First-Generation Low-Income

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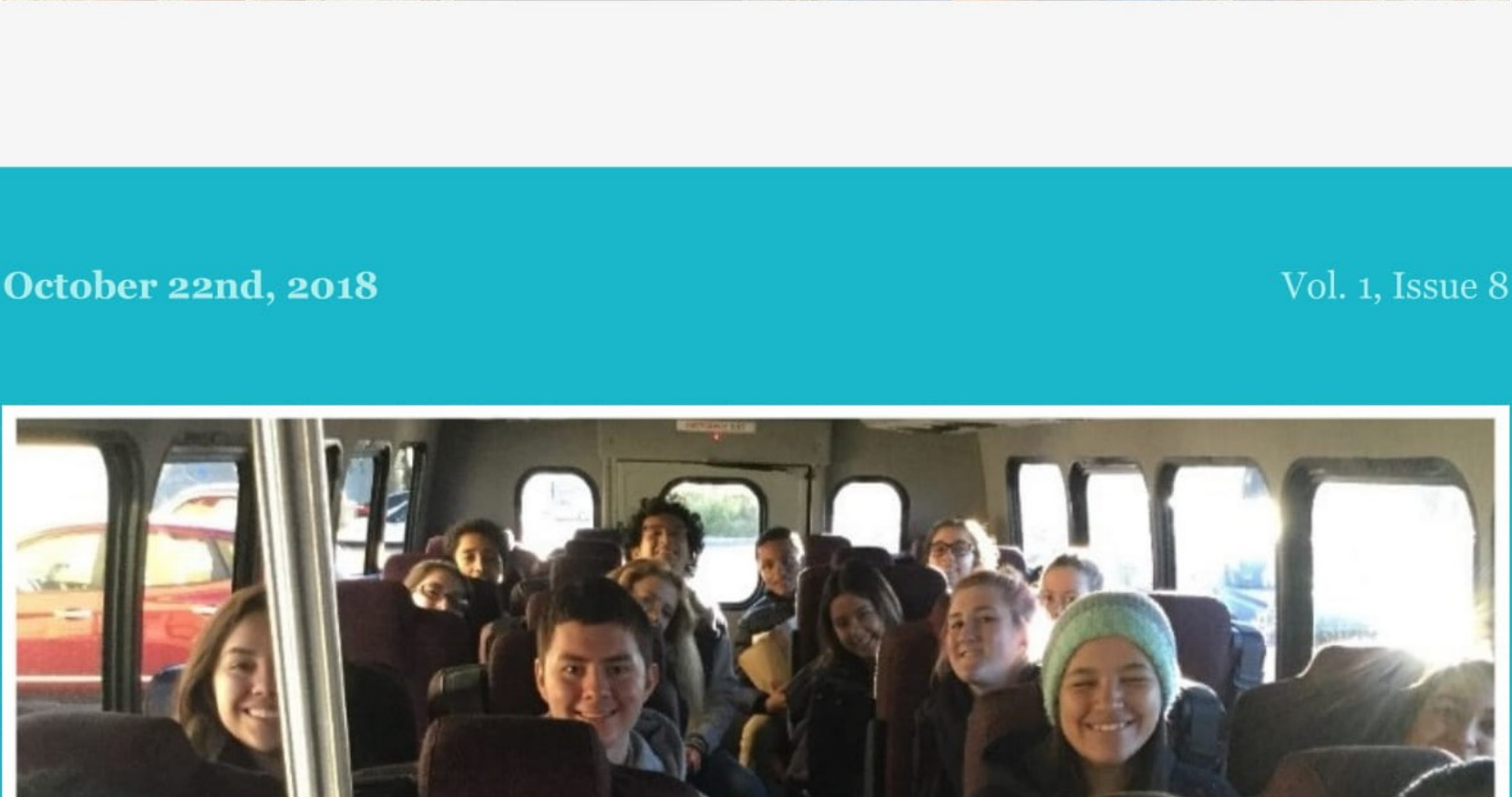

IT IS NOT OUR DIFFERENCES THAT DIVIDE US. IT IS OUR INABILITY TO RECOGNIZE, ACCEPT, AND CELEBRATE THOSE DIFFERENCES.
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Resilience and Independence

