

Count US IN 2022 End of year Report

Staff & Board Members

Staff:

Jalyn Radziminski, Founder, President and CEO Rianne Henderson, Administrative Coordinator Maria Yuquilima, Community Organizer

Board:

Vignesh Ganapathy Ami Gandhi Reba Hoeschler Sarah Leone Steph Mulvey Monique Vargas Jalyn Radziminski Sara Strahan

Count US IN's Biggest Impacts of 2022

Indiana Statewide Impact:

Count US IN continued to strengthen our statewide voting rights coalition.

Count US IN secured a budget to expand our organization's growth in development and outreach strategies for our election defense and education programming. The staff worked on **election defense**, educational campaigns, social media outreach, community organizing, live educational events, voting rights advocacy, as well as **voter registration**, **outreach**, and **support across the state**.

National Impacts: Count US IN's Founder and President, Jalyn Radziminski, represented Count US IN at the **White House** advocating for voting rights, civic engagement, and community outreach for Disability and BIPOC community members to the President and Vice President.



Count US IN is dedicated to uplifting voices and emerging leaders. We uplifted the voices of 5+ BIPOC Disability Leaders to give testimony directly to White House staff and local representatives to ensure their voices are heard at the local and national level.

Count US IN Team members Jalyn Radziminski and Rianne Henderson hosted educational events on the confirmation of the first Black Supreme Court **Justice Kentanji Brown Jackson**.

Outreach & Programs:

- 3 Voter Registration Tabling Events
 - Muncie Juneteenth
 - Muncie Black Music Month
- Hosted 5 Educational Programs & Workshops
 - INSILC Legislative Education Conference
 - KBJ Rally
 - Election Defender Trainings
 - 2 Instagram lives for election defenders

National Recognition

- We organized a White House Indiana State of the Union
- Invited by the President to celebrate the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson at the White House
- Spoke on voting rights at the Vice President's ADA celebration
- Attended the President's ADA Celebration
- Press Interviews | Articles | Partner mentions
 - <u>Wish TV Indianapolis Election defense & Partnership with</u> <u>NAPAWF</u>
 - <u>'Count Us In' organization brings out election defenders to</u> <u>support voters at the polls - WISH-TV | Indianapolis News |</u> <u>Indiana Weather | Indiana Traffic</u>
 - Fort Wayne Election Defense
 - Chicago Lawyer Committee Recap HB 1116
 - Chicago Lawyers committee Primary Election Protection



- Monique Podcast
- Faces of Mental Health Month
- Black Unicorn Podcast

Indiana Statewide Voting Rights Coalition & Partnerships

From Registration to early voting accessibility checks to voter turnout Support to every day civic engagement – we made sure our communities voices were heard!

We were with our community every step of the way for the Primary Election, General Election, civic engagement, and grassroots organizing.

Voter Registration & Status Checks

Count US IN worked with partners at Indiana Disability Rights, Chicago Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights, Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council, and When We All Vote to register 730 people to vote this year and supported 7299 people to check their registration status to ensure they are vote ready. Count US IN reached the entire state of Indiana and as a bonus individuals from 15 other states as well across generations.





Turnout

Count US IN partnered with NAPAWF to use VAN phone banking tech and training to reach out to APPI voters in the Indianapolis area. In Indianapolis House District 32 and House District 62 went from a one-party dominated region to one of the most unexpectedly competitive races in the state.

Election Defenders

Count US IN partnered with Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights' Election Protection Hotline to host two Election Defense programs during the primary and general election.

- Covered 7 locations.
- Trained 13 people

Voting Accessibility Checks

Count US IN worked with Voting Rights Coalition Partner Indiana Disability Rights to do early voting accessibility checks of different locations in Indiana

- 1 Location in Monroe County Primary Election
- 3 Locations in Fort Wayne General Election

Education & Empowerment 2023

Count US IN staff Jalyn Radziminski and Rianne Henderson created a national virtual rally to support the nomination of now the Honorable Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. Jalyn was invited with disability and civil rights leaders across the nation to celebrate her confirmation at the White House.

