



## Impact Summary and Financial Statement

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## Who We Are

**Social Workers 4 Justice DMV is a social worker-led grassroots effort to promote restorative justice by mobilizing social workers in protest across the DMV and Baltimore area.**

**We work in solidarity with the Social Workers for Social Justice - Minnesota.**

## Why We Formed

**We all knew that now was the time for us to unite as social workers to help fight for social justice. We wanted to take action by asking social workers to contribute either supplies or protest for the justice of the Black people killed at the hands of law enforcement.**

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# What We Believe

## Grounding Principles for Social Workers in the Movement by Social Workers 4 Justice

**As Social Workers being called to action in light of the ongoing injustice we committe to:**

- Uplift the Black Community in various capacities to show that social workers are in solidarity with the Black community.
- Provide support to the people on the front lines because we know that movement building is a community effort and cuts across all communities.
- Use our own diverse backgrounds and our privileges to stand up for justice.
- Listen and learn from the Black Community and center and uplift Black voices that have already been doing the work.
- Understand and hold space for the individual and collective grief the Black Community is experiencing.



- Work to support restorative justice and healing practices that are led by the Black Community.
- Learn more about our own biases and do our work so that we can show up for others.
- Ensure our safety and the safety of others which include both emotional and physical safety.
- Acknowledge that as social workers we have the training to work on all levels for systems change and that we commit to using our expertise to dismantle White supremacy.
- Connect and support the folks on the front lines to ensure that they have all the resources they need to continue pushing for change.

# Putting Social Workers at the Center

## ***Ethical Principle: Social workers challenge social injustice.***

### **The Need**

- Over the last week, we've seen across major cities, including our nation's capital, an uprising of protests--some peaceful, while others less so. Our current administration has only made matters worse with the deployment of military police and special law enforcement. White supremacists groups and other outsiders have been reported and seen to foment violence resulting in lethal action. As protesters continue to march to apply pressure for justice and liberation, the need for social workers have become even more apparent.

**We want social change that addresses the issue of police brutality by supporting reform that employs a public health approach to reduce violence and arrests largely affecting the black community.**

### **The Missing Piece**

- A lot of people think that #BlackLivesMatter activism is all about peaceful protesting turned violent rioting, but there's more to the story that is often untold. And that narrative requires the help of social workers to be told in a safe space that allows vulnerable and oppressed people to advocate for social change, all while receiving much needed information and services for meaningful participation.
- The principles of social justice are applied in our work with protesters.

### **The Goal**

- The goal of SW4J DMV is three-fold:



