



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT

Annual Report

2015-16

About PBP

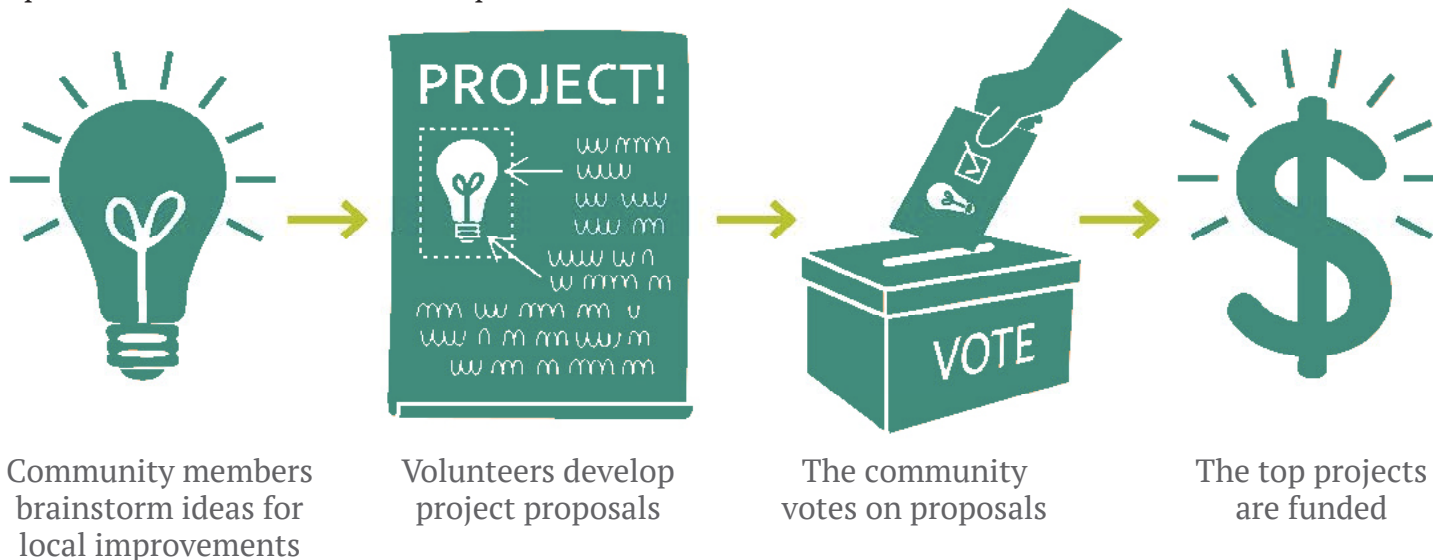
We are a nonprofit organization that empowers people to decide together how to spend public money. We create and support participatory budgeting (PB) processes that build stronger communities, make public budgets more equitable and effective, and deepen democracy.

PB is a better way to manage public money. It is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. PB gives ordinary people real decision-making power over real money.

How Participatory Budgeting Works

Communities make budget decisions through an annual cycle of meetings and voting.

Each community designs their own participatory budgeting process but most experiences follow a similar basic process:



After funding, the process starts again, and PB becomes part of the way government works.

Our work

We work with partners to grow and deepen participatory budgeting across North America. We provide technical assistance and training, develop tools and resources, and build networks among staff, organizers, researchers, and other PB leaders.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAINING

We help governments, institutions, and organizations to implement PB processes and campaigns.



PARTICIPATION LAB

We research and develop new tools and practices to make PB and democracy work better.



NETWORK BUILDING

We bring together diverse practitioners and community organizers to help PB grow.

RECOGNIZED BY

2013: White House Open Government National Action Plan, which promotes PB as a best practice for civic engagement

2014: Brown Democracy Medal from Penn State University, for the top practical innovation advancing democracy around the world

2015: Harvard Innovations in American Government Award for innovation in public engagement

FEATURED IN



Where we are working

Since launching the first participatory budgeting process in the US in Chicago in 2009, we have led the growth of PB across the US and Canada. This map shows where we worked in 2015-16 to transform the way people and government practice democracy.