Hi everyone! We hope you had a fun, relaxing break and are excited as we are to hit the ground running again. If you were on campus, we hope that you were able to come to our Thrift Store trip on Thursday. (Read more about it in the YDN!) It was amazing to see what you all were able to find and we loved the opportunity to get off campus with good company! If you weren't on campus or weren't able to make it - no worries! We'll continue planning similar events during the academic year, so if you have any comments or suggestions, **let our team know!**

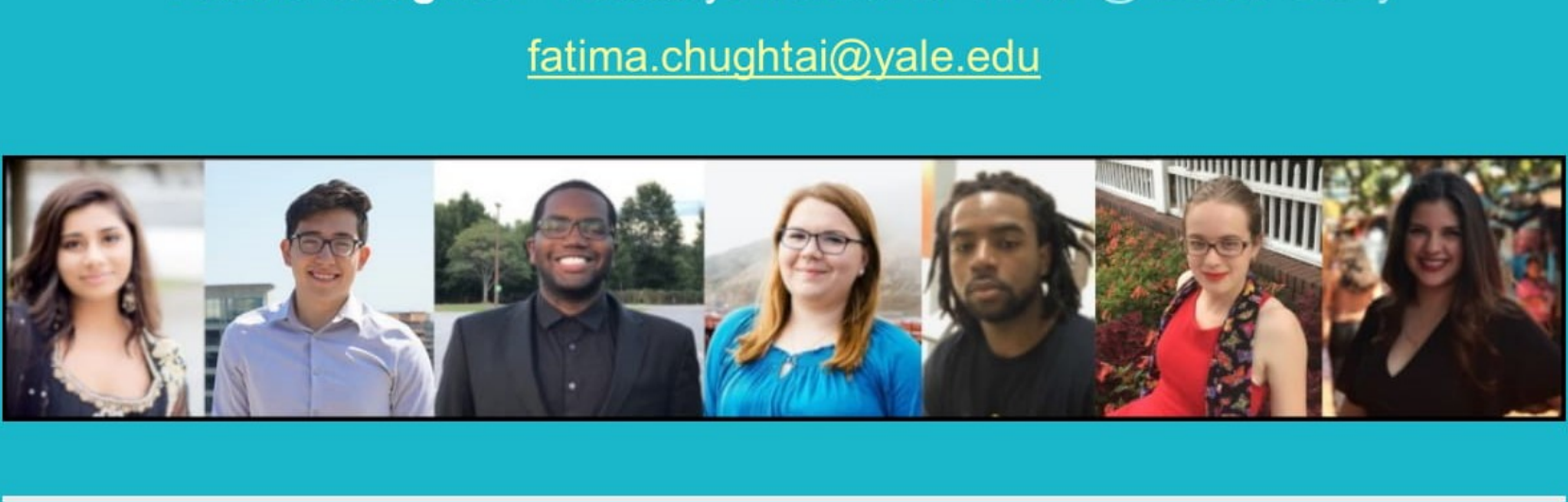
While our last Community Time might feel like ages ago, we want to share with you the takeaways from a productive conversation. As FGLI students now inhabiting a place that was not originally made for us, challenging the status quo is often work we take personally - if not for our own benefit, for those who will come after us. And while the question of *how* you challenge it can feel complicated and even cause tension between members in our community, it is important to recognize the importance of solidarity, and to meet productive criticism with understanding and personal support.

As we get ready to hit the ground running, we hope to see you at our next Community Time this **Saturday at 2pm** (note the time change!) where we'll transition to talking about resilience and independence. We'll be discussing the challenges of being alone on the journey and arrival to college, and what it means to ask for help. We'll have snacks and good company, so we hope you can join us at the **Center for Teaching and Learning** this weekend!

Student Ambassador Office Hours

Do you need help picking a club to join, homework help, or just want to spill tea? Our student ambassadors will be holding office hours throughout the week at various locations around campus, prepared with snacks and drinks. Visit/Contact Us!

