

## BRIDGING THE ECONOMIC DIVIDE

**Tides Foundation's Bridging the Economic Divide is focused on a fundamental American value: everyone deserves fair pay for a fair day's work, and working families should not live in poverty.**

**S**ignificant political, social, and economic factors play a role in the widening wealth gap: growth of the temporary work force; decline of unions; globalization and off shoring; and "Wal-Mart-ization" of the retail industry. Tax cuts that benefit corporations and the wealthy, regressive tax policies, and health care costs and access also contribute to the growing chasm between the poor and the wealthy in this country. Fair wages, access to health care and other necessities, and full participation in the economy are the right of all workers, both immigrant and U.S. born.

Bridging the Economic Divide started in 2000 as a donor collaborative to support grassroots work to promote shared prosperity in our country. Since then, Bridging the Economic Divide has:

- Granted over \$3.4 million to over 60 economic justice organizations and coalitions across the country.
- Launched the BED Media Project to bolster the media skills of grassroots leaders involved in economic justice campaigns.
- Supported the building of the grassroots political power of economic justice activism around the country.



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### GET INVOLVED

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