

Increasing the Light

As a white-led organization that strives to be anti-racist, SVARA is committed to making *teshuvah* for our own complicity in white supremacy and oppression. As one part of this ongoing process, and as part of our commitment to organizational teshuva, we are lifting up and supporting eight incredible organizations working on land rights, gender justice, and racial justice. Read more about these fabulous organizations below and may their work be amplified to bring about even greater change this year.

MASK

[MASK](#) (Mothers/Men Against Senseless Killings) was established in 2015 as a way to put eyes on the streets, interrupt violence and crime, and teach children to grow up as friends rather than enemies. A group of caring individuals in the community began to simply hang out on the block, cook food, and emanate love.

SAGE

[SAGE](#) is the country's largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of LGBT older people. Founded in 1978 and headquartered in New York City, SAGE is a national organization that offers supportive services and consumer resources to LGBT older people and their caregivers

The Sylvia Rivera Law Project

[The Sylvia Rivera Law Project](#) (SRLP) works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence. SRLP is a collective organization founded on the understanding that gender self-determination is inextricably intertwined with racial, social, and economic justice.

Third Wave Fund

[Third Wave Fund](#) resources and supports youth-led [Gender Justice](#) activism to advance the political power, well-being, and self determination of communities of color and low-income communities.

SONG (Southerners On New Ground)

[SONG](#) is a home for LGBTQ liberation across all lines of race, class, abilities, age, culture, gender, and sexuality in the South. We build, sustain, and connect a southern regional base of LGBTQ people in order to transform the region through strategic projects and campaigns developed in response to the current conditions in our communities. SONG builds this movement through leadership development, intersectional analysis, and organizing.

The Arctic Slope Community Foundation

[The Arctic Slope Community Foundation](#) is dedicated to promoting philanthropy among the Arctic Slope region by providing strategic development and financial management of a community-supported endowment. Principal assets are held in perpetuity, to achieve sustainable funding, using only the earnings for the humanitarian, educational, economic, and cultural needs of the Arctic Slope. (The Arctic Slope Region is part of the Iñupiat Nunaḡat (Iñupiaq lands) and is made up of communities in Wainwright, Barrow, Atkasuk, Anaktuvuk Pass, Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, Point Hope, and Point Lay on what is now called Alaska)

NDN Collective

[NDN Collective](#) is an Indigenous-led organization dedicated to building Indigenous power. Through organizing, activism, philanthropy, grantmaking, capacity-building and narrative change, we are creating sustainable solutions on Indigenous terms.

The National Center for Transgender Equality

[The National Center for Transgender Equality](#) advocates to change policies and society to increase understanding and acceptance of transgender people. In the nation's capital and throughout the country, NCTE works to replace disrespect, discrimination, and violence with empathy, opportunity, and justice.