**To mobilize clinical social workers as de-escalators to address grief, trauma, and distress**

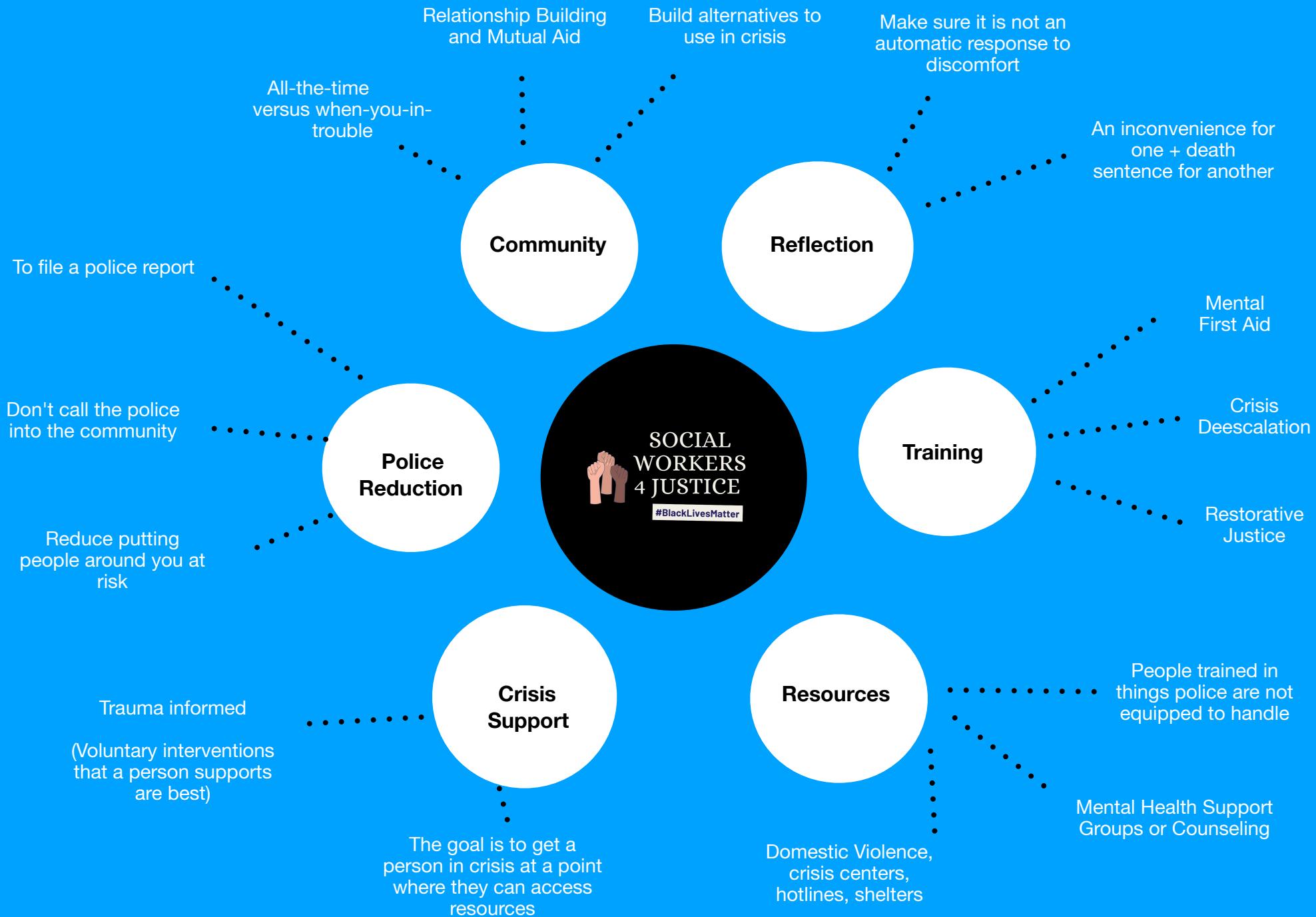


**To provide needed community resources to oppressed and vulnerable groups**



**To inform policy makers on specific issue areas to amplify the voices of protesters in order to create systems for social**

# Our Model





I'm Not OK

1. Stop Weaponizing Racism.
2. END Police Violence
3. Limit USE OF FORCE
4. ARREST FALSE ACCUSER  
That's You, Karen!



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# Social Workers As Leaders



## What Did We Accomplished in 5 Days?



### Tuesday

YSocialWork, Inc. Founder, **Shauntia White**, sent a call for action across her social media sites for social workers in the DMV area to participate in the protest in front of the White House.

Social Worker, **Saman Quraeshi**, responded to the call and begin organizing onFacebook that evening to encourage more social workers to join.

More social workers, **Shireka McCarthy and Roberta Rothstein**, eventually came out and participated in advocacy efforts.

### Wednesday

Leaders of the Anti-Racist Mental Health Practitioners group, **Kimberly Walker** and **Shira Wolf**, joined the planning team.

We organized our first call where additional volunteers joined, including **Grace Belew and Lauren DeAnna**.

By the end of the night, the group had:

- Accepted 100 new Facebook group members.
- Organized our first meeting.
- Developed a new logo.
- Launched a Whats App.

### Thursday

The group developed a fundraising and logistics plan.

By the end of the night, the group had:

- First 10 volunteers signed up.
- Met twice to discuss fundraising, logistics, and scheduling.
- Secured partnership with EMS
- Released a call to action to sponsor a protester, \$15/ day-time and \$70/ overnight.
- Fundraised \$715 in donations.
- Whats app and Facebook membership

### Friday

The group launched the first day of activities, including an overnight sleep-in.

