



THE RUSTIN FUND FOR GLOBAL EQUALITY

Happy Holidays from your friends at the Rustin Fund!

2018 has been a tumultuous year around the world, yet we have seen LGBTI advocates and groups overcome enormous challenges and risks to their own personal safety to call out abuses of the human rights of LGBTI people. Have supported eight organizations this year, the Rustin Fund is proud to continue its work supporting those who are all building stronger LGBTI communities!

Two of our amazing and fearless advocate board members, Anna Kirey and Elissa Jacobs, transitioned off of the board and moved on to new roles this year. We thank them both for all their support and service. We are excited to announce that we also recently welcomed two new board members, Mark Covey and Hua Boonyapisompan. Mark is a corporate attorney and has been practicing law in New York City for the past 10 years. He lives in New Jersey and is a proud resident and advocate for the city of Newark. Hua is a transgender activist who has experience working on LGBT rights in Thailand and internationally.

Below, we are featuring three year-end campaigns. Take a few moments to read a few examples of the amazing work we have been lucky to support this year, and thanks to all of you for your support.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year from all of us at the Rustin Fund!
~ Amanda, Craig, Hua, Kent, Mark Canavera, Mark Covey, and Tapiwa

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Year-End Campaigns Around the World



The Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA)

ISLA is a pan-African feminist organization based in Johannesburg. Its work is focused on strategic litigation to improve the human and sexual rights of women across Africa. The work is based on the belief that strategic litigation is a powerful tool for social change. The organization works to expand the pool of lawyers who can successfully promote human and sexual rights issues and hold governments and institutions accountable for human rights violations.

ISLA has developed a model of working with movement lawyers who are embedded in LGBT community struggles. Through a three-year curriculum the lawyers capacity is strengthened to provide them with a deeper appreciation of the long-term goals of the movement and using the law as a tool for social change. Similarly local movements also undergo a capacity strengthening program for three years that help them to understand the practice of strategic litigation, the possibilities and the limits of the law, and identifying and documenting human rights violations, among other things.

Please join us in supporting ISLA! Donate \$37 for a lawyer to spend one hour conducting research in human and sexual rights cases, or \$100 to cover the cost of one year of training for a lawyer on LGBTI cases. See the campaign page for other ways in which you can support their amazing work.

[Donate to ISLA](#)

alQaws

alQaws is Palestinian society's largest and most influential organization working on LGBTQ and broader sexual and gender diversity issues. While sexuality and gender diversity issues have become more visible and embraced across Palestinian society over the years, the cultural and political atmosphere still feeds the idea that LGBTQ individuals have no place in Palestinian families, schools, or mainstream society.

Please join us in continuing the momentum alQaws activists have built over years of implementing incremental support and advocacy strategies based in grassroots experiences that target the root causes of negative narratives about sexual and gender diversity in our society. Donations will fund increased reach and visibility of alQaws' work so that they can build sustainable spaces for engaging LGBTQ youth across



Donate to alQaws



Providing Economic Independence to Lesbian Refugees in Eastern Africa

Because of generous donations from an ongoing campaign, this LGBTI-owned and -operated chicken farm is now running! After months of hard work, it is time to celebrate the farm opening and give further hope to the 460 LGBTI refugees. Please consider a year-end donation. Every \$15 donated will pay for a holiday celebration and give one LGBTI refugee a year-end gift of: 2 kilos of rice, 2 kilos of corn, 1 liter of cooking oil, 1 kilo of sugar, and ½ kilo of meat.

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