



ATD FOURTH WORLD 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

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MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

Looking back at 2022, it may be hard to hold on to the hope that the pandemic could lead us toward a more altruistic, unified world. **We must not lose sight of the hope** for a social structure that accurately reflects how essential people are to each other.

Lorena, James, Kim, Patrick and many others tell us how **cultivating this hope is the only way forward for themselves but also for all of us**. They feed this hope by trying to connect people, always keeping in mind those who are most isolated by the indignity of poverty.

Many activists with direct experience of poverty call for **partnerships** to make these connections and break this isolation. This is a constant call for action after the pandemic limited partnerships in so many ways. This call resonated with me while I was reading a text written by Joseph Wresinski, the founder of ATD Fourth World:

The poorest families yearn to become part of our shared history, at last under their true identity, no longer as “the poor” on the receiving end of other people’s help, but as partners, co-responsible for the decisions concerning them. Finally, they want to become partners in democracy.

– Excerpt from the Conclusions of Father Joseph Wresinski, International Colloquium, Living In Dignity, 1984.

Partnerships are a solution to poverty.

In 2022, we developed partnerships at many different levels. For example:

- In New York, our team’s presence in a specific neighborhood, where it is notoriously hard to be, opened the door for the public library, supporting its goals in the housing project. This is a win-win partnership that results in a greater benefit for the residents.
- In New Mexico, the McCune Foundation is a key partner in achieving our mission of reaching isolated people and communities with few opportunities. With the Story Garden on Wheels, we are developing a holistic approach to education and family support and learning a lot about breaking through isolation. The McCune Foundation’s funding priorities for projects targeting the most isolated benefit from this work.
- At the national level, ATD Fourth World’s expertise on participatory action research was instrumental in supporting the Center for Law And Social Policy (CLASP) in a national project to define economic justice with people living in poverty.

The ATD Fourth World community is built with people impacted by poverty. We will continue to evolve our expertise in working together. Further, by forming partnerships with other organizations, we hope to share this expertise as well as learn from others’ work to end exclusion.

People living in poverty are actors in ending extreme poverty. They aspire to be recognized as partners. **Continuing to build and expand partnerships, between the most excluded people and other key actors of our society, will be our compass for 2023.**

Yours,

Guillaume Charvon
National Director



MAP

The Multidimensional Aspects of Poverty (MAP) report continues to be used as a tool to help social organizations and policy influencers engage people with direct experience.

Bylaws

ATD Fourth World USA’s official bylaws were updated thanks to the hard work of our Board of Directors.

Racism and Poverty Knowledge Building Groups

Two groups of ATD Fourth World members have been working together to build knowledge with two themes: 1) ATD Fourth World North American history through the lens of race, and 2) understanding poverty in the context of systemic racism & intersectionality.

Appalachian Learning Co-op

Quilting and computer workshops were held until the heartbreaking decision to sell the property (because of nearby mining development). Although the center closed, the relationships continue.

#PovertyTruths Newsletters

Our newsletters brought together data and lived experience.

For more information about each of these events, please visit
atdfourthworld-usa.org/latest-news/2022-year-in-review



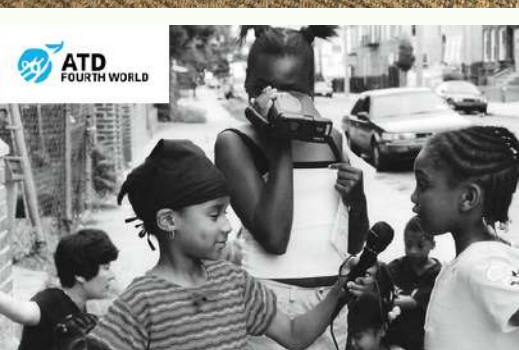
Story Garden on Wheels Customization and Launch

The van has been traveling around the high desert of the Navajo Nation to meet with families!



Learning with Dakota! Educational Kits

Our educational kits distribution to homes and rural schools in New Mexico reached the milestone of 5,000 copies!



History Booklet

This booklet tells the story of ATD Fourth World's journey in New York. If you would like a copy, please contact nycteam@4thworldmovement.org