Maddy O'Neal - Sundays from 2-4PM @ Stiles Buttery
madison.oneal@yale.edu
Samantha Wood - Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30PM @ Blue State on York
samantha.wood@yale.edu
Jaster Francis - Wednesdays from 7-9PM @ Bass L-30D
jaster.francis@yale.edu
Markus Reneau - Thursdays from 1-3PM @ Bass Café
markus.reneau@yale.edu
Henry Rosas - Thursdays from 6:30-8:30PM @ Book Trader
henry.rosasibarra@yale.edu
Diana López - Fridays from 9-11AM @ JoJo's Coffee
diana.lopez@yale.edu
Fatima Chughtai - Tuesdays from 9PM-11PM @ Donut Crazy
fatima.chughtai@yale.edu



Do you have a financial emergency, or does the weather have you saying, **"Yo, it's brick"**?

SafetyNet
UNEXPECTED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP SUPPORT | Yale College

SafetyNet is a new tool for you all to request funds to meet unexpected financial need. Students in an emergency and who require immediate funding (within 24 hours) can also find guidance on how to seek help. Funds granted through SafetyNet could cover unexpected expenses like emergency medical procedures, travel for family emergencies, unanticipated academic expenses, etc.

In addition, you can request Winter Clothing Grants if you are from an area that typically does not get heavy snow or low temperatures. Winter clothes can be expensive. Apply for the grant, and if approved, come see one of our ambassadors to get some guidance on what to buy to stay warm!

Student Shoutout!

In our first shoutout post-fall break, we'd like to introduce you all to the meme queen, Gabriella Blatt (Stiles '21)!

Gabriella comes from the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation in Montana and is a double-major in English and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, hoping to study environmental literature and its intersections with environmental justice. Additionally, she is involved with the Association of Native Americans at Yale, Fossil Free Yale, and the Yale Environmental Humanities Initiative.

When asked about her FGLI experience, she says, "I've definitely had my share of hardships while being FGLI at a place like Yale. I had a rough time transitioning from my rural, 50-person school to a place where it felt like you could easily get lost. I dealt with imposter syndrome for most of my first year. Yet, my identity as a FGLI student has fostered some of my most rewarding experiences at Yale thus far. I wouldn't have the friends that I have today, know about all of the resources that Yale provides, or know my self worth. Every FGLI student should know that they are succeeding at Yale by just existing here. We've gone through so many hardships to get here and to remain here."

Thanks for sharing us some wisdom Gabriella! We're grateful for your humor and your work - **you're a champ and an inspiration!**

Visit the Student Blog

the First-Generation Low-Income at Yale website

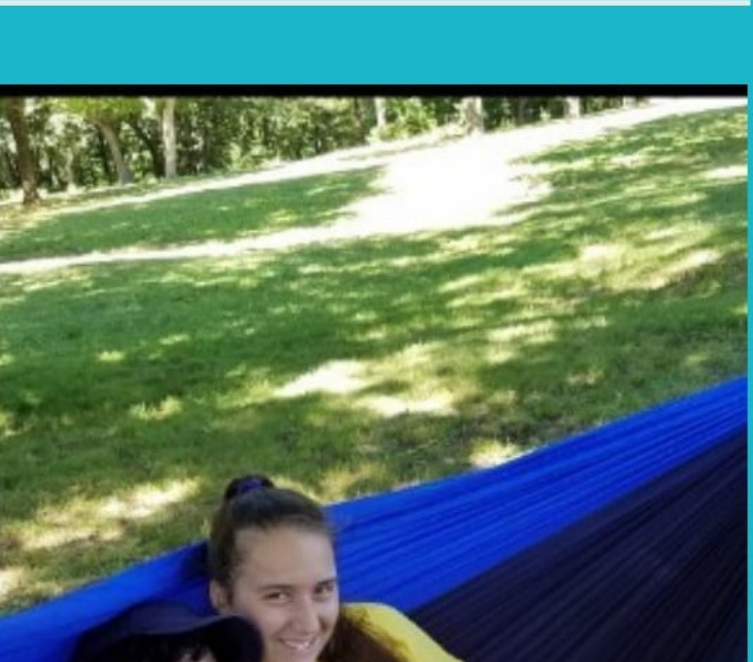
We are happy to announce the launch of the FGLI Yale College website! Go to **fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu** to access key resources for FGLI students of all ages.

