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“When those brothers and sisters who take it on as their responsibility to defend our right to pursue a political objective are incarcerated, it is encumbent on all freedom-loving people to support them. ”

**March 26th, 1998 interview done at  
USP Atlanta**

**“This work is not done for glory  
but because we believe in  
mutual aid.”**

**-Boris Yelensky**



**Thirty Years of  
Solidarity With Our  
Political Prisoners:  
Who We Are  
What We Do &  
How You Can Get  
Involved**

## WHAT IS THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION?

The Anarchist Black Cross movement dates back to the 1905 Russian Revolution. It was originally formed to provide aid to anarchist prisoners of Czarist (and later Bolshevik) repression and their families. Soon it had branches around the world, including Philadelphia and Chicago. Some of these groups would last into the 1950s. For more info on this early period of the black cross, please read "Shadows in The Struggle For Equality" by Boris Yelensky (edited by Matt Hart).

The 1980s saw the re-emergence of autonomous ABC collectives in North America who revived the work of supporting political prisoners, in particular those who came from the armed struggle underground of the 60s and 70s such as the Black Liberation Army and the Puerto Rican FALN.

In 1995, a group of these collectives formed the Anarchist Black Cross Federation in order to build an effective institution capable of materially supporting and advocating for captured militants from various movements. Today, the ranks of our friends inside include land and water defenders, antifascists and abortion activists among others.

## OUR WORK:

### THE WARCHEST

This program is a fund managed by the collectives of the ABCF, which sends regularly scheduled money to our comrades inside so that they can access necessities like phone calls, email, extra food and clothing, etc.

Whenever a comrade is released, an additional lump sum is sent out to them to help cover the initial costs of starting over.

### RUNNING DOWN THE WALLS

A non-competitive 5k run/walk which takes place simultaneously in cities and prisons across the continent. Started in 1999, this fun community event has been an important fundraiser for the Warchest and a great opportunity to build solidarity amongst different movements. If there isn't an RDTW happening near you, please get in touch with us about organizing one this year.

## IN GENERAL:

- **We stay in regular communication with our comrades inside via calls, letters, emails, and visits.**
- **We help their friends and family build effective, independent support committees.**
- **We raise awareness of our political prisoners via fundraisers, letter writing events, phone-in and email campaigns.**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Reach out to us!** Check out some of the links below to see how you can get involved with our fundraising efforts or public campaigns.
- **Collaborate with us!** We are always in need of folks who are willing to contribute art, editing, web design, and legal skills among many, many other things.
- **Come see us!** Our collectives often table public events and organize our own benefit shows, letter-writing parties, and potlucks. Have a suggestion for an event for us? We'd love to hear it.
- **Donate!** All contributions, no matter their size, are deeply appreciated and responsibly managed. Check the QR code below to see how you can give to the Warchest.

## HELPFUL LINKS TO GET YOU STARTED:

