

FUNDS IN	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Marcin Wolynski	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
David Torcivia	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Rori/NC J20 Support	3000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel Hamlyn	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenny McKenzie	0	0	0	0	0	60	60	120	60	80	80	80
Anthony Birkin	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Norem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Adam Morris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0
Benjamin Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
Matt Roberts	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sarah Ollie	193	193	193	193	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AK Press	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	0	0
Bakersfield ABCF	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	67	0	0	0
Los Angeles ABCF	0	0	0	0	0	0	3668	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles RDTW	0	0	0	0	0	3220	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York RDTW	0	0	0	0	0	1765	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRKLN NY Ben.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Philly RDTW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	970	0	0	0
Oakland RDTW	0	0	0	0	0	961	0	0	53	0	0	0
Chicago RDTW	0	0	0	0	0	440	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton RDTW	0	0	0	0	0	185	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3268</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6764</b>	<b>3793</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>145</b>

FUNDS OUT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
MUTULU SHAKUR	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
OSO BLANCO	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
TOM MANNING	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	0	0	0	0
JAAN LAAMAN	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
SUNDIATA ACOLI	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
ALVARO HERNANDEZ	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
JOSEPH BOWEN	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
JALIL MUNTAQIM	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
MALIK SMITH	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
HANIFF BEY	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
RUCHELL MAGEE	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
VERONZA BOWERS	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
ERIC KING	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
ABDUL AZEEZ	0	0	0	0	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
ED POINDEXTER	0	0	0	0	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
CHIP FITZGERALD	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	40	40	40	40
KAMAU SADIKI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40
JANET AFRICA	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
JANINE AFRICA	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
EDDIE AFRICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0
CONNOR STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0
RUSSELL SHOATZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0
LITTLE FEATHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0
NINA DROZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>1560</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1140</b>

### Individuals Currently Receiving Warchest Stipends:

(Each individual receives a \$40 monthly stipend)

- Oso Blanco
- Jalil Muntaqim
- Alvaro Hernandez
- Ruchell Magee
- Haniff Bey
- Joseph Bowen
- Sundiata Acoli
- Jaan Laaman
- Kamau Sadiki
- Malik Smith
- Ronald Reed
- Veronza Bowers
- Mutulu Shakur
- Eric King
- Abdul Azeez
- Ed Poindexter
- Chip Fitzgerald

**TOTAL: \$16,214**

FUNDS IN	
1994	351
1995	3860
1996	4143
1997	3544
1998	7643
1999	5814
2000	3514
2001	5290
2002	2873
2003	1785
2004	0
2005	4439
2006	3268
2007	4312
2008	3448
2009	6468
2010	6225
2011	5867
2012	4795
2013	4633
2014	6004
2015	7657
2016	9406
2017	9098
2018	8470
2019	16489
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>139,396</b>

FUNDS OUT	
1994	120
1995	2796
1996	4308
1997	4588
1998	6412
1999	5191
2000	4544
2001	4637
2002	4320
2003	1300
2004	0
2005	2620
2006	2880
2007	3471
2008	3750
2009	3700
2010	5200
2011	7730
2012	6480
2013	5360
2014	4880
2015	4960
2016	5200
2017	6420
2018	7700
2019	10,380
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118,947</b>

# Anarchist Black Cross Federation Warchest Fund Report



This report is designed to provide a complete assessment of the activities and spending of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation's Warchest program throughout the year of 2019. We provide this report to have complete transparency to those who support the Warchest, as well as, the prisoners who the Warchest is designed to assist.

Although the Los Angeles chapter of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) generates a bi-monthly report of the recent activities, this document is designed to provide an overview of the fundraising and spending in the last year and how it relates to the previous years. The hope is that through a full understanding of the Warchest's activities, we can also see ways to improve the program to ensure its longevity.

### The Warchest Program

We are proud to say that the ABCF Warchest has provided consistent financial support for over 25 years. The Warchest program began in November 1994 by various chapters of the Anarchist Black Cross movement. Its purpose is to collect donations from groups and individual supporters so that the funds can be distributed to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POWs) incarcerated in North American prisons. These funds are distributed to prisoners who, without these funds, would receive little or no financial assistance.

The concept of raising funds for political prisoners is not new. It is a long tradition of the Anarchist Black Cross movement. Earlier formations of the organization would raise funds for prisoners incarcerated in Tsarist Russia. Funds at that time would be used to help feed and clothe prisoners, and in some cases, help them escape. Today, most of the fundraising goes to court costs, daily expenses and other needs.

