TEXAS
To support DACA recipients, Texas IAF sent over 10,000 postcards to US congressional representatives and organized press conferences in San Antonio, the Rio Grande Valley and Houston drawing hundreds of supporters. Valley Interfaith delivered two 11th hour Congressional letters for the DACA discharge petition. Bastrop Interfaith organized and ended traffic checkpoints profiling immigrants. Dallas Area Interfaith secured three police departments’ agreements to accept church-issued parish ID cards and facilitated the issuance of 10,000 IDs, drawing coverage from VICE News.

COPS/Metro & Austin Interfaith raised the wage floor to $15/hour for the lowest paid employees of the City of San Antonio, City of Austin, and Bexar County. Austin Interfaith also protected the living wage standard for employees of all private corporations receiving City of Austin subsidies.

The Metropolitan Organization leveraged the support of the Houston Police Chief for IAF’s “Do Not Stand Idly By” campaign for gun safety, making Houston the second largest US city to sign on. El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization won $2.4 million for installation of water and wastewater services in the Campillo colonia and $1.8 million in city and county funding for Project ARIBA adult job training.

Valley Interfaith secured $193 million for flood prevention in Hidalgo County and McAllen.

WASHINGTON
Sound Alliance organized ‘Know Your Rights’ workshops teaching immigrants and allies how to exercise their constitutional rights in encounters with ICE agents.

Spokane Alliance partnered with Washington State University Healthcare to help create a mobile medical clinic to benefit rural communities and people facing homelessness.

WASHINGTON DC
Metro IAF in DC, MD, VA—working with the Amalgamated Transit Union local—won $500 million/year in the first ever dedicated funding for capital improvements at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the regional transit agency that serves 350 million riders annually.

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) pushed forward 850+ affordable housing units to curb impacts of gentrification in the city, celebrated the closure of the dilapidated DC General Homeless Shelter and the opening of three new family transitional housing facilities across the city. WIN organized alongside the Amalgamated Transit Union, ensuring that the 200+ Downtown Circulator workers maintain their jobs, wages, and benefits under a new contractor, as well as winning the DC Streetcar workers’ first ever contract that includes a $10.15/hour wage increase and drastically improved health insurance.

WISCONSIN
Southeastern WI Common Ground halted development of notorious V Live liquor franchise in a Milwaukee neighborhood and began work on temp agency employee mistreatment and expanding living wage jobs for formerly incarcerated and chronically unemployed people in Milwaukee.

WHO WE ARE
The Industrial Areas Foundation, founded in 1940, by Saul Alinsky, is the nation’s largest and longest-standing network of local faith and community based power organizations. The IAF works with religious congregations, and other local institutions, to build broad-based, citizen power organizations which create new capacity in a community for leadership development, citizen-led action and relationships across lines that often divide our communities.

The IAF created the modern model of broad-based organizing and is widely recognized as having the strongest track record in the nation for citizen leadership development and for helping congregations and other institutions to act on their missions to achieve lasting change in the world.

The IAF, which includes Metro IAF and West/Southwest IAF, currently works with thousands of religious congregations, non-profits, civic organizations, unions, small businesses, healthcare institutions, schools and other educational institutions in more than sixty-five cities across the United States and in Australia, Canada, Germany, Italy, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

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Targeting low turnout precincts, Pima County Interfaith helped increase countywide voter turnout to the highest in its history. 70.5%.
Valley Interfaith Project leveraged $1 million in new state funding for workforce training expansion and secured increased state funding for public schools, community colleges, and protection of recent gains for CHIP and Medicaid Expansion.

CALIFORNIA
One LA IAF won LA County Board of Supervisors’ support to provide access to mental health services for 150,000 low-income, undocumented residents, and advanced a proposal in the City of LA to provide “right to counsel” eviction protections for low-income tenants.
Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) passed a “Just Cause Eviction Ordinance” protecting tenants from sudden eviction in Marin County. MOC shepherded a deal between Canal neighborhood tenants and a landlord who imposed a 45% rent hike, successfully extending the time period from 2 to 16 months.

Beyond securing another $2 million from Monterey County for full-scope healthcare for undocumented residents, Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action worked with business and religious leadership to build a constituency for immigration reform.

COLORADO
400 Colorado IAF leaders secured commitments from members of the Denver Public School Board to support teachers’ demands for fair compensation, laying the groundwork for a successful fight to increase teacher pay 41% in 2019 with annual cost of living increases.

CONNECTICUT
750 Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut (CONNECT) members challenged candidates for Governor, Attorney General and Treasurer to support their action agenda on gun violence, immigration, health care, environmental and criminal justice reform. CONNECT pushed candidates to support “Clean State” legislation that would automatically expunge criminal records for formerly incarcerated people who have no further convictions.