Founder Radziminski was invited to the Vice Presidents Residents to speak at the celebration of the 32 anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Jalyn emphasized the importance of the ADA for young generations and spoke to the importance of accessible civic engagement and community based supports in Indiana and around the nation.



Count US IN worked with NAPAWF to create an Indiana voting guide for the November General Election. This information helped voters meet the deadlines, and safely vote in the General Election.

Count US IN was invited to join the Electoral Justice Project's discussion roundtable with organizations across the country focused on building Black Political Power.

Count US IN joined the Xi lota Chapter of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority Inc. to talk about the importance of sharing your voice and the right to a safe and confidential voting experience. Shared information about what is and is not intimidation and the election protection hotline

2022 Social Media Growth

Count US IN following expanded through social media outreach. Our Instagram grew by 117 additional followers, our Facebook grew by 312 followers, our LinkedIN gained 48 followers, and our twitter gained 42 new followers. Our social network spans across major Indiana cities (Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Bloomington, Lafayette, South Bend, Gary, and LaGrange) as well as followers across the nation (Washington, D.C., Georgia, etc). The majority of our followers are Gen-Z and Millennials. Our social media pages are vital to interacting with followers, sharing important civic engagement updates, and updating people on events.



2022 Finances

Cash Flow Count US IN Date Range: Jan 01, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022	Count US IN 🔯
CASH INFLOW AND OUTFLOW	Jan 01, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022
Operating Activities	
Sales	
Every.org	\$1,607.99
INSILC	\$10,368.48
Uncategorized Income	\$15,853.53
Total Sales	\$27,830.00
Purchases	
Outreach Materials	-\$1,807.92
Taxes – Corporate Tax	-\$50.38
Translation	-\$330.00
Uncategorized Expense	-\$1,290.09
Total Purchases	-\$3,478.39
Inventory	
Payroll	
Payroll Liabilities paid	-\$11,961.74
Payroll Employer Taxes	-\$4,489.21
Payroll Processing Fees	-\$899.62
Total Payroll	-\$17,350.57
Sales Taxes	
Other	
Net Cash from Operating Activities	\$7,001.04



Investing Activities	
Property, Plant, Equipment	
Other	
Net Cash from Investing Activities	\$0.00
Financing Activities	
Loans and Lines of Credit	
Owners and Shareholders	
Other	
Net Cash from Financing Activities	\$0.00

OVERVIEW

Starting Balance			
STAR FIRST BUSINESS CHECKING (649)	\$9,954.53		
Wave Payroll Clearing	\$0.00		
Total Starting Balance	\$9,954.53 As of 2022-01-01		
Gross Cash Inflow	\$27,830.00		
Gross Cash Outflow	\$20,828.96		
Net Cash Change	\$7,001.04		
Ending Balance			
STAR FIRST BUSINESS CHECKING (649)	\$16,955.57		
Wave Payroll Clearing	\$0.00		
Total Ending Balance	\$16,955.57 As of 2022-12-31		



Account Transactions

Count US IN

Date Range: Jan 01, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022 Accrual (Paid & Unpaid)

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE		
Uncategorized Expense Under: Expense > Uncategorized Expense						
Starting Balance	e			\$0.00		
Oct 11, 2022	Debit Card REDHAWKNATI	\$32.80		\$32.80		
Nov 28, 2022	Debit Card IC* INSTACART*ALDI 8882467822CA	\$47.85		\$80.65		
Dec 02, 2022	IRS USATAXPYMT 270273624995274	\$1,209.44		\$1,290.09		
Totals and Endi	ng Balance	\$1,290.09	\$0.00	\$1,290.09		
Balance Change Difference betw	e reen starting and ending balances			\$1,290.09		