Despite our dedication and support for imprisoned political prisoners, many of us cannot afford more than \$5, \$10, or \$20 per month. Alone, this does not amount to much. But, when we pool our resources and all give that amount to one Warchest, we can make progress. The purpose of the ABCF Warchest is to consolidate efforts going on around North America in support of political prisoners and prisoners of war

(PP/POWs) to substantially aid our political prisoners. We can honestly say that the Warchest has been a successful act of solidarity.

In addition to monthly stipends, the Warchest program provides emergency funds to political prisoners who require one-time assistance. Such need can be due to release from incarceration, legal fees or the need to have items replenished that have been lost or seized. For instance, Jalil Muntaqim (New York 3) was transferred and lost his belongings including his coat and gloves in the dead of winter. The ABCF was able to purchase these items for Jalil through emergency funds made available. With the recent release of numerous political prisoners, the ABCF was able to send funds to help them start their new lives outside of the prison walls. This aspect of the Warchest program is designed to provide quick and immediate support in sudden situations.

### Overall Status of the Warchest

As of the end of 2019, the ABCF is confident when we say that the Warchest Program is in a healthy status. Since it began, the Warchest has raised \$139,396 for political prisoner support and has dispersed \$118,947. Currently, the Warchest has \$16,214\* available in funds. These reserves would allow the Warchest to continue for 1 1/2 to 2 years if no additional funds or donations were added and no additional political prisoners were supported through the Warchest.

The goal of the Warchest is to provide financial support to our imprisoned comrades and we are always looking for opportunities to add more political prisoners to the Warchest while ensuring it remains healthy. As such, fundraising continues to be a focus despite our confidence in the current status of the program. Furthermore, as we will illustrate in this report, the current status of the Warchest can be attributed mainly to two areas: funds collected from Running Down the Walls and unusual donations. It is also important to note that the Warchest spending has increased. So, while we are confident, we must continue to raise money to ensure we can fully take advantage of our recent success, allowing us to con-

tinue to provide consistent and reliable support for the next 25 years.

(\* The discrepancy of funds between those raised/dispersed and the current amount available is attributed to the cost of envelopes, stamps, money orders and anything needed to distribute funds to the political prisoners.)

### How Are Funds Raised?

Funds are collected through donations made by individuals and organizations to the Warchest. These donations are sometimes one-time donations or through six or twelve-month commitments. The ABCF encourages the six or twelve-month commitments because it allows the organization to know just how much we can expect to have available in the program. This helps us adjust the monthly stipends to the prisoners or add others onto the list of political prisoners supported by the Warchest.

### Fundraising Assessment

The Warchest saw an incredible year in fundraising in 2019 with \$16,489 raised for the program. This was an increase of 94.6% in funds raised compared to the previous year. This is significant, especially since the Warchest saw a decline in fundraising by 6.9% in 2018 compared to 2017. That said, examining patterns of fundraising throughout the last ten years, such inconsistent numbers seem par for the course. After the first four years (2010-2013) of declining fundraising numbers each compared to the previous year, the Warchest saw three years (2014-2016) of significant growth, averaging 26.6%. Both 2017 and 2018 witnessed a decrease in fundraising, only to see a significant spike in 2019. If there is pattern emerging at all, it can be seen in the last five years with a steady increase of funds compared to the previous five years. Also, despite the inconsistencies, fundraising has increased throughout the decade at an average of 13.3% due to the growth during the 2014-2016 period and the spike in 2019.

The sudden increase of funds can be attributed to a few reasons. One reason is that several large donations were made to Warchest in 2019. After the resolutions of the J20 case, the defense committee graciously donated funds to various groups, including the ABCF. Also, the Los Angeles chapter of the ABCF received a large donation from an anonymous donor and the majority of those funds were sent to the Warchest. These two donations represented 40.4% of the funds donated to the Warchest for the year.

One area where we have seen continued success in fundraising has been with the annual event, Run-

ning Down the Walls (RDTW). This is a 5k run/walk designed to raise funds and awareness about the needs of our imprisoned comrades. Over the years, it has been the main source of fundraising for the Warchest, with RDTW events all over the country sending in donations. In 2019, Running Down the Walls brought in \$7541, representing 45.7% of funds raised for the Warchest.

Despite these areas of success, there has been a decline in fundraising through individual donations. In 2018, individual donations represented 24% of funds raised; however, in 2019, individual donations (excluding the donations mentioned above) only represented 9.6% of funds raised for the Warchest. While the difference based on percentage seems significant, it only represents a monetary value of less than \$400. That said, most individual donations range from \$10-\$25 a month and signifies a noteworthy decrease in the individuals donating through a monthly donation. Other donations raised through benefit shows and support from AK Press have helped to round out the remainder of funds brought into the Warchest.