SOLIDARITY THROUGH CHANGING TIMES

ATD Fourth World's Journey in New York City



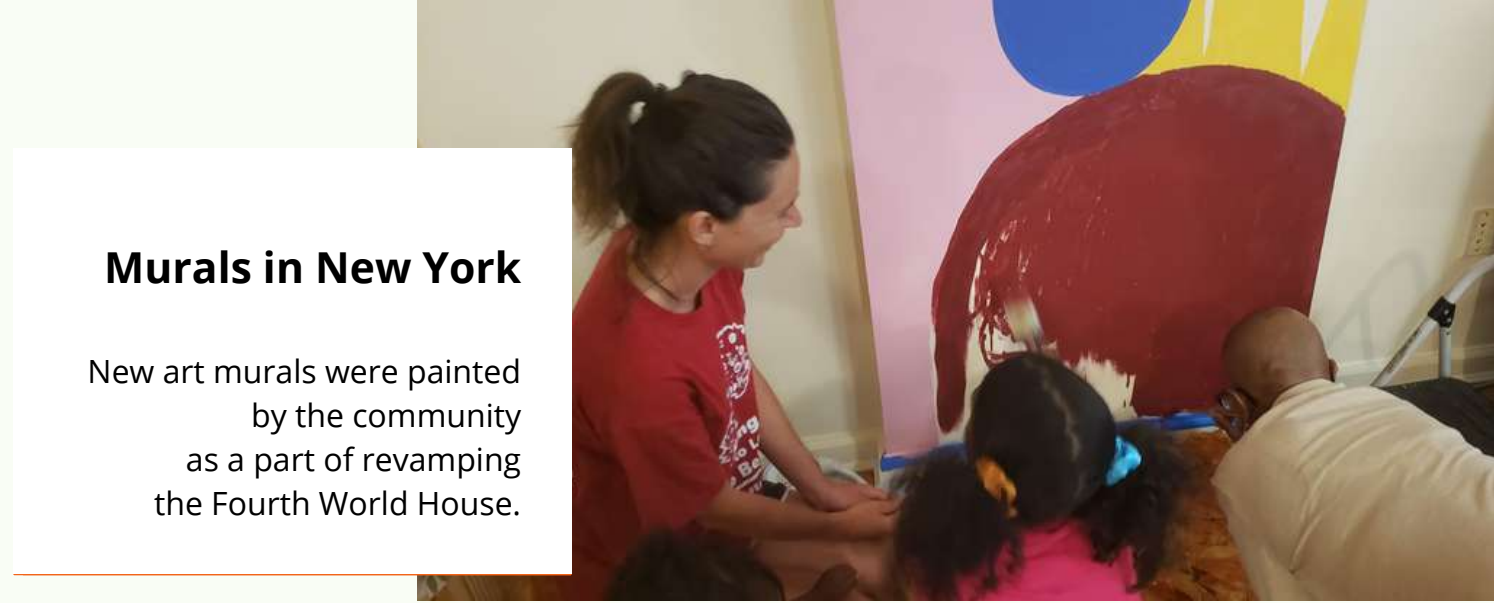
White House Roundtable

ATD Fourth World Activist Maryann Broxton was invited to facilitate a group during a historic listening session to learn directly from those with lived experience which was part of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health.



Summer Celebration in Gamerco

Gamerco (New Mexico) Story Garden invited parents to join the children for workshops and a picnic. The Gamerco trailer park residents were proud of having their first neighborhood celebration!



Murals in New York

New art murals were painted by the community as a part of revamping the Fourth World House.



Working and Learning Together Electronics Recycling (WALTER)

This social enterprise launched in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Brownsville where Story Garden happens. Its mission is to do electronic recycling while providing job opportunities for young people facing persistent barriers to employment.



United Nations Advocacy

ATD Fourth World actively contributed to policymaking at the UN via the Commission for Social Development, the High Level Political Forum, and General Assembly meetings.



Music for the Children

Student-volunteers organized an open mic fundraiser in New York.



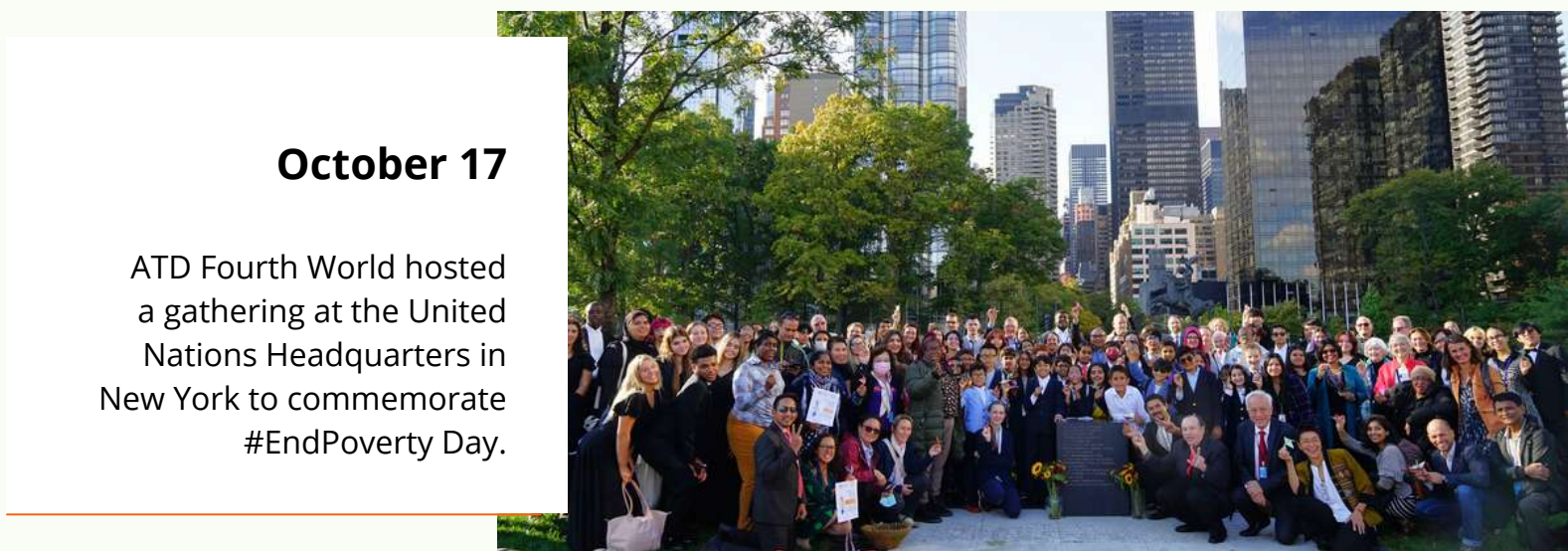
Festival of Arts & Learning

The theme for this year's festival in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Brownsville was "Care," which inspired activities centered around how we care for our planet, our community, and ourselves.



Story Garden 10th Anniversary Celebration and Film

This meaningful celebration at the Gallup (New Mexico) Flea Market included the viewing of a film featuring Story Garden participants, directed by Krystal Curley, a Diné (Navajo) filmmaker.



October 17

ATD Fourth World hosted a gathering at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to commemorate #EndPoverty Day.