Fundraising & Sponsorships 2022

Total Amount Raised via Fundraising :\$5,202

- This year Count US IN \$5,202 through grassroots donations with Every.org and individual contributions. Through Every.org we received 104 donations and from 54 donors. Below are two successful, specific fundraising campaigns that contributed to this success:
 - April 2021 Give Blck Fundraiser
 - Raised \$1,593
 - Give Blck and Every.org partnered with Count US IN to help raise funds for Black led organizations, which usually receive the least amount of funds from philanthropy.
 - November 2021 Fall Giving Challenge Fundraiser
 - Raised \$1,700



- Nov 8th match campaign to kick off our one year away campaign for 2022 midterms. Partnered with Every.org for a 1:1 match.
- Donors that gave in 2021 were all new or first time donors.
- Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC) was a lead organizational sponsor of staffing and operation fees for our disability voting rights advocacy. INSILC contributed \$11,158. This funding also supported Disability community outreach and accessible educational programming that included education on how bills become laws, how to register to vote, and how to stay voting-ready.
- AAPD's generously supported Count US Indiana's with \$8,000 through the Rev Up grant, which outreach efforts to Disability community members that were Black, Indigenous, Asian, and other people of color by providing
- Count US IN was named a Borealis Foundation Disability Inclusion fund grantee for \$40,000 in December 2022, which will be reflected in our 2023 report.

A Quick Overview of Our Year

January 2022: While part of staff, Board member Monique was featured on an episode of Amplify, A Cultural Communications Creation to talk about Count US IN.

February 2022: Celebrated Black History Month with #BlackVotesMatter campaign. Joined the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law along with 20 partners to write a letter to President Joe Biden about the importance of the nomination of Judge Ketanji Justice Brown. Started work on a new website with volunteers.

March 2022: Celebrated Women's History Month with #WhyWomenVote social media campaign. We joined INSILC, The Bazelon Center to give testimony to the White House Office of Public Engagement to uplift Black, Deaf and Disabled voices. Staff joined the Bazelon Center, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF), the American Association of



People with Disabilities (AAPD) and others to celebrate the Supreme Court Nomination of Judge Kentanji Brown Jackson. We received \$807.38 from Every.org's WHM campaign. We welcomed 2 new Board members, Ami Gandhi from Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Sara Strahan from One Warsaw. We began the search for another organizer.

April 2022: Jalyn visits the White House for the celebration of Justice Kentanji Brown Jackson and meets Priestly, our partner from When We All Vote. Continued recruitment efforts and website development.

May 2022: Kicked off the second Election Defender Program and defended multiple locations in Fort Wayne and Muncie. We also did virtual check-ins from Muncie, Gary and Fort Wayne on Election Day. Count US IN's new website was launched.

Our founder, Jalyn, was featured by Mental Health America during Mental Health Month, and the article covered the importance of voices of people with mental health disabilities in civic engagement.

June 2021: Tabled at Muncie Juneteenth and Muncie's Black Music Month event. Monique Vargas joined the Board.

July 2022: Invited to join the Movement for Black Lives Electoral Justice League Program. Count US IN supported press releases, led convenings, and organized non-partisan civic engagement awareness testimonies on the harms of the upcoming Supreme Court Case *Talevski v. HHC* case that would threaten the right to sue and access to medicaid, SNAP, and other social safety net programs. Jalyn spoke at the Vice President's residence to celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act.

August 2022: Count US IN onboarded new staff, and continued the Supreme Court case, *Talevski v. HHC*, advocacy.

September 2022: Count US IN helped community organizing and calls to actions to stop the Supreme Court case, *Talevski v. HHC*

October 2022: Count US IN was invited to the Presidential White House



celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act (this was postponed from July and took place in October). Count US IN and community partners organized peaceful protests at HHC Corporation Meeting to protect access to medicaid, SNAP and other social safety net benefits of the community we serve.

November 2022: Hosted the 3rd Election Defense Program in Fort Wayne which was featured on news stations. Participated in Your Vote Matters Event. Hosted two part-time interns through AAPD Rev Up Campaigns generous Chapter grant.

December 2022: Count US IN was named a Borealis Foundation Disability Inclusion fund grantee for \$40,000. Count US IN was invited at the end of year White House Outreach celebration.