### Where Does the Money Go?

The funds that are collected are distributed to prisoners who do not receive regular financial support from their family or other political prisoner support organizations. When the Warchest was first established, a list was created of PP/POWs who were suspected of being in need. With the help of several political prisoners (Ojore N. Lutalo, Sundiata Acoli and Sekou Odinga) the list was refined. As years have passed, prisoners who received funds from the Warchest have been freed, passed on, or have begun to receive funds from other sources. When funds become available, the ABC Federation, with the assistance from the larger political prisoner community, examines which prisoners are the most in need of funds. The imprisoned comrade(s) is contacted to determine whether there is a want or need of funds. If it is determined that want and need exist, the political prisoner is added to the list of those who receive monthly stipends.

Currently, sixteen prisoners receive funds through the Warchest. Recently, the ABCF chapters voted to also add Ronald Reed and are currently looking at adding an eighteenth political prisoner to the list. It is important to note that many political prisoners have remained in prison for decades and who have support diminish over the years. It is these prisoners for which the Warchest was designed to help. While recently incarcerated prisoners also find themselves in need, it is common for these comrades to have an

ongoing support community that still provides financial support on some level. Long-term prisoners are often forgotten as time passes and the Warchest ensures that continued financial support exists for them when other support has fallen off.

### Spending Assessment

In 2019, the Warchest saw an increase in spending by 34.8% from the previous year. There was also an increase in spending in 2018 by 19.9% from 2017. While there were some years where spending decreased, between 2010-2019 the spending of funds has increased overall by an average of 13.1%.

This spending can be attributed to several factors. One reason is the increase in political prisoners supported by the Warchest. At the end of 2017, thirteen individuals received stipends. This expanded to fourteen in the following year and by 2019 the number rose to sixteen political prisoners supported by the Warchest. As indicated earlier, Reed will soon be receiving funds and the ABCF is looking at adding an eighteenth.

Another reason for the increased spending was due to the disbursement of emergency funds. Beginning in 2017 with the release of Maliki Latine, the ABCF has attempted to assist newly released political prisoners with aid. In 2018, \$1300 was disbursed either due to emergency aid requests or the release of political prisoners. In 2019, the total disbursement of emergency funds jumped to \$3500 with the release of seven political prisoners. This represented one-third of the Warchest spending for the year.

Reviewing our spending rate (i.e., the percentage of money spent in relation to that which is available), the Warchest has done relatively well in spending within its means. In 2019, the Warchest spent just 62.9% of the money it raised during the same period. This is a significant improvement compared to other periods, such as 2011 through 2013, when the Warchest overspent an average of 27.5% over the funds raised during the same period. Overspending ensures that funds that are in reserves are quickly depleted and the likelihood of adding more political prisoners to the list is greatly reduced. Despite the momentary overspending mentioned above, over the last decade, the Warchest has spent an average of 89.1% of the funds raised each year. It has been this conservative spending that allowed for the emergency funds to be readily available when needed rather than having to wait for more funds to be raised.

### We Must Not Forget

As stated earlier, the purpose of this report is to provide transparency regarding the activities of the

Warchest. The ABCF has learned just how critical transparency is when it comes to keeping the Warchest healthy. In 2004, a failure in reporting the status of the Warchest led to the brief collapse of the program. The ABCF chapter responsible for the distribution of funds failed to report to the larger organization and community that the funds were completely depleted. This led to political prisoners not receiving the much-needed funds for months until a new chapter took over the distribution of funds and the Warchest was rebuilt. It was this failure that highlighted how vital the Warchest is to those who receive it and how important communication is to maintain this program.

The State would love to see our most dedicated comrades locked up behind the prison bars, lost and forgotten. While the Warchest program falls short of ensuring that these individuals are remembered and supported in the capacity that is truly needed, it is a symbol to those incarcerated that there are many of us outside the prison walls who remember them and the sacrifices they have made for the people's liberation. The Warchest program is a reminder to everyone that we have a responsibility to uphold. We must take on our obligation to those who have sacrificed so much and have asked for nothing in return. Only through your support can we keep this program going. We encourage you to donate to the Warchest and assist us in the campaign to support our comrades.

For more information about the ABCF and the Warchest program please check out our website at: [www.abcf.net](http://www.abcf.net)

### DONATE TO THE WARCHEST TODAY!

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