Some of the resources include:

- A **financial guide** with advice on understanding your aid, approaching student jobs, and saving money
- **Services** planned for the future (e.g. Community Dinners during break, Career Closet, etc.)
- **Centralized career & academic-related resources** - including diversity-seeking opportunities made with FGLI students in mind
- Information on **planned programming** (discussion and workshop series) and **student groups** for students seeking to get involved

Visit the Website

Upcoming Events



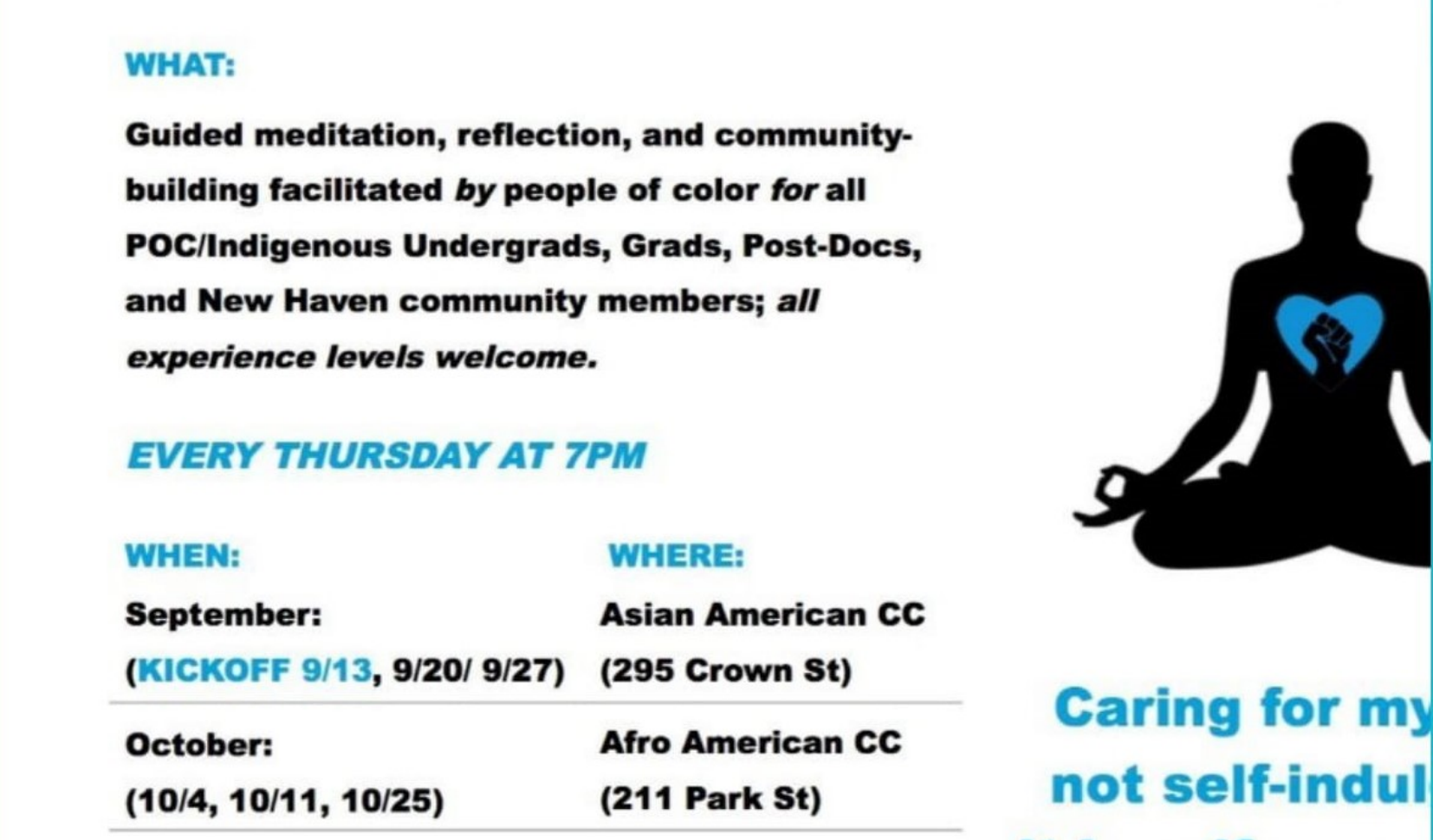
Mark your calendars for the following events occurring within the next few weeks!

Monday, Oct. 22: FGLI Study Hall (6:00pm - 10:00pm) - Center for Teaching and Learning (301 York St.), Room 121

Thursday, Oct. 25: FGLI Workshop: Managing a Heavy Reading Load (6:00pm - 7:00pm) - Center for Teaching and Learning (301 York St.), Room M104A (in the second floor)

Thursday, Oct. 25: FGLI Study Hall (7:00pm - 10:00pm) - Center for Teaching and Learning (301 York St.), Room 121

Thursday, Oct. 25: POC Mediation and Healing Space (7:00 pm) - Afro American Cultural Center (211 Park St.)



POC Meditation and Healing Sp

WHAT:

Guided meditation, reflection, and community-building facilitated *by* people of color *for* all POC/Indigenous Undergrads, Grads, Post-Docs, and New Haven community members; *all experience levels welcome.*

EVERY THURSDAY AT 7PM

WHEN:	**WHERE:**
September: **(KICKOFF 9/13, 9/20/ 9/27)**	**Asian American CC** **(295 Crown St)**
October: **(10/4, 10/11, 10/25)**	**Afro American CC** **(211 Park St)**
November: **(11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29)**	**La Casa Cultural** **(301 Crown St)**

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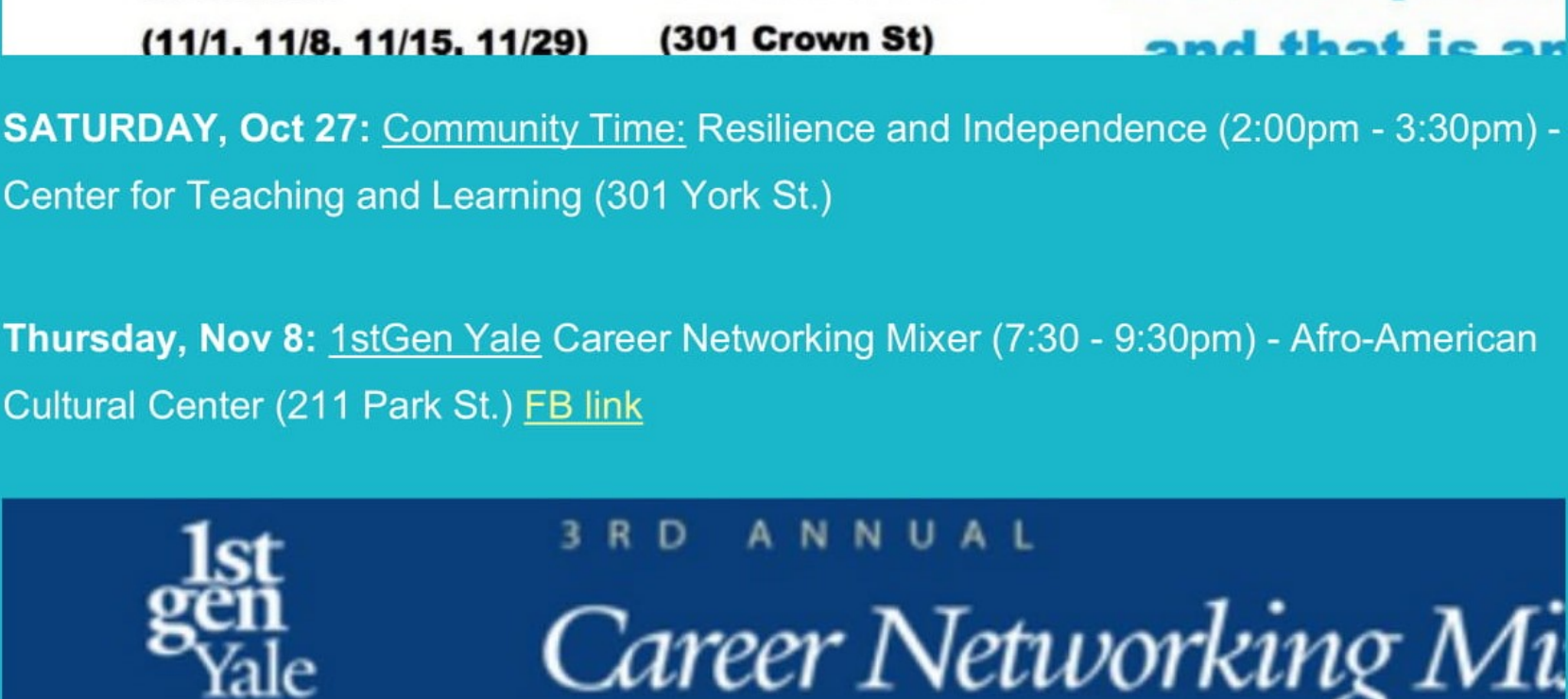
SATURDAY, Oct 27: Community Time: Resilience and Independence (2:00pm - 3:30pm) - Center for Teaching and Learning (301 York St.)