ILLINOIS
Trained over 1,000 police with 1,000 in the 2020 pipeline in Crisis Intervention across DuPage, Lake, and Cook counties to identify and de-escalate encounters with people that have mental illness and/or addiction issues. 1,257 leaders from Metro IAF IL won commitments from Attorney General candidates to work on gun violence, mental health, addiction, police accountability and immigration if elected. Won approval of 146-bed behavioral health hospital in Waukegan and a commitment to establish a Crisis Stabilization Unit as an alternative to emergency room and jail.

IOWA
A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy in Des Moines leveraged $3.5 million in private funding for a state-of-the-art youth skate park.

2018 Victories

LOUISIANA
Together Louisiana secured action from Governor John Bel Edwards to establish local control over the $1.4 billion Industrial Tax Exemption Program, the nation’s most generous corporate welfare program exempting industrial property from local taxes. Local governments can now deny projects that do not produce new permanent jobs. Together Baton Rouge persuaded the East Baton Rouge school board and city council to deny property tax exemptions to ExxonMobil, resulting in $6 million in new funding for school and government services, including much needed salary increases for teachers and bus drivers.

MARYLAND
Anne Arundel Connecting Together launched with over 1,100 leaders at an inaugural action with the county’s political leaders. Action in Montgomery secured $65 million for affordable housing, expansion of quality after-school programs to 20 high poverty schools, and $700,000 to fund immigrant legal services to prevent deportations.
Baltimorearea United In Leadership Development secured 30% local hiring mandate for publicly subsidized development in Baltimore, generating thousands of living wage jobs for low-income Baltimoreans as well as won a commitment from Baltimore’s mayor to recognize Parish ID’s issued to immigrants as a valid form of identification by law enforcement and other city agencies.

MASSACHUSETTS
Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) led fight to secure statewide Criminal Justice Reform with repeal of mandatory minimums for low level drug offenses, bail reform, reduction of post release fees and fines, and reduction of solitary confinement time.
GBIO won a consumer protection agreement in the merger of Beth Israel and Lahey Health Systems, which included: $1 billion of healthcare cost savings over seven years, improved access for low income/Medicaid customers, and $72 million to support community health centers.

MISSISSIPPI
300 Working Together Jackson leaders secured commitments from the Mayor of Jackson to rebuild West Jackson including $705,000 for fresh food store financing and keeping the Mississippi Zoo in West Jackson.

NEBRASKA
Omaha Together One Community gathered signatures to get Medicaid Expansion on a state referendum, educated and mobilized Omaha-area voters who provided more than a third of all votes for the measure’s passage, resulting in expanded coverage to 95,000 low-income Nebraskans.

NEVADA
Nevadans for the Common Good leaders from Clark County organized nonpartisan accountability sessions with legislative and gubernatorial candidates, including new-Governor Sisolak, paving the way for 2019 state victories including: a Payday lending database to track short-term, high interest loans to better protect consumers; and $40 million in affordable housing tax credits ($10 million per year) to create 2,400 new affordable units.

NEW JERSEY
Jersey City Together drove the $170 million public purchase of an investment in a 95-acre Bayfront site, which will create 1,400 - 2,800 affordable housing units, won $5.3 million for public schools, and secured the first proactive enforcement of the city’s rent control law.

NEW MEXICO
Rebuilding its power through the organizing basics of listening sessions and training hundreds of local leaders to act, 250 Albuquerque Interfaith leaders rallied an aggressive 2019 state-wide agenda around schools, safety, mental healthcare & immigrant justice which 15 leaders presented to Albuquerque’s Mayor.

NEW YORK
Metro IAF NYC secured $100 million from NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council to begin construction on 15,000 senior units on vacant NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) land, which will free up NYCHA units for 150,000 low income New Yorkers. Metro IAF NYC won $2.2 billion Federal Court consent decree to force NYCHA to repair public housing units where 500,000 black and brown New Yorkers live with mold, rats, no heat and many other code violations.
Long Island Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods moved the largest hospital chains on Long Island to begin offering medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder in their emergency rooms.

NORTH CAROLINA
Orange County Justice United won commitments from the Orange County Board of Education to address racial hiring disparities by recruiting 140 teachers of color and bi-lingual front office staff in every school. Durham Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods secured commitments from the City, County and Housing Authority leaders to build 1,000 units of affordable housing on publicly owned land downtown. 2,000 NC Latino Congress leaders participated in public actions and secured public agreements from four county elected sheriffs to end collaboration with ICE in separating families.

OHIO
Greater Cleveland Congregations won creation of Violence Interruption (Gun Diversion) and Second Chance dockets by Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, and a foreclosure bond for vacant residential and commercial properties in the City of Cleveland Heights.

OKLAHOMA
350 Voices Organized in Civic Engagement leaders secured a public commitment from the Oklahoma City Sheriff to create a citizen advisory board for the county jail and launch it in 2019.

OREGON
Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good launched new leader action teams on immigration, housing, and climate change / environmental justice in addition to building a voting constituency to support DACA youth.

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