Our movements for health and justice are constantly growing, changing and adapting to the world around us. So far in 2022, Clean Air’s membership has done incredible work to move forward our vision for a world where our environment promotes health and equity and where systems place communities at the forefront of decision making. We have moved swiftly and gracefully to protect one another from corporate and white supremacist violence, to hold each other through great grief and anger, to continue to speak truth to power about our own experiences with pollution and neglect to move us forward, together.

But not everyone wants to move forward. While we have bolstered our organizing efforts in 2022, we have had to navigate local, state and federal forces that wish to move us backwards in time. As the Supreme Court works to undo decades of environmental justice protections and our right to healthcare and liberty, we have needed to adapt our organizing. While these forces wish to move us back to a time where health and justice are a luxury for a few and not a right for all, we will not let them win. These attacks on the ability to fight Climate Change are just a first step and we have every reason to believe that the Clean Air Act, the very foundation of our work, is next up on the chopping block. We need your grassroots support to continue to be an independent voice locally and statewide to ensure protection of our peoples lives!
As we move our work forward, our organization is also moving and bending towards the future. In the past year we have hired three new amazing staff members, participated in mutual aid efforts with our sisters, brothers and siblings following the May 14th racist attack on Jefferson Avenue and, as of August 15th, will be moving to a new space! We have an incredible opportunity to double our office space, meeting facilities and gathering space at Trinity Church on Delaware and Tupper!

We have a goal to raise $10,000 between now and August 15th to ensure that we are moving forward in the right direction. Can you join us?

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With bread and roses,

Bridge, Chris, Emily and Phil

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Progress in Seneca-Babcock
After over a decade of hard work and long fights for justice on Peabody Street, our campaign continues to march forward. In May, Judge Carney issued an order giving the City of Buffalo the authority to demolish and clean up the long neglected and dangerous former Battaglia Demolition building behind our members homes. We are now closer than ever to restoring peace, health and safety to the Seneca-Babcock community.

Moving forward at Tonawanda Coke
When the stacks fell in June of 2021, our members were clear that the work was only beginning. Over the past year, our staff and members have been at every single meeting of our hard-fought Community Advisory Group at Tonawanda Coke, ensuring that our voices are heard. While there is still a long road ahead at Tonawanda Coke, you can be confident that Clean Air and our allies will be making sure the clean up is done well without any cut corners or back-room deals.

Movement Resilience Project
We know that our work for health and justice can’t just be a fight against the bad, but must also be building the new. This summer we are partnering with Cynthia Pegado to offer a 12-week reading, art and movement program to build leadership and resilience skills. By reading adrienne maree brown’s “Emergent Strategy”, our members will get to practice their own strategy and organizing skills while being connected to our larger movements for justice and liberation.