Thursday, Nov 8: 1stGen Yale Career Networking Mixer (7:30 - 9:30pm) - Afro-American Cultural Center (211 Park St.) FB link



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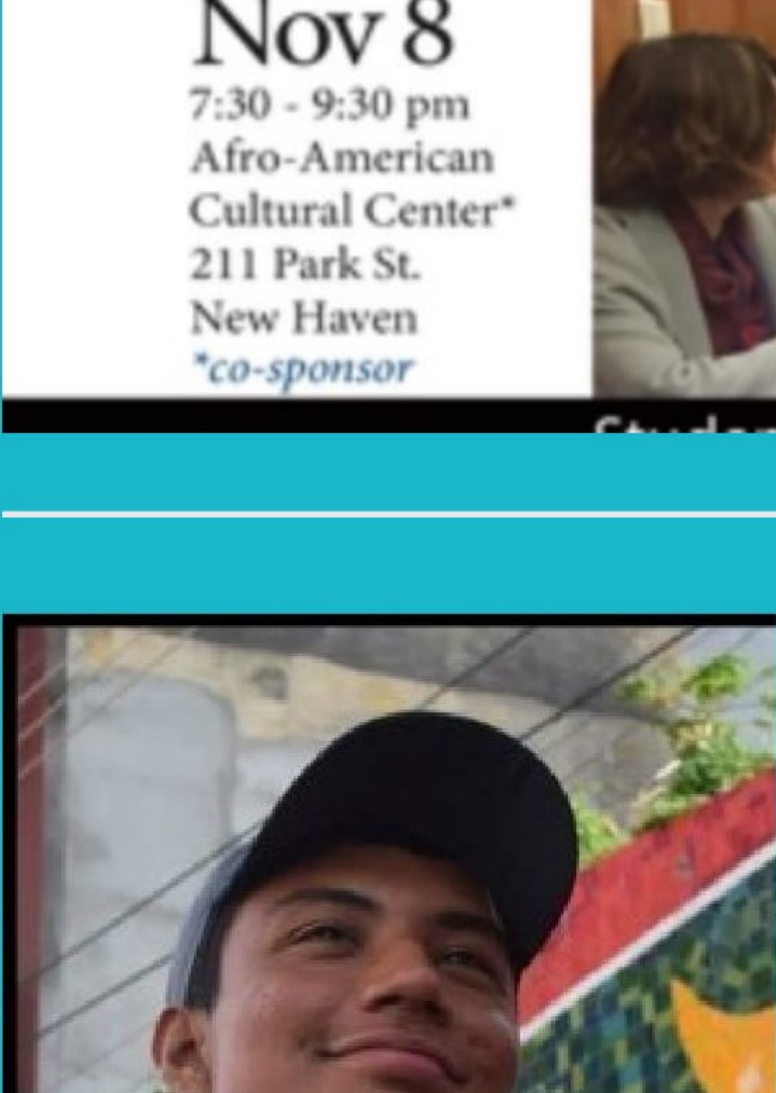
Opportunities



Interested in helping low-income, high-achieving high school students get into the nation's best colleges? Interested in educational justice and college access? If so, **apply to be an Advising Fellow with Matriculate**! Fill out an interest form to receive further details about how to apply. Reach out to e.richards@yale.edu with questions. Learn more about Matriculate here.

