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Solidaire Member Movement Contributions

WHO WE ARE

“Solidaire has completely transformed my giving by literally getting money moving that wasn’t moving. I have so many places I can move money to and quickly. I have also learned so much about movements.”

- Solidaire Member

Solidaire Network is a vibrant and intergenerational network of donors, donor organizers, and movement leaders working toward social justice. As a network, we have a vision of radical giving that invites donors to transform ourselves and our own relationship to power by resourcing frontline movements for the long term.

Solidaire was formed in 2013 as a community of people making change, inspired by the progression of movement moments, from anti-austerity, to the Arab Spring, to Occupy. We believe in the power of social movements to guide us toward a more just and sustainable society and we are committed to investing in them so they can do their transformative work beyond the confines of traditional philanthropy and foundations. Today, Solidaire’s members are working to deepen our solidarity practices to ensure that grassroots movements have what they need to win and keep winning. Annually, our members tend to move between \$50,000 to \$100 million in alignment with Solidaire values, principles, and practices to the most important social movements and issues of our time.

VISION

We envision a world where racism, economic exploitation, and disregard for the wellbeing of the planet no longer destroy whole communities to benefit a few, a world where all people have power to shape the decisions that affect their lives and to flourish.

PURPOSE

Solidaire works to fundamentally change economic, political, and cultural power systems by growing and nurturing a network of donor organizers to accompany movements for social and racial justice. We do our work in alignment with our [Guiding Principles and Practices](#).

GRANTMAKING

Solidaire’s membership moves money to the frontlines of social change in order to fund urgent needs, support bold and innovative ideas that others may not fund, and help build long-term infrastructure for the movement. Across all of our current funding vehicles, Solidaire members move money to 501(c)(3) organizations, LLCs and entities without non-profit designations. Members move money together as pooled funding through Solidaire’s giving vehicles and individually to projects pitched by members through its listserv.

Solidaire prioritizes funding work that is led by people most directly impacted by injustice, builds power to challenge oppressive systems, and confronts the root causes of oppression(s). Our grantmaking is focused on communities that are historically under-resourced by philanthropic dollars, with a particular emphasis on resourcing Black and Indigenous movements. We move money in ways that seek to challenge the traditional norms of the philanthropic sector. To that end, we work to:

- Make applying for funds as easy as possible, employing short application processes.
- Offer general operating support to groups.
- Design reporting systems that seek to build just and right relationships that help us walk alongside movements and support their decision-making regarding how best to put resources to use.
- Influence the ways the philanthropic sector funds and builds relationships with movements.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

“Solidaire has made me think deeper about my role in the funding ecosystem as well as helped expand my imagination of seeing the possibilities of what can happen in bridging movements with donors.”

- Solidaire Member

By becoming a member of Solidaire Network, you are joining a powerful community of donor organizers that are moving unprecedented amounts of solidarity and support to the frontlines of social justice and making real change possible. Solidaire memberships fuel our collective giving. Our members generally consist of a mix of individuals and foundations, and annual contributions start at \$20,000 and increase on a sliding scale.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Solidaire’s primary constituency is individuals with wealth who generally have the ability to move \$50,000 or more in annual giving personally or through a family foundation and are aligned with and committed to our values. We encourage individuals to consider joining with family or collaborators.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

“I’ve learned to be far more honest about my wealth and giving, more intentional in my donations. It’s helped me give bigger and inspire others to be more generous.”

- Solidaire Member

Our collective work happens through standing in our power as donor organizers and resource mobilizers. To that end, all dues-paying members have full access to relationship building and convening, deep political education, ongoing learning and collaborations, and experiential opportunities:

OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD AND GROW COMMUNITY

- **Beloved Fridays:** We host regular member meetings on Fridays to learn and build beloved community. This space offers regular opportunities for deeper learning, building relationships within the community and hearing from movement partners on current and dynamic conditions and analyses.
- **Informal Gatherings:** The strength of our community is also in the deep analysis, expertise, experience, and core values that every member brings. To create more opportunities to discover each others’ gifts, members and staff alike regularly host informal get-togethers to build relationships.