Supporting Implementation of PB ●

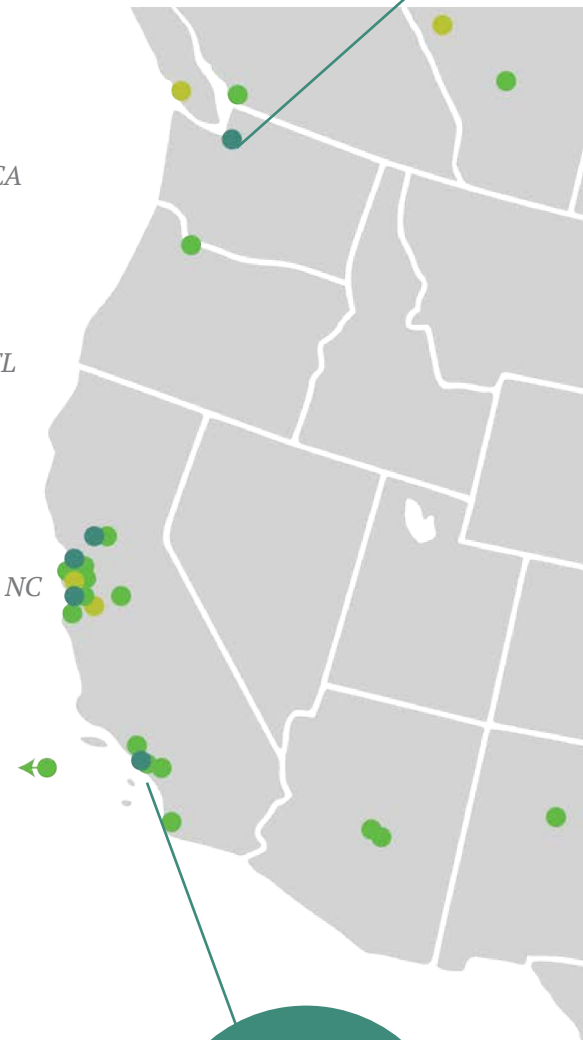
City	Level of PB
<i>Boston, MA</i>	<i>City</i>
<i>Buffalo, NY</i>	<i>City</i>
<i>Cambridge, MA</i>	<i>City</i>
<i>Chicago, IL</i>	<i>District + School</i>
<i>Dieppe, NB</i>	<i>City</i>
<i>Greensboro, NC</i>	<i>City</i>
<i>Hartford, CT</i>	<i>City</i>
<i>Long Beach, CA</i>	<i>District</i>
<i>New York City, NY</i>	<i>City + College</i>
<i>Sacramento, CA</i>	<i>School</i>
<i>San Jose, CA</i>	<i>School</i>
<i>Seattle, WA</i>	<i>City</i>
<i>Vallejo, CA</i>	<i>City</i>

Inspiring PB●

<i>Clarkston, GA</i>	<i>Saint-Basile, QC</i>
<i>Cleveland, OH</i>	<i>San Antonio, TX</i>
<i>Halifax, NS</i>	<i>San Francisco, CA</i>
<i>Hamilton, ON</i>	<i>San Jose, CA</i>
<i>Hinton, AB</i>	<i>San Juan, PR</i>
<i>Lawrence, MA</i>	<i>St. Louis, MO</i>
<i>Montreal, QC</i>	<i>Tofino, BC</i>
<i>New York City, NY</i>	<i>Toronto, ON</i>
<i>Peterborough, ON</i>	

Supporting Organizing for PB ●

Albuquerque, NM	Salinas, CA
Austin, TX	San Diego, CA
Baltimore, MD	San Francisco, CA
Buffalo, NY	San Jose, CA
Charleston, WV	San Juan, PR
Charlottesville, VA	Santa Ana, CA
Chicago, IL	St. Louis, MO
Clarkston, GA	St. Petersburg, FL
Cleveland, OH	Tempe, AZ
Detroit, MI	Toronto, ON
Edmonton, AB	Vancouver, BC
Fairfax County, VA	Washington DC
Ferguson, MO	Winnipeg, MB
Franklin County, OH	Winston-Salem, NC
Fredericton, NB	
Hamilton, ON	
Hartford, CT	
Honolulu, HI	
Houston, TX	
Lawrence, MA	
Long Beach, CA	
Los Angeles, CA	
Lynchburg, VA	
Madison, WI	
Merced, CA	
Minneapolis, MN	
Montreal, QC	
Nashville, TN	
New Haven, CT	
New York, NY	
Oakland, CA	
Phoenix, AZ	
Ponce, PR	
Portland, OR	
Richmond, CA	
Roanoke, VA	
Sacramento, CA	



Long Beach, CA
We are using SMS and mapping tools to engage people in the city's second year of PB.