Association of Yale Alumni (AYA)'s
Skills for Changemakers & Careers for a Better World
November 2-3

Yale alumni love helping Yale students. Please take part in an inspiring, upcoming, alumni-led event – one that will make you see careers in an entirely new way. On Friday evening, November 2 and Saturday, November 3 you can network with dozens of Yale alums whose careers transform community activism, government, education, finance, food, health, immigration, journalism/media, philanthropy, sustainability – and many more fields. You'll enjoy good food and learn from Yalies whose careers have taken them to New Haven government, Collaboratory, CommonGround, CT Green Building Council, Demos, Development4Good, Endeavor Mexico, FaithActs for Education, Girl Scouts, Havenly Treats, IRIS, Judson Memorial Church, LEAP, the Met Society, the Muse, New Haven Promise, NewsGuard, the State of NY, The NY Times, Ox Verte, The Port Authority of NY/NJ, SeeClickFix, Sempra Energy, Teach for America, Urban Policy Strategies, YearUp, and beyond. Yale alums really DO want to help you: they're coming from far and wide. They'll be keynoted by University Secretary Kim Goff-Crews ('83 BA '86 LAW).

Space is limited: register here.

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LEAP Leadership, Education & Athletics in Partnership

One of our own FGLI alums in New Haven is seeking students interested in part-time counselor work! Abdul-Razak Zachariah (TD '17) is the Senior Counselor Recruitment Coordinator at LEAP in New Haven, and they are currently in need of local college and graduate school students part-time as Senior Counselors for our after-school program.

LEAP is also hiring lifeguards and swim instructors for their Aquatics program. Interested students should visit their website (https://www.leapforkids.org/counselor-applications) or contact jose.lopez@yale.edu to get connected with Abdul directly.

