizations won commitments from **NC** Governor Cooper to: veto legislation that would have deputized Sheriffs to detain individuals by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); increase testing and vaccination for farm and poultry workers impacted by COVID-19; and include the provision of cultural and linguistic appropriate services and interpretation as part of the \$30 billion Medicaid transformation. [READ MORE >>](#)





CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization secured passage of an historic law which addresses police misconduct, deadly force and accountability, bringing **MA** forward as a national leader in police accountability reform. • **Congregations for a New Connecticut** pushed and won new regulations for police accountability that include more diversity, decertification due to misconduct, and exhausting all alternatives before the use of deadly force. • **VOICE** in **VA** delivered justice to 627,000 Virginians whose drivers licenses were restored after being suspended over unpaid court debt. • An unprecedented win for residents of Prince William County, **VA**, a majority people of color county, as they opened the first Public Defender office. • **Metro IAF** organizations in **MA, NC & NJ** won increased testing for thousands of the incarcerated in state prisons and prison guards and pushed for early release of individuals that had served the majority of their time and met other qualifications to reduce prison populations and exposure to COVID-19. • **East Brooklyn Congregations** in **NY** began work with formerly incarcerated individuals, helping find affordable housing, living wage jobs, mental health aid, and legal representation. [READ MORE >>](#)

SUSTAINING PUBLIC SCHOOLS & BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Disparities in access to wi-fi led leaders in **NY** and **IL** to leverage over \$1.6 million to create mesh wi-fi networks which will provide free internet access to thousands of underserved people. • **Common Ground** leaders in **WI** pushed the Milwaukee Public School district early in the pandemic to develop and deliver on-line learning to all of their students. • **Metro IAF** affiliates in **DC, MD, NJ, and NY** won commitments of over \$141 million to: facilitate much needed renovations; hire and rehire hundreds of teachers; implement a program dedicated to school based mental health; and restore school transportation budgets. • Leaders in **NC** negotiated and won 4 additional bilingual positions within 2 separate school districts, and got free access to technology and wi-fi for 13,300 Spanish speaking children. [READ MORE >>](#)



HEALTHCARE & MENTAL HEALTH

Greater Cleveland Congregations in **OH** created the *Color of Health Initiative*, which seeks equal access to testing and creation of a comprehensive community-wide support network as a matter of justice in this time of COVID-19. • **Greater Boston Interfaith Organization** won passage of **MA** law that guarantees Covid-19 care regardless of network coverage; increases protection of patients against unfair surprise medical billing for out of network care; and guarantees access to Telehealth. • **DuPage United** in **IL** organized to improve patient mental health restoration outcomes and reduce jail time for mentally ill persons charged with misdemeanors. Individuals are now remanded by the courts to Elgin Mental Health Center. • As a result of **Greater Cleveland Congregations** relentless campaign for a long-needed mental health and addiction crisis diversion center to keep people out of jail, Cuyahoga County, **OH** elected officials announced the creation of a center to open in Spring 2021. [READ MORE >>](#)

JOBS, CLEAN ENERGY & PREPARING FOR A POST-PANDEMIC FUTURE

Businesses and congregations are recognizing the benefits of replacing old equipment through energy efficiency retrofits to save money, reduce carbon emissions and to create jobs. • BlocPower, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the Community Purchasing Alliance (CPA) are partnering with **Metro IAF-NY** to retrofit churches, residences and small businesses with more energy efficient heating systems in order to reduce carbon emissions and create green jobs. Through this partnership **Metro IAF** affiliates are saving money on solar installations through group energy buying discounts. • **Metro IAF** is exploring expanding this partnership with BlocPower and CPA to **DC, IL, MA, and WI**. • **Washington Interfaith Network** won a commitment from electric power company PEPCO to create 100-120 jobs per year for **DC** residents; raise prevailing union wages for underground utility employees, contractors and subcontractors; and invest close to \$30 million in Black businesses in **DC**. [READ MORE >>](#)

WHO WE ARE

Metro Industrial Areas Foundation (Metro IAF) is affiliated with the **Industrial Areas Foundation** (IAF), the first and largest network of multi-faith, broad-based citizen organizations, which has eight decades of experience winning tough battles on housing, health care, education, living wages, immigration rights, and other issues in the US and abroad. **Metro IAF's** 26 affiliates are in the East, Midwest, and Southeast United States (CT, DC, IL, MA, MD, NC, NJ, NY, OH, VA, WI).