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NOW THAT'S WHAT WE CALL RESEARCH JUSTICE!

Dear Friend,

2011 has been a year of communities standing up to power and privilege in the name of justice. From Egypt to Wall Street, grassroots groups are saying, *"We have a right to be heard!"* and are compelling their leaders to listen. At DataCenter, each project is based on this premise: all communities—especially underrepresented and low-income communities—have a right to be heard—and heeded. Communities possess the knowledge to create positive social change and the power to become experts in their own right. This is what Research Justice is all about.

Research Justice involves a process in which one youth, immigrant or low-wage worker meets a peer and says, "I am struggling." That peer responds and says, "I am too." They share their first-hand knowledge, and, in doing so, two "I" statements are transformed into a "WE" statement.

"I want to share my story" grows to *"We will make our voices heard!"*

"I am suffering from injustice alone" becomes *"We will end the injustice we face together!"*

In 2011, DataCenter has helped numerous communities come together and build a resounding chorus of "WE," thanks to your generous support. In this issue of DataCenter Updates, you will hear:



Youth in Oakland say, *"WE will have a voice in our education!"*

South Asian Immigrants in New York say, *"WE will not be suspected of terrorism because of our appearance!"*

San Francisco low-wage workers say, *"WE demand adequate compensation for our hard work!"*

Communities on the margins, coming together, learning together and raising their collective voice at the center of the decision-making process...now that's what we call Research Justice!

As you read our Fall newsletter, you'll know that you had a hand in bringing about every story of Research Justice. DataCenter and the communities we work with are most grateful for that, and most excited to continue working with you so that one day Research Justice will exist in every corner of the globe.

In hopeful anticipation,

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