



# Nourishing Power Network ONE YEAR HIGHLIGHT

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

## MISSION

Test ways to transform food systems by bridging community power with organizational power to spark and expand food justice initiatives led by the community. Our systems-change strategy includes four parts designed to root and grow a local food system that works for Black, Latino/a/x, Asian, and Indigenous communities.



## NUTRITION EQUITY FUND: INVESTING IN COMMUNITY-DRIVEN FOOD JUSTICE WORK

**4 workshops** "baking" equity in funding food justice initiatives.

**Launched 1st Funding Opportunity:** Developed the RFP for the Policy Action for Food Justice Grant Award.

**Awarded fellows** the Nutrition Equity Innovation Prize.

**Built Partnerships** to increase capital generation.



*One of the things that frustrated me about research is it's been limited in the impact that it has on the issues that are being researched, and I'm pleased to see that Nourishing Power is really focused on turning research into action.*

- NPN Partner -



## NOURISHING POWER NETWORK: INVESTING IN RELATIONSHIPS AND NETWORK WEAVING



**180 Members:** mentors, fellows, leaders, and subscribers.

**Free List:** 150+ contributors sharing skills and resources.

**4 Networking Events:** increased attendance from 46 to 75.

**Event Planning:** "Juneteenth on Buckeye" in Cleveland.



*Through all the networking events, I was put in much better connection with people who are passionate about the things that I'm passionate about, as well as people who can help me get through some of my journey.*

- NPN Partner -



## NOURISHING POWER ADVISORY COUNCIL: INVESTING IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

**Community Action Research:** 2 Council members served on study's leadership team.

**10 Council Members** guided the Nourishing Power Fellowship and Equity Fund activities.

**Cohort Vision:** 2 nutrition equity zones in Cuyahoga County by March 2025.



*[We accomplished] realizing our collective power as an Advisory Council. I didn't necessarily expect that. Most of the time, when people are being convened, they lose their power, but there was such a collection of folks who were committed to progress.*  
- NPN Partner -



## NOURISHING POWER FELLOWSHIP: INVESTING IN CHANGE-MAKERS



**10 Fellows:** 6-month program focused on a food justice curriculum (discussions, pitch development, community building).

**One-on-One Mentorship:** develop action plans and new connections.

**\$500 Nutrition Equity Prize:** Awarded by the Nourishing Power Advisory Council.

*Whenever I had a concern, problem, or ran into something, there was always someone who knows where I needed to go for the help I needed. That means a lot, because it could be really overwhelming when you're outside of your comfort zone.*  
- NPN Partner -

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