By the end of the night, the group had:

- Four (4) sleeping bags and three (3) tents were given to the homeless.
- Whats app and Facebook membership nearly doubled .
- Received nearly 300 yoga mats donated by studios across DC.
- Fundraised \$2,317 in donations.
- Food was purchased and feed nearly 200 people.
- Featured in media

### Saturday

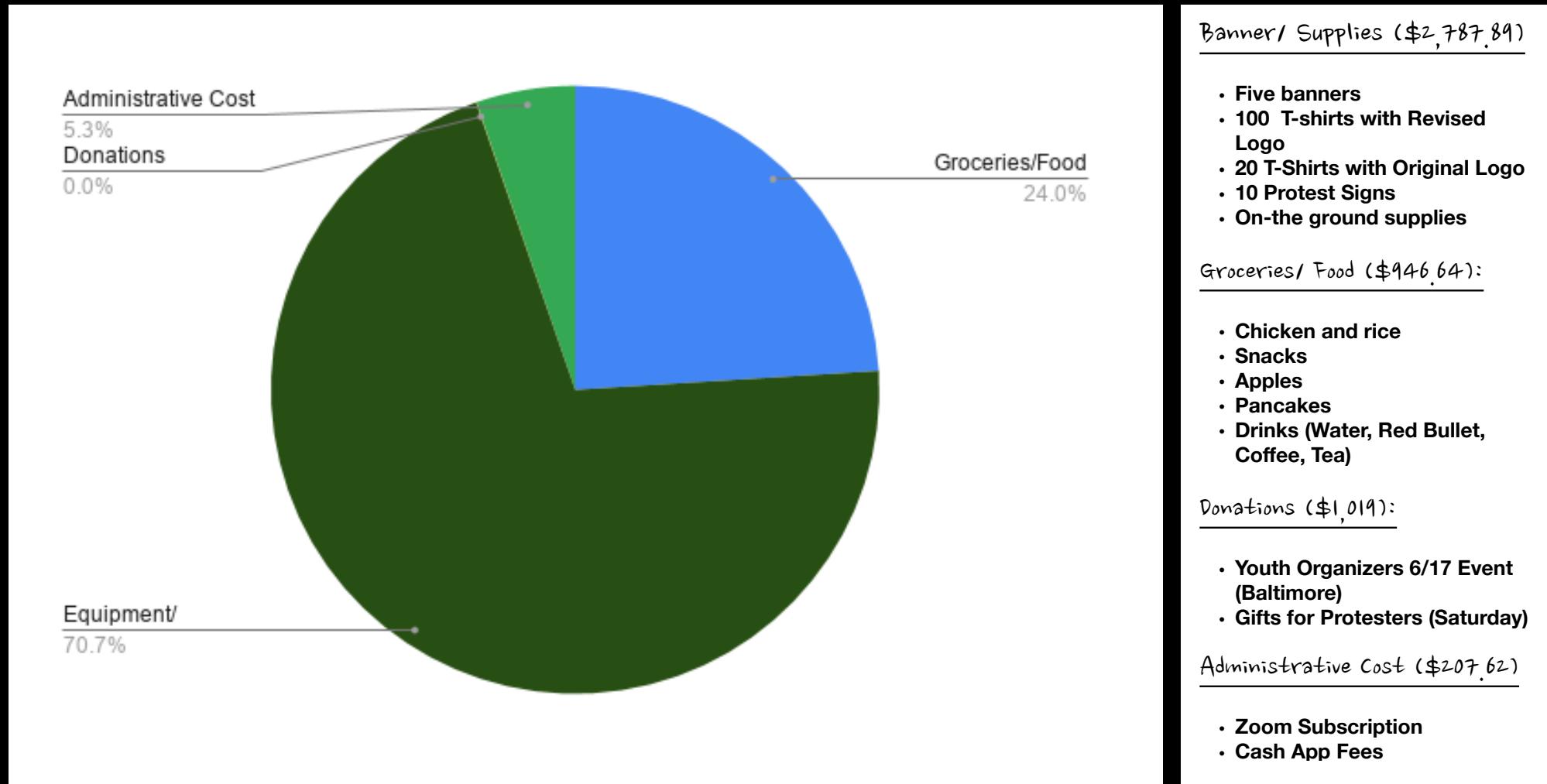
The group launched the second day of activities, including the de-escalation table.

