

# **JANE'S DUE PROCESS**



**2020 IMPACT REPORT**



***In 2020, we collectively faced fears about our health, the safety of the people we love and a feeling that things might never be the same again.***

For young people in Texas, the pandemic created new barriers to accessing reproductive healthcare. Shelter-in-place orders took teens out of school, led to extra surveillance at home and cut young people off from their support systems. The Texas Governor and Attorney General politicized the pandemic and tried to close abortion clinics for an entire month. And 1 in 4 four Title X family planning sites left the network, creating birth

control deserts in parts of the state. Travel and logistics for getting to courts and clinics became even more complicated for our clients. We would be remiss if we didn't admit that 2020 got to us at times.

But the Jane's Due Process community faced those challenges together. Because of you, in 2020 we expanded support for young people in Texas exercising their reproductive rights.

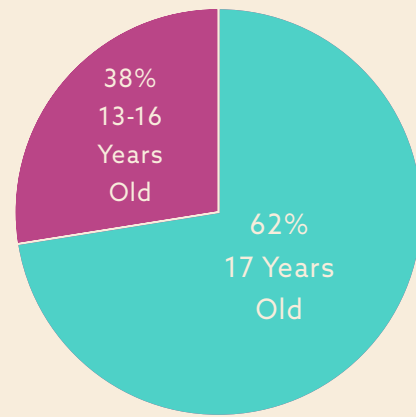
***There's a lot to celebrate in our work in 2020. Check out everything your support made possible in one the hardest years we've ever faced.***

# In 2020, we received **363** intakes for **judicial bypass**.

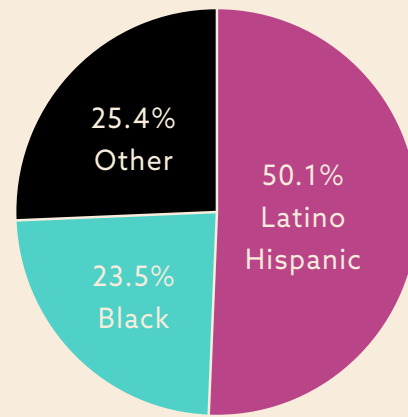
*This is the highest number of judicial bypass intakes in recent JDP history.*

**Like all abortion restrictions, parental involvement laws reinforce systemic racism.**

As our clients have shared with us, being forced to go to court so they can consent to their own healthcare creates a layer of criminalization that directly harms Black and Brown youth in Texas.



Age



Breakdown By Race

## **We've expanded our reach**

This year, we supported **judicial bypass cases in 10 new counties**, improving access for youth in rural parts of the state. In 2019, we helped teens in 10 new

counties and in 2018 we reached young people in 17 new counties. We support a network of **130+ trained judicial bypass attorneys** who

represent clients across the state. In 2020, we **trained 8 new judicial bypass attorneys** and **went 100% virtual with our online CLE trainings!**

## **Our Hotline served as a lifeline for young people.**

JDP depends on a dedicated team of **60+** phone hotline volunteers who answer calls for **8,760** hours to make our 24/7 phone hotline a trusted resource for Texas youth every day of the year!

In 2020, we answered **2,605** calls on our 24/7 phone hotline. Through improved data tracking, we learned that **86%** percent of callers needed help beyond just **judicial bypass support**. Our volunteers gave information

on pregnancy options, finding free or low-cost birth control, and technical support in navigating abortion access in Texas.

**OUR HOTLINE IS OPEN  
CALL US! 866-999-5263**



## **COVID's impact on abortion & the temporary abortion ban in April 2020:**

During the temporary COVID abortion ban in March-April 2020, travel distances for abortion care increased from an average of 12 miles to 243 miles, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

We worked with partners at Lilith Fund, Fund Texas Choice and Avow to create

free kits for Texas patients traveling for abortion care. With the help of 41 volunteers, we assembled 650 post-abortion care kits and distributed them to clinics in Austin, San Antonio, Albuquerque, Shreveport, and Boulder.

The pandemic impacted young people's pregnancy

decision making. In the 3rd quarter of 2020, we saw an increase in the number of pregnant young people who, after doing an initial bypass intake with us, ultimately decided to involve their parents in their decision making or simply stopped contacting us. For many the additional barriers were insurmountable.