Seattle, WA
We assisted the City of Seattle in implementing its first PB process. Youth 11-25 years old will decide how to spend \$700K.

Chicago, IL
Sullivan High School students did PB for \$25,000 of their school's budget. We developed a curriculum for other schools based on this process.

Buffalo, NY
We supported a successful grassroots campaign to win city approval for a pilot PB process.

Dieppe, NB
We helped implement a model for small-scale PB process in a city of 23,000 people.

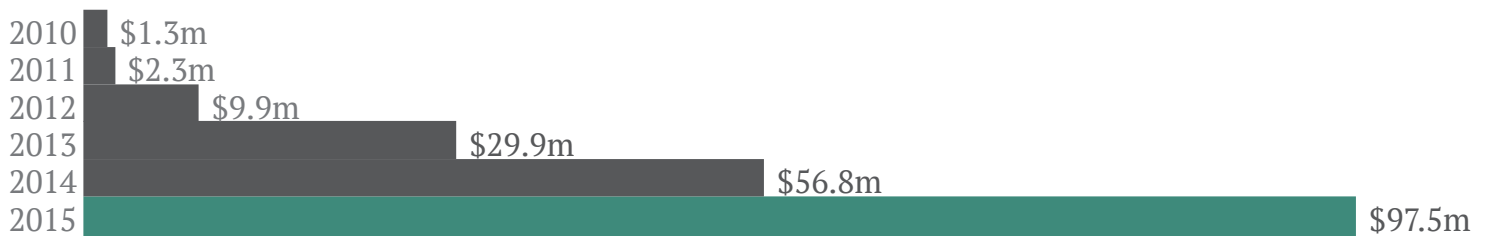
New York City, NY
With our support, 67,000 residents voted on how to spend \$37 million in 2016. We also worked to expand PB processes to public housing and schools.

Greensboro, NC
After supporting a successful organizing campaign, we fully implemented the first municipal PB process in the South.

Impacts

We build engaged and connected communities that produce more responsive and equitable budgets. Each year we expand and deepen the impacts of participatory budgeting on individuals, communities, and governments.

Dollars allocated through PB



Youth Leaders

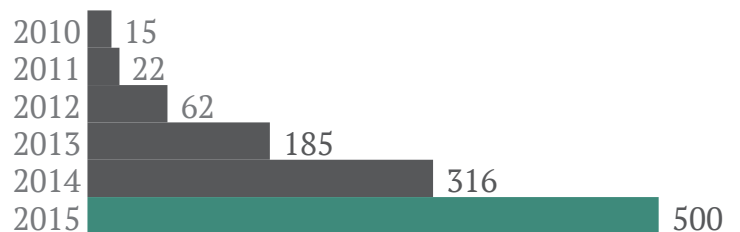
16-year old Stephen LaFume is a leader in Youth Lead the Change, Boston's PB process, helping decide how to spend \$1 million in youth-directed projects.

"My experience in PB was different because it was about [making] more direct change where everything counts."

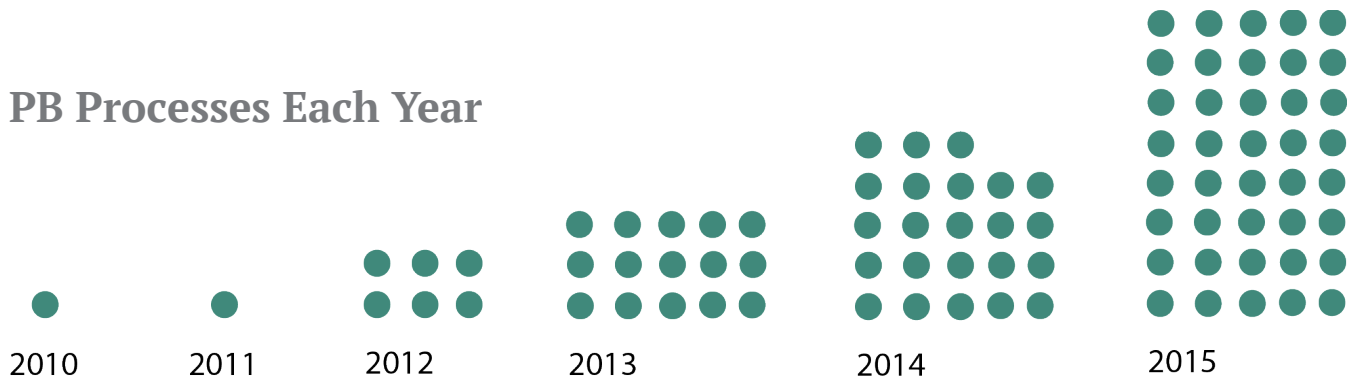
Learning democracy

NYC High School social studies teacher Steven Serling got his East Harlem students involved in PBNYC. They worked closely with their Council Member's office as volunteer budget delegates, organized to get out the vote, and learned the ways that participation makes democracy work.

