DEEP ROOTS
NEW GROWTH

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- A team of OPC partners is exploring the possibility of developing affordable housing that will serve the least served in our community and will contribute to the culture of peace in our neighborhood. We’ll be engaging in conversations with neighbors (housed and unhoused), nonprofits and developers.

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Despite COVID severely impacting our fundraising abilities for almost half of our fiscal year, we still increased our income by $15,000 from the previous year. New growth

COMMUNITY GARDEN
We got a beautiful community garden going last fall thanks to our partners at Hummingbirds Urban Farms and Planting Justice. When COVID hit, neighbors noted that they wanted to help and also that the dying up of the gig economy was creating some food insecurity in our neighborhood. With support from the San Francisco Foundation and National Benevolent Association, we now have fifteen community members forging relationships toward building out a bigger food program.

BELIEVED BOOK COMMUNITY
In response to having to shut down our in-person programs, we leaned into creating a book group that’s more than a book group: The Beloved Book Community. Grounded in anti-oppression storytelling analysis, the group has developed connections and is thinking through strategies for incorporating OPC values into our everyday lives. It has been beautiful to watch connection emerge in this time of isolation.

THE OAKLAND PEACE CENTER
exists in large part to build connections between nonprofits who would normally be isolated from each other, and to connect our neighbors with their amazing work.

DURING THESE TIMES OF COVID, WE HAVE FOCUSED OUR EFFORTS ON COMMUNITY BUILDING THROUGH PROGRAMMING AND PARTNERSHIP

PEACE WEAVERS
A monthly talk series that connects the community to our partners who do restorative justice, everyday equity, young women’s empowerment and more. We hope that these efforts will ripple out into the community and we will see peace practices in every crevice of our life together.

OAKLAND PEACE FESTIVAL
Nomadic Press’s three-part festival, featuring amazing community leaders, poets, artists, and local businesses with heart. Art and activism intersected in beautiful ways in that space thanks to their hard work and partnership with the OPC facilities coordinator in particular.

MLK DAY EVENT
On our eighth anniversary event, over 100 people came together on MLK Day to tour the building and dream how every inch of it could be used to further our vision of peace. In addition, they imagined what a peace-filled Oakland will look like 20 years from now and committed to their own role in that work.