Dear GRR!s,

It was just over a year ago when I started at GRR! Before the leaked draft, before the decision in June, and before the country collectively rose up against the anti-abortion disinformation machine. I’ve thought often of my own grandmother who raised six children when my grandfather was deployed. Who spoke honestly to me, treating me as a person deserving of information and care. Working with GRR!s, I see this same truth telling AND truth seeking. They have various experiences in their reproductive years and want to save others from the shame, fear, and lack of options they lived through.

This past year, as I listened to stories from elders who had abortions pre-1980, they reshaped my understanding of reproductive justice. They were scared teenagers not knowing their options. They were college students who relied on roommates for support. They were folks who traveled by themselves for care. They all were able to access abortions - a choice which opened the rest of their lives. In sharing these stories now, some of them for the first time, they are giving life to more potential futures and changing cultural narratives.

And then there are all the folks who weren’t able to access this crucial healthcare. Or people who visited anti-abortion centers and were lied to, manipulated, and shamed. Their lives were forced in directions not of their choosing. Hearing GRR!s speaking out against all these tactics has been a source of hope inside the swirl of stigma and division. Together, we fight for a time when everyone can choose if and when to be a parent and to parent children in safe, sustainable environments.*

Kelli Wescott McCannell
executive director

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Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights (GRR!) works, through education and advocacy, to secure access to sexual & reproductive health, rights, and justice for present and future generations.
Defining our Five Programs

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GRR! established the Insight to Incite program to more formally engage with storytelling as culture change work. Stories connect elders with younger activists in the reproductive rights movement through sharing lived experiences of abortion before, during and after Roe v. Wade, and raising our collective voices to demand abortion justice.

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GRR! puts our core value of collaboration into action through our participation in national coalitions and intentional partnerships with leaders in the reproductive rights and justice fields. In addition to the coalitions listed below, GRR! involves frontline leaders like indie providers, abortion funds and practical support organizations to join programs as speakers and panelists to ensure GRR!s across the country know how to best support abortion seekers and providers in abortion ban states.

GRR! believes in the power of small groups of motivated people, and we know that "you" know your communities best. This year, GRR! worked with folks in Maine, California, Florida, Kansas, Virginia, Colorado, and Oregon on targeted local efforts in addition to national work.

GRR! offers programming that keeps grandmothers and elders current on knowledge, language, and best practices; builds and strengthens intergenerational ties in the movement; and prepares and builds skills in activists. This year’s events include:

- Coffee & Chat series
- Community Care Series
- Movie screening and talkback
- Half-day teach in
- College presentations

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2022 Highlights

Jane Elizabeth Fisher Fund Scholarships

Established in 2020 following the death of our friend Jane Elizabeth Fisher, we granted the first applicants this year! JFF scholarships are awarded to young activists engaged in reproductive health, rights and/or justice work in their school and/or community. This year, applicants came from Maine:

- **Sophie O’Clair**
  Behavioral Health Professional and a training Sex Educator

- **Jenn Ferguson**
  Birthworker, future Certified Professional Midwife

- **Emma Donnelly**
  student advisor for the American Society for Emergency Contraception

- **Gabrielle Lodge**
  Midwifery and Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner student


New Staff and Honored Founder

After hiring our first staff person in 2020, we hired our first executive director in 2021 and she started in 2022. We also added a part-time admin. After being inducted into the Maine Women’s Hall of Fame, our founder, Judy Kahrl, stepped back from her board chair role. We’re a dedicated team of GRRing activists!

- **Kelli McCannell**
  executive director

- **Cait Vaughan**
  national grassroots organizer

- **Lucy Hull**
  development

- **Hailee Mason**
  admin & development

- **Elayne Richard**
  education coordinator

- **Judy Kahrl**
  GRR! founder

New Website!

With our redefined programming, expanded team, and national exposure, we needed a new look. Our website is still a work in progress, but getting closer to being a resource for GRRs, an archive of elder abortion stories, and community for activists.

GRR! sends messages to my legislators and my community; when it involves reproductive rights, you don’t mess with grandma. I feel certain, through my monthly donation, that as my grandson grows up, access to reproductive healthcare will be ensured.

- Diane, monthly donor, storyteller, grandmother in Oregon
In preparation of expansion, GRR! received a large donation in 2021 to position us to increase capacity beyond a mostly volunteer organization to paid staff with a national scope. In 2022, knowing we needed to sustain this growth and ensure stability, we set some far-reaching goals and are thrilled to share the results:

2022 Fundraising & Supporters

Total 2022 Income:
- Grants & Other Income: $224,869
- Restricted Donations: $134,083
- Unrestricted Donations: $134,083
- Total 2022 Income: $164,946

In FY20, FY21, and FY22, we saw significant growth in donations and revenues.

Revenue Sources

**Unrestricted Donations:** $134,083
**Restricted Donations:** $22,708
**Grants & Other Income:** $8,517

Total 2022 Income: $164,946

2021 Cash Carryover: $224,869

2022 Funds Available: $389,833

Staff & Payroll:

- Total: $217,328
- Restricted: $54,315
- Unrestricted: $63,315
- Total Operating Expense: $11,096

2022 Expenses:

- Auditor: $22,780
- Board: $6,174
- Total: $11,096

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