## **WORK AHEAD**

In 2020, we received the first-ever municipal grant for practical support for abortion access from the City of Austin.

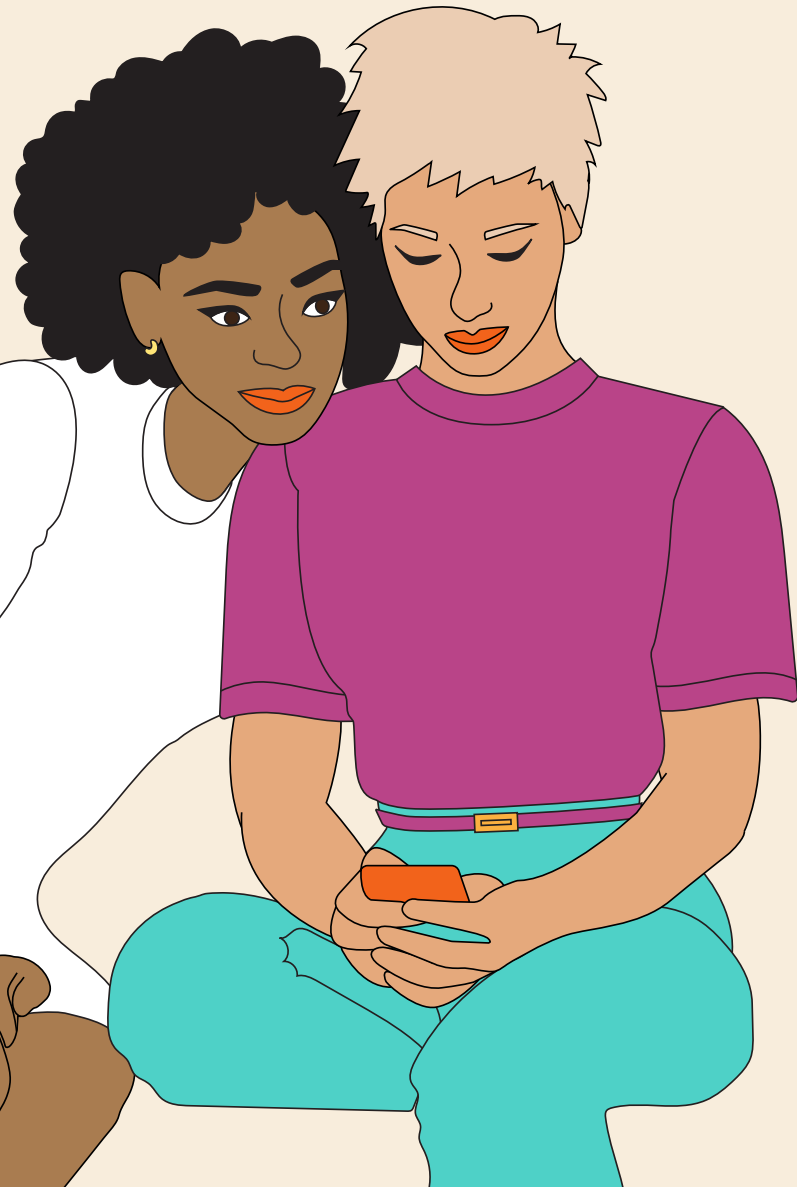
With our partners at Fund Texas Choice and Mama Sana Vibrant Woman we've been developing systems to better support people in Austin with travel, lodging, emotional support, case management, and other support to overcome barriers to abortion.

In March 2021, Austin granted the program an additional \$100,000 to ensure robust outreach to marginalized communities, including young people, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), immigrants, and LGBTQ individuals!

## **Meet Irma**

Our judicial bypass work wouldn't be possible without our client services manager, Irma Garcia.

***"This past year felt unreal to all of us, yet I witnessed the strength and courage like never before that our clients held as they navigated such a difficult process that was designed to make them feel shamed and isolated. However, I gave it my all to make each Jane feel like I was their sex-positive & pro-choice big sister as they exercised their right to bodily autonomy in the middle of a global pandemic."***





# Helping Teens Get Birth Control

**Our text line (866-999-5263) provides referrals to free or low-cost birth control options and other sexual and reproductive health services. *The text hotline is open seven days a week, from 8am-11pm. In 2020, it grew to meet the increase in need:***

We received between 3,100-3,200 texts on our hotline.