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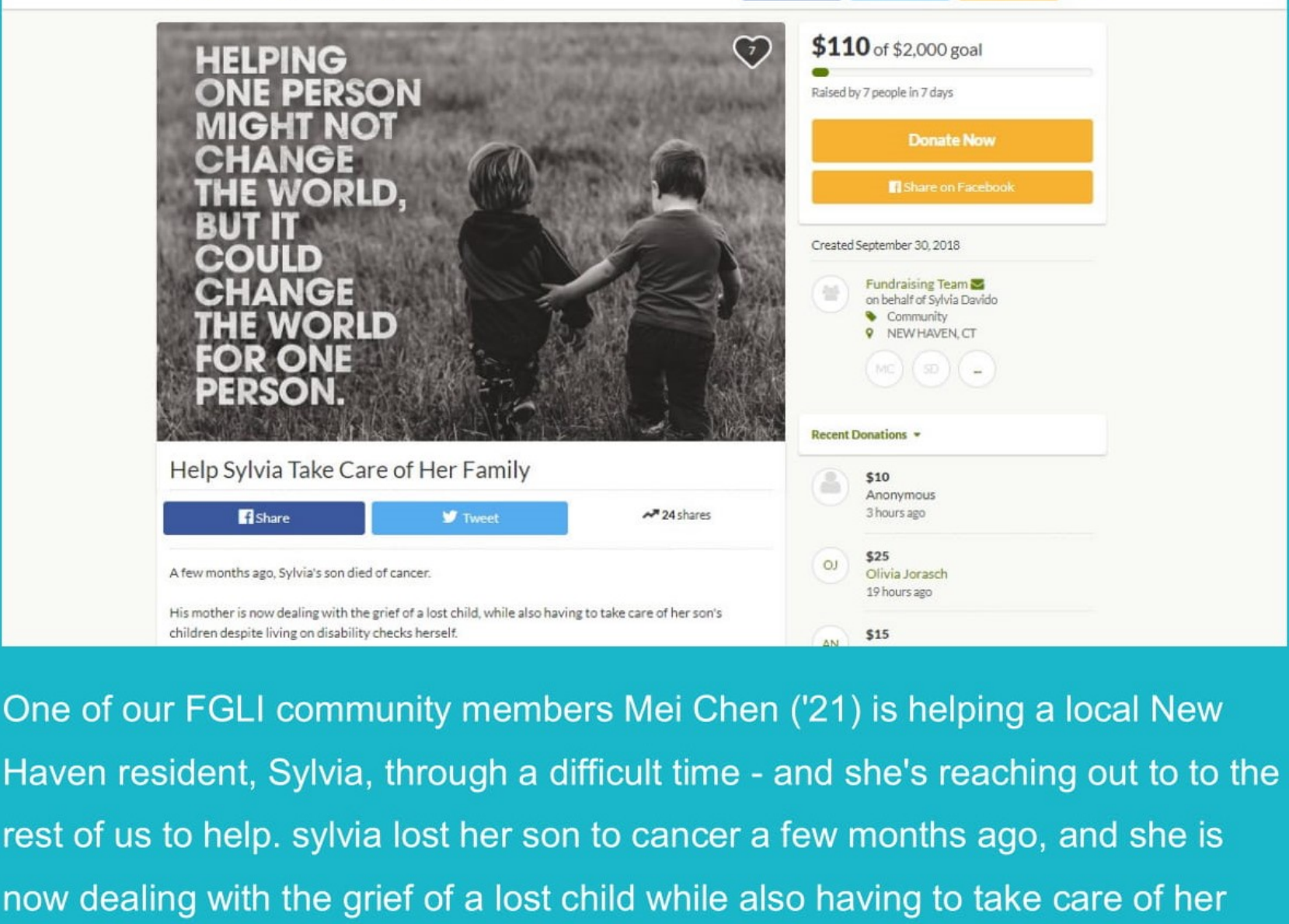

Help Sylvia Take Care of Her Family

$110 of $2,000 goal

Raised by 7 people in 7 days

Created September 30, 2018

Fundraising Team
on behalf of Sylvia Davido
Community
NEW HAVEN, CT

A few months ago, Sylvia's son died of cancer.

His mother is now dealing with the grief of a lost child, while also having to take care of her son's children despite living on disability checks herself.

$10
Anonymous
3 hours ago

$25
Olivia Jorasch
19 hours ago

$15

One of our FGLI community members Mei Chen ('21) is helping a local New Haven resident, Sylvia, through a difficult time - and she's reaching out to to the rest of us to help. sylvia lost her son to cancer a few months ago, and she is now dealing with the grief of a lost child while also having to take care of her son's children despite living on disability checks herself. The goal is to raise enough money to ensure that Sylvia can take care of her family, and hopefully get her started on creating a new life for her and her grandchildren. Clothes, food, and shelter are essential, but unfortunately, not everyone can count on having them. Please consider donating whatever you can to help Sylvia and her family. Every little bit helps. Donate to the GoFundMe campaign HERE

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TSAI CENTER for INNOVATIVE THINKING at YALE

La Casa, the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, and Tsai CITY have partnered to launch the Critical Innovation Fund: five $1,500 awards for teams with the strongest proposals for innovative approaches to pressing immigration challenges in America.

Teams can apply with any idea — an event, a movement, an educational campaign, a technological innovation, a storytelling project, a work of art — that addresses current immigration challenges. We welcome interdisciplinary teams from across Yale and New Haven; teams must include at least one current Yale student. Preference will be given to teams who have lived experience with the challenge they choose to address, and teams who are focusing on local and New Haven-based issues. Ready to submit your idea? Apply here by 11:59pm on November 15. Read about the details on the fund in this YDN article

> "Dominator culture has tried to keep us all afraid, to make us choose safety instead of risk, sameness instead of diversity. Moving through that fear, finding out what connect us, reveling in our differences; this is the process that brings us closer, that gives us a world of shared values, of meaningful community."
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> - bell hooks

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