

“It’s important for S4J to grow because the more people we have the more power we have to make change-that’s what I learned at Summer Institute.” -Allennia, East High Senior and S4J Organizer

Dear Supporter,

Imagine that you are a high school student of color. You have limited resources at home. Because of budget cuts, you can no longer ride the bus to school. The public bus is full the next morning and passes you by. Upon arriving at school, you are immediately ticketed for being late and given detention.

Later that day, one of your classmates tells you about a meeting they attended with One Nation Enlightened's Students 4 Justice campaign (S4J). Your classmate says that the meeting was what the students wanted, fighting for change. You attend the next meeting, and leave feeling empowered, excited, and ready to take action. You and 30 other students go to the principal and demand that tardies due to full buses be excused, and that RTD add bus routes to serve students. **O.N.E. and Students 4 Justice serve as a resource for students to come together and organize to build power for social change.**

“It’s getting so it feels like it isn’t worth it anymore-going to school just to get an education that’s inadequate and to start your criminal record. Schools have got to change and it looks like we’re the only ones who really care about doing something about it” -Brittany, 16, Students for Justice Organizer

ONE houses student-led, student-driven campaigns. Since our beginning in 1997, Students 4 Justice has provided resources for youth organizers to succeed in many social justice campaigns. **That’s why I know that you’ll respond with your most generous gift possible and become a member of O.N.E. to assist Denver’s youth of color.** Some of our recent accomplishments include:

- Reforming school discipline policies in Denver Public Schools
- Rallying for additional public bus routes to West High
- Implementing a Legislative Internship program to engage students in policy making at the Colorado state capital
- Conducting an annual Summer Institute for youth organizers to develop the skills to implement change in their communities and schools

Nevertheless, there is still a great deal to be done, which is why O.N.E. needs the support of caring and generous friends like you.

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O.N.E. student organizers have prioritized three areas of focus for the 2005-2006 school year: Restorative Justice, Equity in School Finance, and Racial Justice:

- **Not Down with the Lock Down school discipline reform campaign**
Current school policies push students of color out of school and into the criminal courts. S4J students refuse to allow this injustice to continue, and are successfully proposing alternatives to suspension, expulsion, and ticketing, like restorative justice.
- **Upset with the Setup equity in school finance campaign**
Colorado schools are not given the resources they need to be effective institutions of learning. O.N.E. youth experience the effects of education budget cuts on a daily basis and have decided to do something about it. That's why we have launched our statewide Equity in School Finance campaign.
- **Streets United campaign to fight racial profiling**
People of color continue to be disproportionately targeted by law enforcement and other power holders in their communities. Streets United is fighting back with our racial profiling hotline, know your rights efforts, and by looking at possible ways to strengthen laws against racial profiling.

Friends like you-who are deeply affected by social justice issues and understand the need to support youth of color-provide O.N.E. with a significant source of funds to maintain programs for youth empowerment.

O.N.E relies on the generosity of our loyal supporters to make a personal commitment to Denver's youth of color so that resources are available for them to learn new skills, that they are valued for who they are and their ideals instead of being dismissed, and that they won't be denied the opportunity to make change in their communities, and that people just like you will champion the efforts of O.N.E.'s youth organizers.

Your gift today of \$25, \$50, or \$100 can make a measurable difference in the daily lives of youth around Denver.

Each one of us has the power to transform the world into a better place for our youth by assisting them to create the change they envision for themselves, their schools, and their communities. I know that you share our vision of a world where every young person feels empowered to live a life of dignity and worth.

My deepest thanks on behalf of O.N.E. youth organizers,

Jennifer Samimi,
Grassroots Fundraising Coordinator Intern

P.S. With so many campaigns needing assistance, your support is urgently needed to continue programs that support the goals of youth of color working for a better society. Please send your gift today! Thank you!