- **Annual Retreat:** Our annual member retreat is one of our biggest opportunities for Solidaire members all over the country to convene together in one place to collectively dream, brainstorm, and learn together-complete with lots of joyful time to bond.
- **Regional Hub Gatherings:** We host regional hubs across the U.S. where our members concentrate. Regional hubs are an opportunity to connect in person with other members and connect to local organizing. Regional hubs are decided upon through member and movement consultations.

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

- **Online Learning Calls and Webinars:** We regularly organize learning calls that are relevant to movement moments and key focus areas. Members get the opportunity to connect with movement leaders and be in conversation with one another.
- **Political Education:** Members are invited to join our political education and peer learning opportunities designed to positively transform relationships between donors and movements.
- **Solidarity Circles:** Solidarity Circles are member-driven spaces, where members educate and organize each other toward taking action.
- **Active Listservs:** As a national network, we use listservs to connect and communicate with one another. Our listservs provide opportunities to learn about and also bring forth rapid response funding requests, share articles and knowledge, ask questions or advice on social justice philanthropy, and more.

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT MOVEMENTS

Through grants made from our Movement Infrastructure Fund, Black Liberation Pooled Fund, and Social Justice Fund Portfolio, members are funding movement innovation and the long-term vision and strategy required to move toward a new paradigm of justice and liberation.

- Our **Black Liberation Pooled Fund** is an opportunity for donors and foundations to step up in defense of Black lives. Right now, as people rise up around the globe for racial justice, we are in a unique moment to propel forward the work that Black organizers have been leading for years.
- The **Building the Fire Fund** is the first fund dedicated to Indigenous reproductive justice and a critical piece of infrastructure in the Indigenous Reproductive Justice Movement.
- The **Janisha R. Gabriel Movement Protection Fund** moves money quickly to urgent security needs and to build movement protection infrastructure.
- The **Movement Infrastructure Fund** will provide long-term resourcing of movement formations and organizations. Membership contributions help support this fund's C3 and C4 capacities, which supports core grantmaking through our network.
- Solidaire's **Unity & Power Fund** moves money to the front lines of antiwar and racial justice organizing for a just and sustainable peace in Israel-Palestine.
- Our **Rapid Response** funding is the most nimble way to support time sensitive opportunities, stay vigilantly prepared to trust movement leaders in real time to tell us what they need and give directly to frontline work in the heat of movement moments. Members have the opportunity to pitch movement-sparking funding opportunities to each other through Rapid Response efforts, as well as learn about emergent and urgent work on the ground.

MOVEMENT CONTRIBUTIONS & MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our standard proposed minimum dues are based on members' overall annual giving capacity.

In essence, Solidaire represents a pooled funding "plus" vehicle. The majority of membership dues are allocated to movement partnerships through our Pooled Funds with the remaining to programs, operations, and infrastructure. We are happy to speak with you about supporting the growth of Solidaire's programs, and other personalized ranges for your movement contributions and membership dues. When paying membership dues, members have the option to support our c3 or c4 movement efforts.

Solidaire's institutional membership includes foundations of all sizes. For institutions that are giving at or above the \$10 million annual range, we hope to explore opportunities to create individualized partnerships where Solidaire can support your grantmaking arm to pool funding to movements and leverage your current grantmaking goals. Solidaire has the infrastructure and support already in place to respond nimbly to movement partners, and can serve as both an intermediary, as well as amplifier, of your foundation's work to resource social movements.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

Our Donor Organizing Team would be delighted to welcome you to our community. For new and renewing individual members, please contact Isaac Lev Szmonko at: isaac@solidairenetwork.org. For institutional memberships, please contact Daniel Lee at: daniel@solidairenetwork.org.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Solidaire members contribute annually to our pooled funds on a sliding scale that starts with a \$20,000 movement contribution. Please reach out to accounting@solidairenetwork.org for details on sending your movement contributions to our c3 or c4 entities.