

Bowlers and Captains,

**We've passed the \$40,000 mark!** You all are definitely turning up the Our Justival fundraising volume! In light of that we're adding another contest to the mix, and some more donation suggestions. **Everyone who brings in one donation of \$10 or more by Friday, 12:01 pm (we'll be announcing yet another fundraising contest around then to keep this party rolling) will be entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to [Seward Community Co-op](#)!** Just think, \$50 off your grocery bill for raising money to support abortion care access and lift up Reproductive Justice.



Last week's donation suggestions were focused on access to abortion care, and this week we want to put some focus on lifting up Reproductive Justice. Below you'll find our definition of Reproductive Justice and some suggested donation amounts. If you're a bit less familiar with Reproductive Justice, we highly recommend taking some time to check out "[Understanding Reproductive Justice](#)" by Loretta Ross, from the website [Trust Black Women](#).

**Our Justice defines Reproductive Justice as:** *when all people and communities have the economic, social, and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about our bodies, sexuality, and reproduction. This includes the right to have children, not have children, and to parent the children we have in safe and healthy environments. To honor the history of the reproductive movement and the realities of reproductive oppression, organizations at the forefront of the reproductive justice movement must be led by women of color and low-income communities. This definition has been adapted from [Forward Together](#) (an RJ organization based in Oakland, CA) and [SisterSong](#) (an RJ organization based in Atlanta, GA).*

- \$12.20 - Because 12.2% of people in the United State still don't have any form of health insurance, and health insurance disparities disproportionately affect communities of color.

- \$24 - Because the term Reproductive Justice was coined 24 years ago in 1994 by African American women after the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt.
- \$42 - For almost 42 years the blatantly discriminatory Hyde Amendment has banned the use of federal funds to cover abortion services, except in very limited circumstances. The harm caused by this amendment falls hardest on people of color, transgender people, young people, immigrants, and low income people.
- \$100 - Because 100% is exactly the ratio of median income that all people in Minnesota should make compared to white men (as opposed to the percentages listed below for MN women in 2015). Income in the US is directly related to a person's ability to make sexual and reproductive health decisions with self-determination.
  - White Women - 80%
  - Hispanic Women - 54.9%
  - Black Women - 63.7%
  - Asian/Pacific Islander Women - 71.5%
  - Indigenous Women - 63.2%
  - Women of Other and/or Multiple Racial Identities - 66.6%

Thanks for getting us this far, and let's work together to move past the \$50,000 mark by Friday.

*The Staff at Our Justice*