This year, we relied on a dedicated team of 39 text hotline volunteers to provide 5,110 hours to ensure our textline is able to support Texas youth every day.

**90%** of the people who reach out for support on our text hotline are Texans.

**84%** of the people who text us are teens under 18.

**49%** are teens interested in accessing birth control at a Title X family planning clinic.

**41%** of the teens who are looking for contraception live in a birth control desert.

The average driving distance for youth who reach out to us to get to a Title X clinic is **17.4 Miles Roundtrip**

## **2020 created challenges, but it also created opportunities like launching our free repro kits project!**

In 2020 Title X providers disappeared from many communities because of attacks by the federal government on the program. On average, 1 in 4 Title X sites withdrew from the program.

Teens were also stuck at home because of the pandemic and shelter-in-place orders. This made it challenging to confidentially

access reproductive care.

So with the help of our friends at The Bridge Collective, we developed a pilot program in Austin delivering free reproductive healthcare kits via our textline. The kits included emergency contraceptives, pregnancy tests and a zine about sexual health!

## Meet Graci

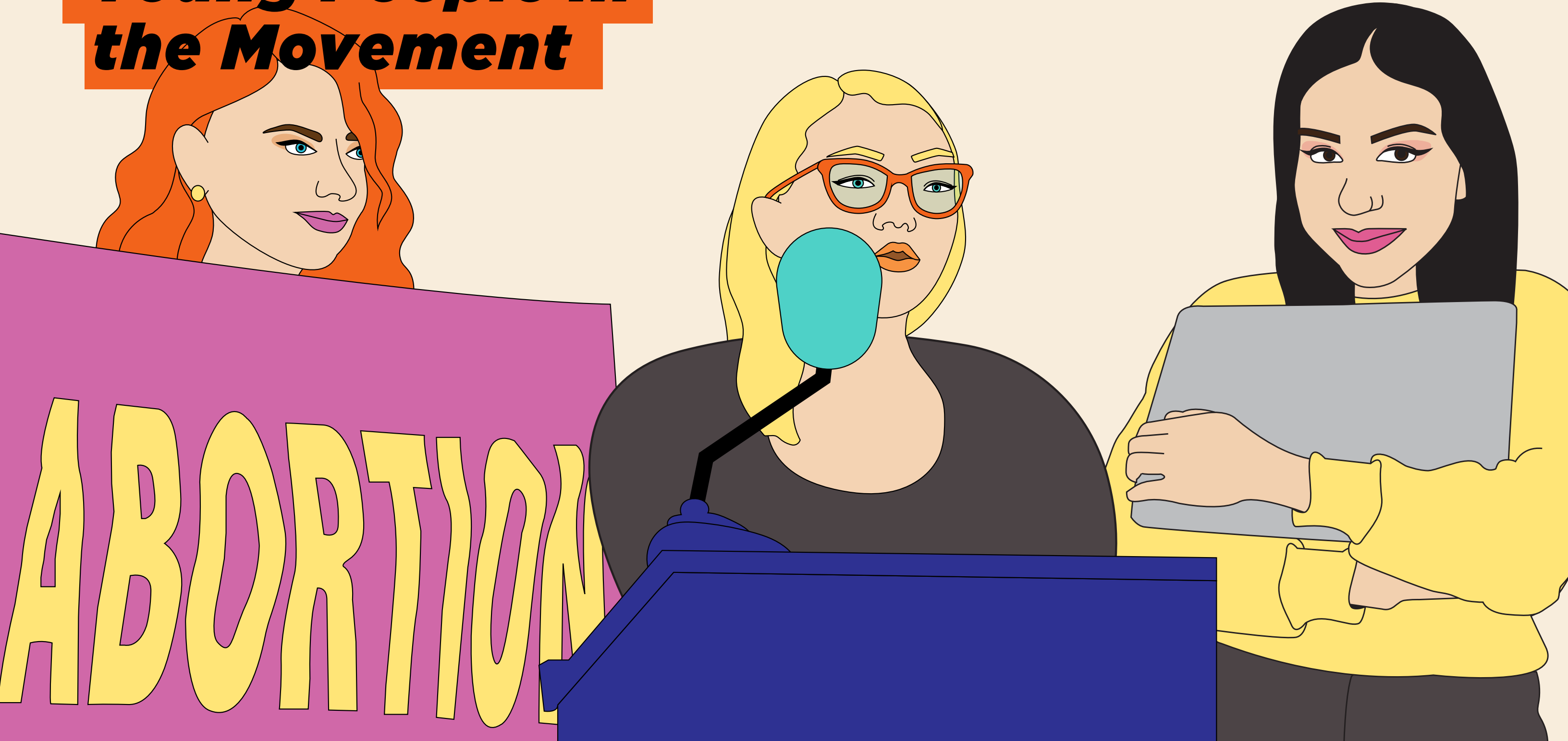
Our birth control access work would not be possible without Graci D'Amore, our Program and Operations Coordinator. Graci runs JDP's volunteer program, supervises the textline and created our repro kit pilot! In 2020, Graci helped abortion funds in Texas, North Carolina, and Missouri create text lines. She also provides technical support to partners outside of Texas, including helping Cascades and Midwest Access Coalition with their free EC distribution programs.