Projects funded by PB



PB Processes Each Year



Community Leaders

Joni Ricks-Oddie & Keith Oddie are Steering Committee members and budget delegates for PB Long Beach.

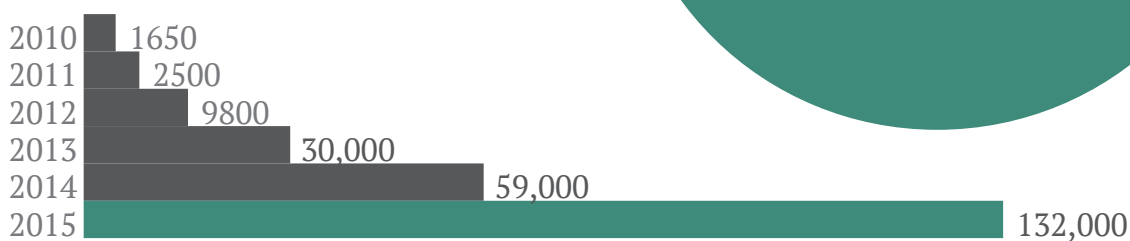
“It really hit home...that anyone can submit an idea no matter how large or small...it can be developed into a real fundable proposal, and potentially win! This PB process really encapsulated the idea that anyone, with the help of community and the strong support of city officials, can achieve anything in our city.”



Innovative Projects

A PB Cambridge winning project meets two community needs: hunger and food waste. A new freezer van will pick up excess prepared foods from businesses and deliver them to thousands of residents—that’s 7,000 meals daily!

People engaged through PB



Team

It takes people-power to make public budgets more fair, transparent, and responsive. Our budget has grown nearly 10x since 2011 and our staff has grown to 15. With our board and advisory board and hundreds of volunteers around the US and Canada, we're rebuilding democratic participation and restoring community trust.



Staff

NEW YORK

Josh Lerner, Executive Director
Jennifer Godzeno, Deputy Director
David Beasley, Communications Director
Melissa Appleton, Project Manager
Saran Kaba, Operations Manager
Lize Mogel, Development Manager
Isabel Luciano, Program Associate
Rossanna Mercedes, Volunteer Coordinator
Lila Barrett, Development and Operations Assistant

OAKLAND

Ginny Browne, Project Manager
Aseem Mulji, Data & Technology Manager
Solaire Spellen, Program Associate

CHICAGO

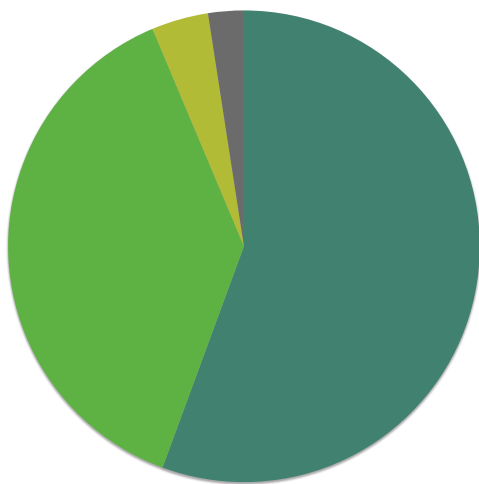
Maria Hadden, Project Manager

GREENSBORO

Ranata Reeder, Community Engagement Coordinator
Erica Lindenberg, Project Assistant