By the end of the night, the group had:

- Engaged two homeless young adults as Social Workers for the Day
- Collected \$769 in cash donations; purchased 34 BLM shirts and 20 ice cream for protesters.
- Nearly 500+ attendees visited the the de-escalation table.
- About 3,000+ attendees visited the food table; received additional in-kind donations
- Fundraised \$1,719 in donations.
- Featured in media

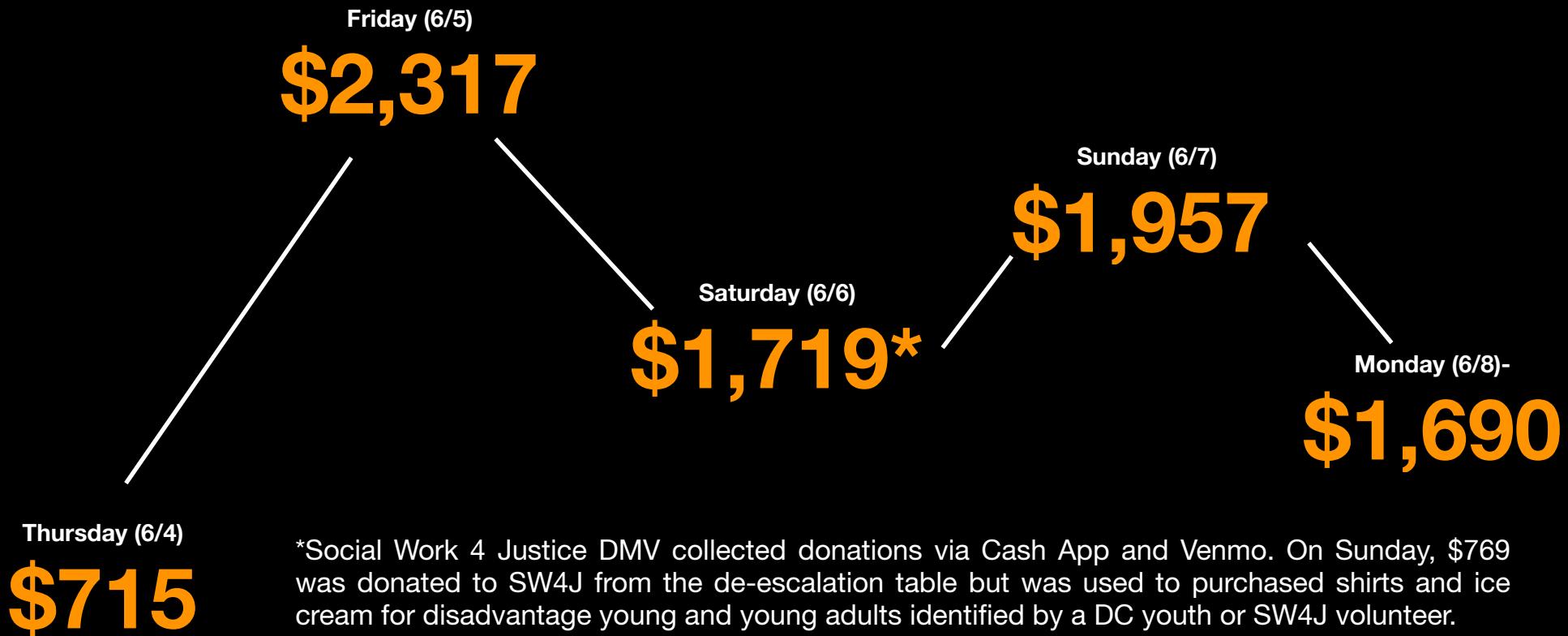
# Our Expenses

**As of 6/12, SW4J has spent **\$4,961.15** on programmatic expense.**



# Our Growing Budget

***Total Amount Fundraised: \$ 8,736***



In-kind donations include, but not limited, to yoga mats, BBQ grills, portable speakers, protective equipment (facial masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer), snacks, sandwiches, a bag of tooth brushes and paste, cleaning products, packets of water, and hot dogs and buns, just to name a few.

# Our Vision for the Future

**Social Workers 4 Justice DMV is currently developing a comprehensive plan to mobilize social workers across three teams: De-escalation, Field, and Operations. Team leaders have determined the following description to advance the mobilization of social workers in protest across the DMV and Baltimore area.**

## De-escalation (Clinical) Team

### Leadership:

**Kimberly W. & Shira W.**

The De-escalation team will provide **emotional support** for protesters by preventing the reoccurrence of trauma.

The role of a de-escalator is not to provide clinical services, but to employ movement trauma care that focuses on defusing violent and harmful reactions of people in distress or anguish.

### Requirements for Volunteers:

- LCSW-C
- LMSW-holders are encouraged to serve in a crisis responder
- One-hour volunteer training
- Emotional CPR Training

## Field (Case Management) Team

### Leadership:

**Shauntia W. & Grace B.**

The Field team will ensure the most vulnerable and oppressed protesters receive **community resources, issues-based education, and immediate basic needs** for meaningful participation.

### Requirements for Volunteers:

- BSW or MSW
- Students are encouraged to apply as trainers
- One-hour volunteer training
- Orientation required
- Knowledge of case management is preferable
- 4-hour availability per shift required

## Operation (Logistics) Team

### Leadership:

**Lauren D. & Kim D.**

The Operations team is in charge of receiving in kind donations, purchasing supplies, and ensuring that the activist community has what they need on the frontline.

### Requirements for Volunteers:

- BSW or MSW
- Transportation (if necessary)







## Policy Demands

- Defund the police department and reallocate existing funding to services that address the systemic issues that lead to poverty and racial inequality, including housing, public education, health care, and mental health services.
- Fund social workers as co-responders
- Develop a community safety and wellness task force

# Protester Highlight

On Friday, **Retired Clinical Social Worker Jonathan Reidy** and Shauntia White spent the night engaging with protesters in front of St. John's Church.

Around 10 PM, a group of protesters came up to the table to learn more about social work and its application in non-traditional spaces.

After conversing for 2 hours about the troubling times we live in today and the need to deploy social workers as active participants in protest, the Georgetown graduate was so inspired that he and his friends came back to visit our tent the next day.

"Social workers 4 Justice works hard to help the underserved in D.C. by educating themselves and others on the challenges facing these communities. They also support through immersion, activism, donations, and providing basic amenities to those in need. People like Shauntia are well knowledgeable on the multiple layers of issues that underserved communities face and while addressing all these issues is a tough task, it is one that social workers are committed to. I believe we can all play a small role to help our community whether we are certified social workers or not!"

- Tim



# Protester Highlight

On Friday, overnight volunteers met a protester name Darius, a DC native and resident of a nearby shelter.

Darius asked the overnight crew if he can spend Saturday shadowing us as a "Social Worker," and we said yes.

Darius spent the entire day helping us find other underserved DC residents who did not have the resources to purchase a Black Lives Matter shirts.

One of those individuals include a former military veteran native of DC who is pursing higher education in a business-related field.

SW4J will continue support black youth, businesses, and organizations in solitary.

*"I like being a "Social Workers for the Day!"*

*— Darius*



# Special Thanks

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To All Our Volunteers/In-kind Donors

Communities across the DMV area donated in the form of time, supplies, and in-kind resources. These individuals include, but not limited to:

- Cheryl Agular
- Kia Baker
- Grace Belew- and friend
- Francisco Cornejo
- Lauren DeAnna
- Kimberly Daulton
- Brandon Foster
- Donna Geraci
- Michael Giordano
- Victoria Goodenough
- Lee Hopkins
- Keith Lance
- Susan Joyner- and husband
- Kiera Mallet
- Shireka McCarthy
- Gillian Parent
- Saman Qurashi- and sister
- Johnathan Reidy
- Alicia Sayas - and daughter Eboni-Marie
- Farhana Shafi
- Kimberly Walker
- Shauntia White
- Bridgette Whitten
- Anthony Wiggins
- Shira Wolf
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- Stephanie Soriano
- Andrew Swerlick
- Janet Tran - and her friend
- Mary Wall
- Amy Winkle
- Jamie Wigton
- Amy Zhou
- DC Street Medics/ DC Freedom Fighter Medics

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## New Product Launch



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## How To Give

Social Workers who want to be involved in the **Social Workers for Justice-Black Lives Matter Movement** are encouraged to join a committee and/or support our cause by purchasing a t-shirt to support de-escalation training and additional resources and consultation at protests across the DMV and Baltimore area.



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