# **Youth to the Front: Centering Young People In the Movement**

In 2020 our youth advocacy program grew to a whole new level. Launched in 2018, through the program we support a cohort of former clients to organize for youth reproductive rights and become movement leaders. In 2020, two of our youth advocates spoke at U.S. Supreme Court rallies - one on abortion access (June

Medical Services v. Russo) and one for the birth control access case (Little Sisters of the Poor v. Pennsylvania). We also expanded their leadership, having the youth advocates present at conferences hosted by Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, SisterSong, and Texas Network of Youth Services.



# Let's talk about **sex** **education**

The Texas State Board of Education (SBOE) revised its sex education curriculum for the first time in 20 years in 2020.

Jane's Due Process organized with young people to pressure the board for medically accurate, comprehensive, LGBTQ-inclusive sex education that teaches consent. Highlights from the year-long campaign include:

The Let's Write About Sex op-ed writing workshop for high school students in Austin in collaboration with our friends at Austin Bat Cave.

Virtual trainings on how to use TikTok to advocate for social change and how to testify in a public hearing.

Supporting a diverse group of young people coming together to write and give testimony during several public virtual hearings hosted by the SBOE, including teens in Dallas, Houston, Austin, and El Paso!

A protest created by a BIPOC-led group of high school students hosted inside the online game Minecraft.

***If teens can't discuss sex, we will never be able to develop important opinions and boundaries and that helps us decide what we feel comfortable talking about and doing.***

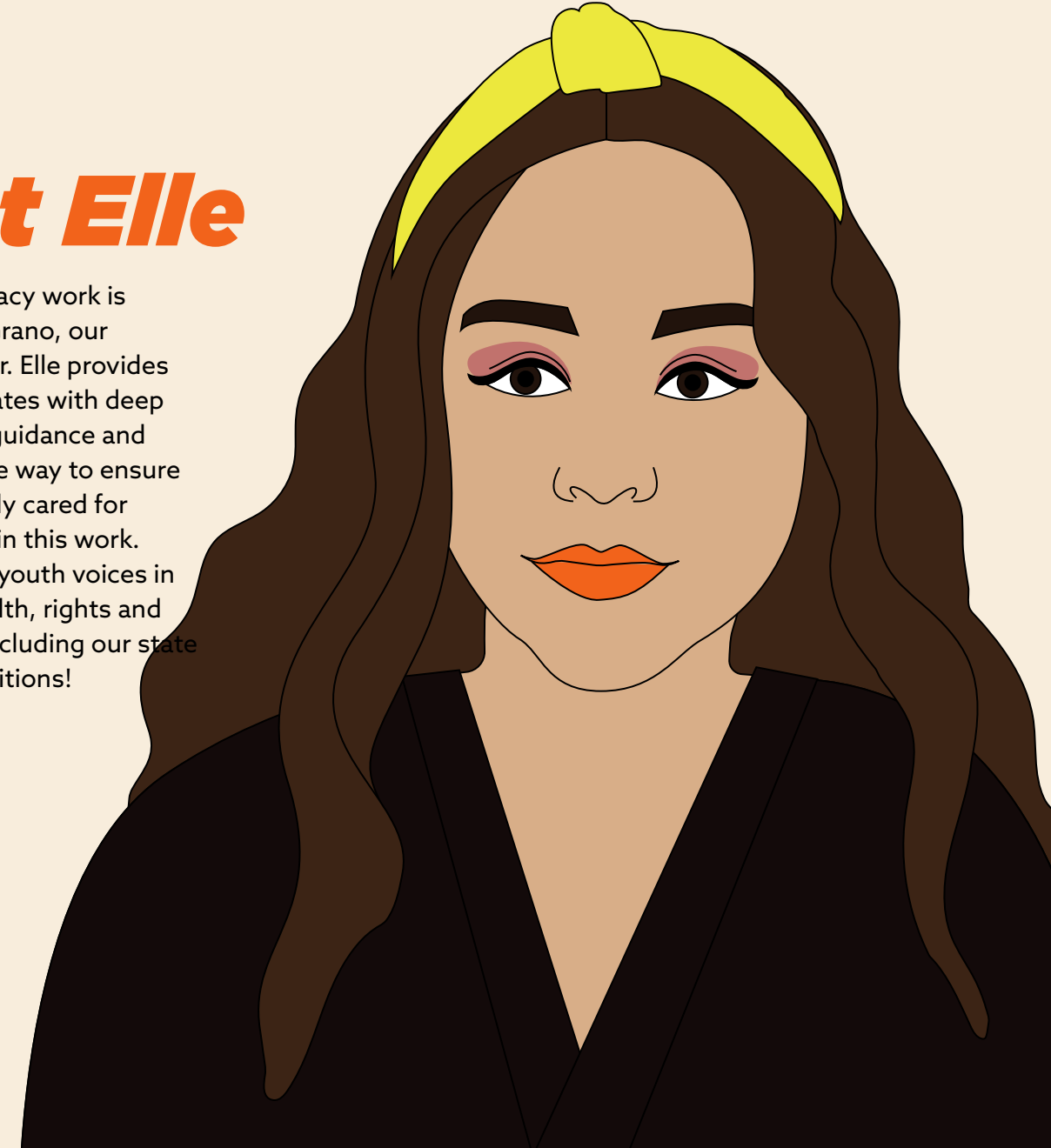
**- Sahana Sudarsan,  
Texas High School Student**

***"We deserve comprehensive sex ed in our schools that includes curriculum on consent, all forms of birth control, abortion, how to have healthy relationships and detect abusive ones, as well as what happens during puberty and pregnancy."***

**- HK Gray, JDP Advocacy Fellow**

## Meet Elle

Our youth advocacy work is lead by Eleanor Grano, our Program Manager. Elle provides our youth advocates with deep and meaningful guidance and support along the way to ensure that they feel truly cared for and empowered in this work. She also centers youth voices in reproductive health, rights and justice spaces, including our state and national coalitions!



# **Stronger Together: Working in Coalition and with Community**

Our program coordinator Eleanor Grano trained our partners in the Trust. Respect. Access. coalition on effective digital ad campaigns. This coalition of organizations working to expand access to abortion is fighting back against the wave of local abortion ban ordinances around Texas and working at the legislature to pass bills expanding reproductive freedom.

We also have participated in research on young people and reproductive health access in Texas with Texas Policy Evaluation Project (TxPEP), and teens and medication abortion with the Society for Family Planning.

In 2020 we also joined the Texas Abortion Funds coalition and the Texas Abortion Access Network (TAAN). TAAN is training advocates in places like East Texas and the Panhandle to organize locally for abortion access and fight anti-abortion laws.

Because of COVID-19 we paused all in-person travel and events in 2020. But we continued to present virtually throughout the year, connecting with hundreds of people in Texas at these conferences:

**Q + EDU**

**Creating Change**

**Texas Network of Youth Services**

**SisterSong**

**Take Root**

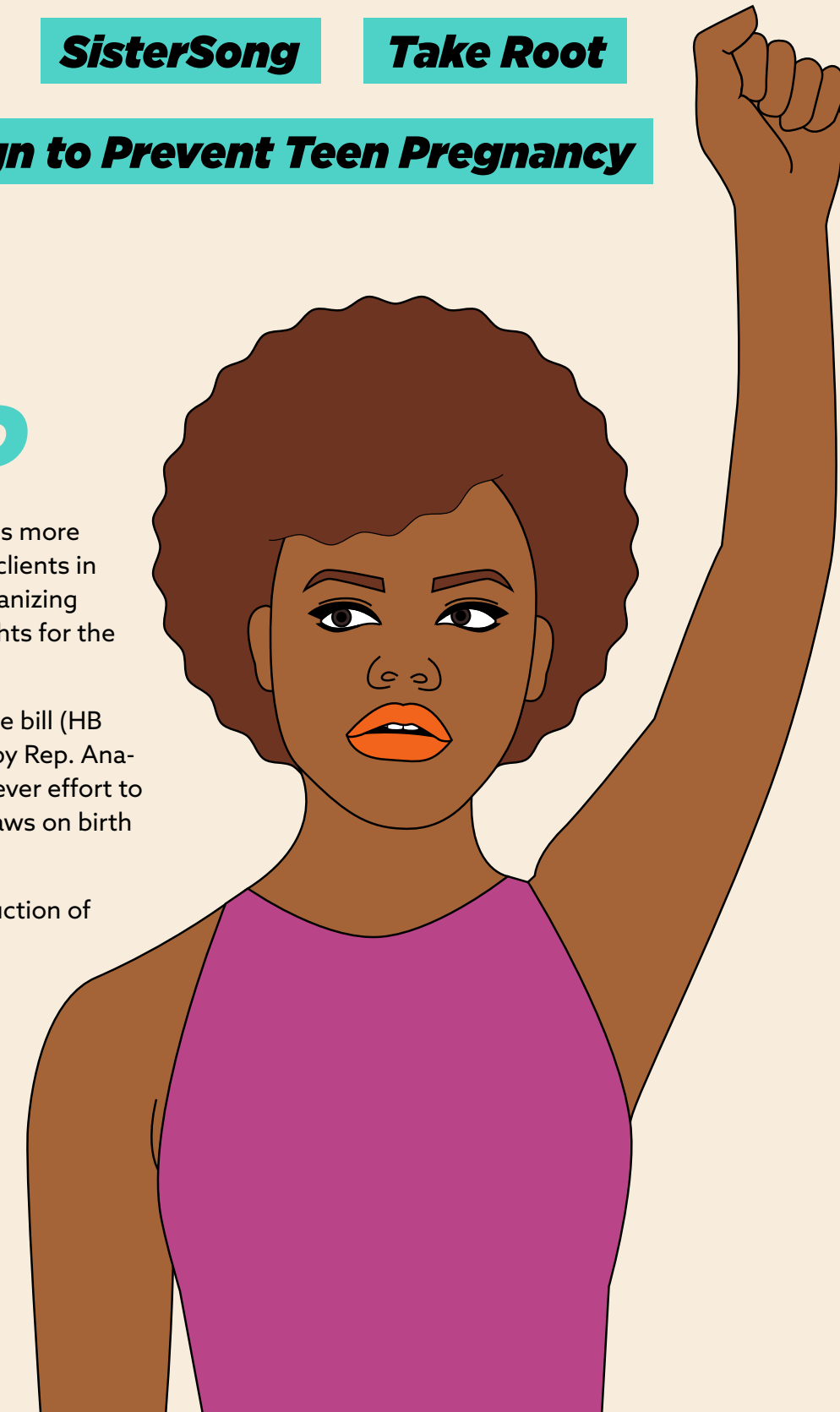
**Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy**

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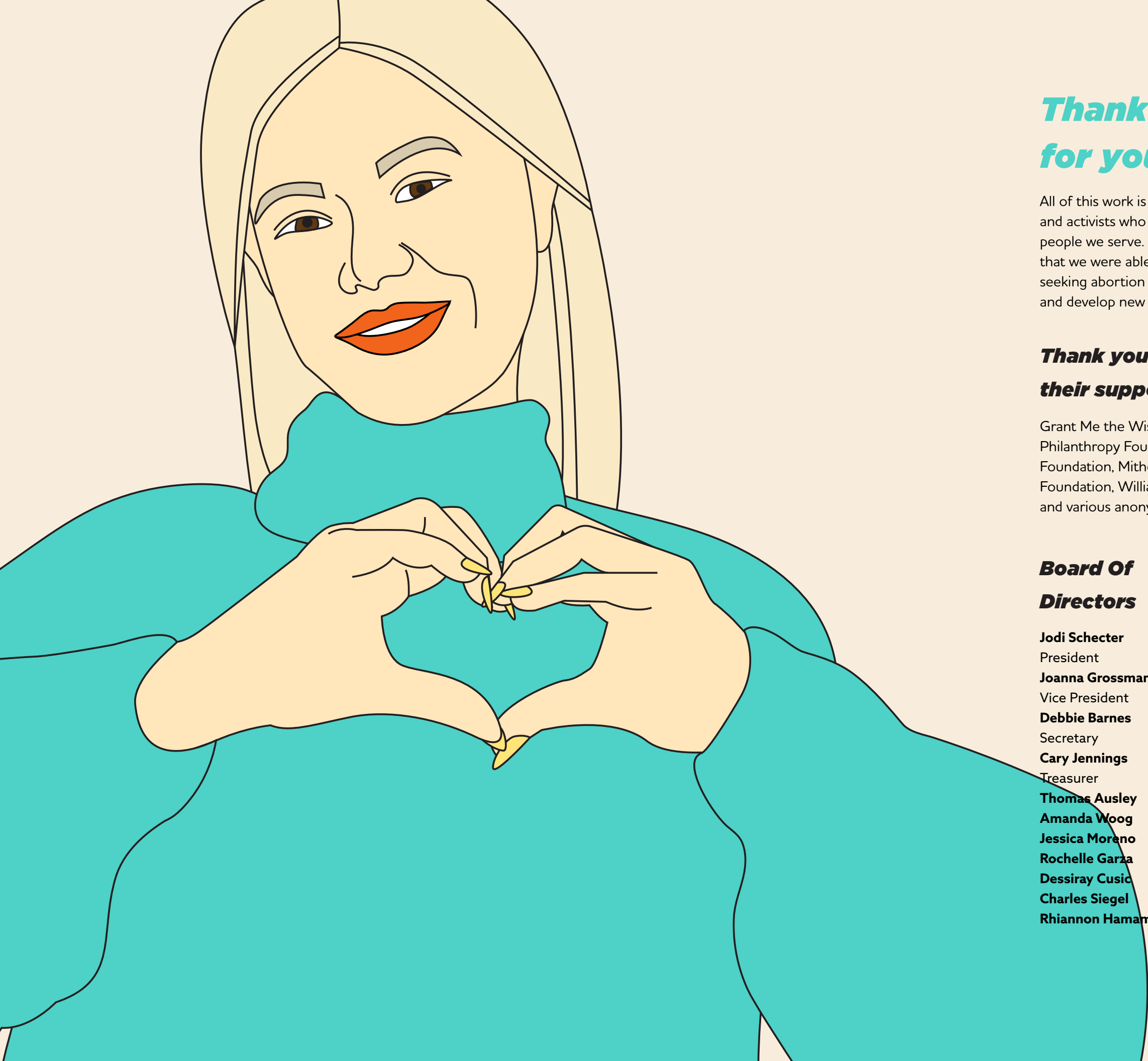
Our youth advocacy program is more robust than ever, with former clients in roles as Advocacy Fellows organizing around youth reproductive rights for the 2021 Texas legislative session.

We got the My Body, My Future bill (HB 3369) authored & introduced by Rep. Ana-Maria Ramos! This is the first-ever effort to fully repeal parental consent laws on birth control in Texas.

We also supported the introduction of the Abortion is Healthcare Act (HB 4389), which seeks to repeal over a dozen anti-abortion laws in Texas. It also includes the first effort to repeal the parental involvement laws on abortion since they were enacted 20 years ago!







## ***Thank you for showing up for young people in 2020.***

All of this work is possible because of our supporters -- donors, volunteers, and activists who show up every day for Jane's Due Process and the young people we serve. 2020 had its challenges, but through all of it you made sure that we were able to not only continue providing support to young Texans seeking abortion and birth control access, but were able to expand our support and develop new ways of working for youth reproductive rights and access.

### ***Thank you to the following foundations for their support in 2020***

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***THANK  
YOU!***

Your continued support will make it possible for young people in Texas to access abortion and birth control, know their reproductive rights, become leaders in the movement, and fight for their futures in 2021 and beyond.

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