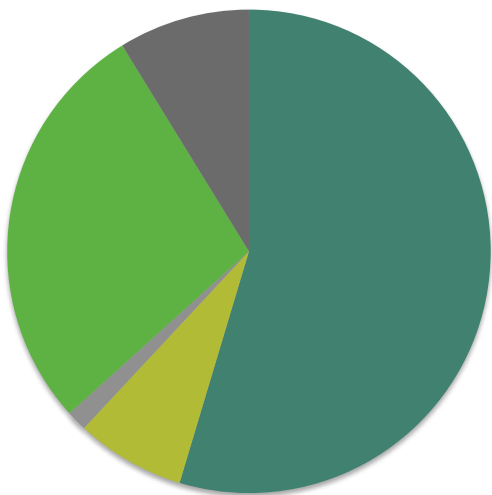
Finances

2015 Revenues



● Foundation Grants	\$570,000	56%
● Contracts	\$390,000	37%
● Individual Giving	\$40,000	5%
● Events & Other	\$25,000	2%

2015 Expenses



● Technical Assistance & Training	\$560,000	55%
● Participation Lab	\$75,000	7%
● Network Building	\$14,000	1%
● Management & General	\$286,000	28%
● Development	\$90,000	9%

Total Budget: \$1,025,000

Supporters

Foundations

Democracy Fund
The California Endowment
The James Irvine Foundation
New York Women's Foundation
Rockefeller Foundation*
Rita Allen Foundation
The JPB Foundation
New York Foundation
Robert R. McCormick Foundation*
Fund for Democratic Communities
Crown Family Philanthropies*
Lily Auchincloss Foundation
Scherman Foundation



Government

City of Greensboro
City of Boston
City of Cambridge
City of Seattle
City of Vallejo
City of Dieppe
New York City Council
New York City Council Member Ben Kallos
New York City Council Member Brad Lander
New York City Council Member Stephen Levin
New York City Council Member Mark Levine
New York City Council Member Carlos Menchaca
New York City Council Member Donovan Richards
New York City Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez
New York City Council Member Helen Rosenthal
New York City Council Member Ritchie Torres



*= support received through partner organization

Individuals

\$100-\$500

Aaron Tanaka	Brandon Nelson	Elie Francis	Joni Kletter	Matt Harvey	Samuel Carter
Adrian Madaro	Brenda and Ron	Elizabeth Fraser	Joseph Holtz	Matthew Green	Sara Manaugh
Alex Sparrow	Appleton	Eric Howell	Josh Silverstein	Megan Wade	Sarah Williams
Alison Fairbrother	Carolina Suazo	Erica Quigley	Julia Foulkes	Melody Allen	Sheryll Durrant
Allan and Kitsa	Caron Atlas	Evan Turell	Juscha Robinson	Meredith Phillips	Sonal Patel
Schindle	Catherine Herdlick	Gary Lindenberg	Karilyn Crockett	Almeida	Sophie Lynford
Allison Rogers	Cheyenna Weber	Gretta Mogel	Kelly Johnson	Michael Epstein	Stefanie Clark
Alyzza May	Chris Osgood	Hala Audi	Kenneth Hite Jr	Michael Isaac	Stephanie Lane Pavon
Amanda Roman	Christopher Worrall	Helen Holtz	Kenneth Swaner	Miranda Stephenson	Steve Larosiliere
Andrew Duckett	Clara Bois	Ilana Berger	Keri Tyler	Molly Biklen	Susan Dell
Andrew King	Danna Lennon-	Isaac Jabola-Carolus	Lacey Tauber	Natalia Vera	Will Friedman
Andrew Starr-	Thomas	Janet Youngblood	Leah Loftis	Nikita Airen	Yin Yin Matisz
Bochicchio	Dave Graham-Squire	Jay Sterrenberg	Leslie Palmer	Patricia Monger	Anonymous
Anne Guiney	David Moore	JD Miller	Lili Davis	Peter Steinberg	
Ari Gershman	David Pechefsky	Jean D. Sightler	Linda Schmidt	Rachael Fauss	
Ashish Goel	David Schecter	Jennifer Godzeno	Lorene Jabola	Rachel Tiven	
Ayse Yonder	David Woods	Jennifer Lav	Lynne Fifield	Raheem Baraka	
Barbara Holzman	Deanna Bitetti	Jesse Siegel	Madden Foreman	Raun Rasmussen	
Barbara Pecci	Deborah Fagone	Joan Minieri	Madhavi Pottabathula	Renate Lunn	
Barbara Turk	Dmitriy Goykhman	John De La Torre	Margaret Seip	Richard Kasdan	
Benjamin Goldfrank	Donata Secondo	John Raskin	Mark Laursen	Richard Koehl	
Benjamin Haas	Ebone Bishop	Jonathan Busky	Martha Brown	Robert Newman	
Benjamin Solotaire	Edward Woodhouse	Jonathan Field	Mathias Black	Ron Hayduk	



Institutions

Harvard University — Ash Center for Democratic Governance
Hartford 2000
Swedish Association of Local Authorities
Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership
Clean Air Coalition

Individuals

\$500 and above

Aaron Naparstek	John Kaehny
Alina Chatterjee	Joseph T Lake
Alysia Green	Josh Lerner
Anar Badalov	Ken Browne
Anne Schaeffer	Lloyd Lynford
Brian Wampler	Meghan Faux
Celina Su	Michael Lerner
Chris Wilson	Michael Menser
Daniel Altschuler	Paul Vasquez
David Isberg	R. Frederick Lunn
Elizabeth Herbert	Rachel Laforest
Erik Olin Wright	Rachel Swaner
Erinellene Sanborn	Robin Kantor
Gary Wilson	Shaila Mulji
George Choriatis	Susan Lerner
Jeremy Wells	Taylor Jo Isenberg
Joe Moore	Vishal Gujadhur
John Appel	Anonymous

Individuals

Up to \$100

Adrian Wright-FitzGerald	Cynthia Williams	Hessiel Polanco	Lauren Ressler	Nathanael Shea	Shereen Ilahi
Albert Wang	Danielle Olson	Ilya Shlyakhter	Lawrence Grodeska	Nawal Khattri	Skye Robinson
Aldo Cano Trevino	David Lerner	Jaime Cho	Leah Gonzalez	Norma Rantisi	Sofia Wolman
Alea Gage and David Cushman	David Plotke	James Rayles	Lee Sharkey	Kemi Ilesanmi	Sonia Chang-Diaz
Amanda Kathryn Roman	David Sprintzen	Jan O'Brien	Luc Richard	Pamela Leins	Susan Beaudry
Amanda Stapleford	Deborah Gambs	Jane Ferrier	Lynda Daniels	Patrica McMahon	Susan Cecil
Amy Miller	Dennis Kittelson	Janice Williams	Maggie da Silva	Paul Maiullari	Tameko Goodwin
Anita Reta	Dianne Morad	Jason Besse	Marcia McDougall	Paul Sorrentino	Thaddeus Miles
Aseem Mulji	Douglas Hausladen	Jeffrey Dobrinsky	Margaret Obrien	Pemberton Brown	Thomas Barnes
Ashli Polanco	Douglas Schneider	Jennifer Witte	Maria Hadden	Peter Missouri	Toby Sheppard Bloch
Ayanna McLeod	Elfriede Wedam	Jerry Silber	Maria Yuan	Peter Piazza	Toluwalope Cole
Behrang Foroughi	Elisha Hylton	Jez Hall	Marissa Rodriguez	Phil Getzen	Tracey Hale
Biola Jeje	Elizabeth Wolfe	Joan and Iris Starr	Marjorie Busching	Porsha McConnell	Tracy Anderson
Brooke Woodson	Ella Tamufor	John Steiner	Marla Martin	Ralph Brooks	Truls W. Gedde-Dahl
Carolyn Edwards	Ellen Taylor	Jordan Reisner	Marsha and Peter Heiman	Randy Chatterjee	Tyrone Jack
Carrie Eisert	Eric Leslie	Jose Ramon Marti	Marty Lentz	Rani Shankar	Valyrie Laedlein
Chad Clements	Erin Heaney	Karen Kubey	Mary Wyman	Robert Jay Press	Vanessa Guerrero
Christian Onuoha	Eve Baron	Karen Sims	Maryam Nabavi	Roshan Bliss	Virginia Brown
Christine Petro	Francesco Tena	Kate LeBlanc	Matt Parker	Roxanne Longoria	Wendy Yun
Christopher Nuttle	Gabriel Hetland	Kathleen Campbell	Maura Minsky	Ryan Price	Yahaira Graxirena
Cleopatra McGovern	Gabriel Sayegh	Kathryn Peters	Melissa Sepe	Sarah Berman	Yinglee Tseng
Cynthia Hooper	Ginny Christensen	Katie King	Michael Gliksohn	Selena Lilly	Anonymous
	Grace Goodman	Kerri Sands	Monique Symes	Shari Davis	
	Hannah Freedman	Kristie McCoy	Nancy Romer	Sharon Robinson	
	Henry Euler	Kristin Eberhard		Shelee Loughmiller	

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