



2024

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# Thank you for standing with us in 2024.



One of our most meaningful activities of 2024 was the cultivation of cempasúchil (marigolds) at our Seeds of Solidarity farm for Día de Muertos celebrations around the region. Besides growing these beautiful flowers for ceremony, we also harvested and distributed over 4000 pounds of fresh, healthy food to our neighbors.



# Food Insecurity Continues



## The Impact: By the Numbers

Rising food and rent prices have hit working class communities hard. Asylum seekers and other newly arrived immigrants are finding it more and more challenging to keep housed and fed as pandemic assistance programs have largely wound down.

We continue our commitment to having a strong presence in those neighborhoods hit the hardest by growing inequality. We expect our food programs to continue to grow in 2025.

Wish for 2025: A space with a **commercial kitchen and storage** that will allow us to recover more food from local restaurants and other food generators, and to create a public-facing space for trainings, meetings, and other gatherings.

- **22,400 individuals received food** through our network of large-scale food distributions, community tables, and food pantry program.
- This includes 12,068 people who were provided diapers, household items, clothing and other necessities (as well as food) at our community tables.
- Our new food reclamation project was able to gather over **8200 pounds of good food** directly from local food producers to redistribute to the community.
- **150,500 diapers were distributed** to over 3000 children through our food events.

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# Housing: the First Challenge New Arrivals Face

2024 brought continued migration of asylum seekers, particularly from Venezuela and Afghanistan. While some newcomers had family and friends who were able to take them in, we found that even established families are struggling and facing threats of eviction when they allow newcomers to stay in their apartments for longer than a few days. We found ways to house large numbers of folks, using a mix of motel stays, apartment units we've secured for emergency housing, and even housing folks with local activists. We also partnered with Opening Doors, a local refugee resettlement agency, to house and provide support for a large group of Venezuelans sent to Sacramento by charter plane in an ugly political stunt by conservative governors.



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Nights of Safe  
Housing Provided

**1500+**



Deposits & First  
Month Rent Paid

**\$56,000**



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Wish for 2025: A home of our own that can serve as a welcome home for newly arriving asylum seekers.

# Mutual Aid as Intervention



As part of our commitment to keeping our communities safe, we've continued to hold twice-monthly auto light repair clinics. These free clinics check people's headlights, brakelights, and other vehicle lights, and replace any nonworking bulbs.

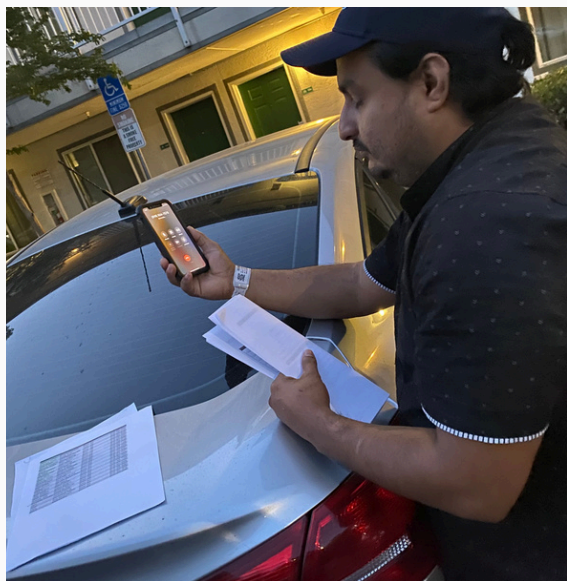
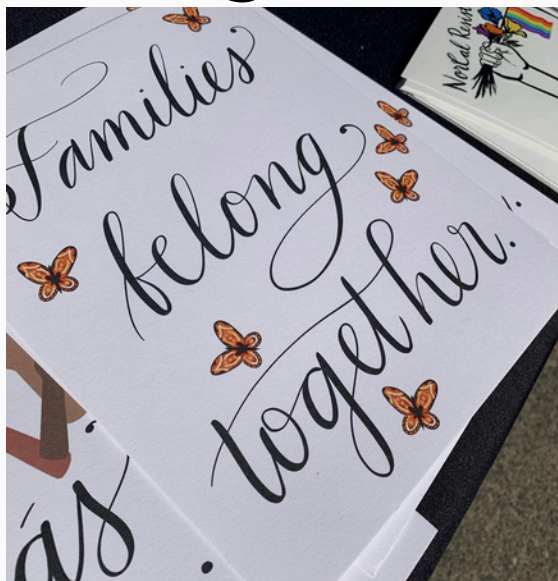
Our goals are to keep folks from having negative interactions with law enforcement and to keep vehicles safe on the roads. We know that for Black, Indigenous and other people of color, a broken taillight can lead to a much more serious-- even deadly-- interaction with police. We also know that for our undocumented community members, these interactions can lead to immigration detention and even deportation.

Our program was celebrated by ACLU of Northern California in its ["Reimagining Community Safety"](#) report.

**407 bulbs replaced** ↙

**58 bulb housings polished** ↙

# Accompaniment & Navigation



Our accompaniment and navigation programs are one of our largest and most impactful, although much of the work is 'behind the scenes' in immigration courts, schools, social service offices, and other spaces. Most systems that we interact with every day-- whether medical, legal, educational, or otherwise-- are incredibly complex and overwhelming for people who just arrived here from another country. The complexity is increased when lack of English language proficiency and general literacy issues are involved. Our accompaniers provide practical assistance, including rides and help navigating paperwork, to our new arrivals. Our programs also include a weekly ESL course, as well as after-school tutoring for newly arrived kids.

**340 families were provided accompaniment in 2024. This includes providing over 130 donated beds, car seats, and other furnishings to families.**

Wish for 2025: A warehouse for storing furniture donations.

# ICE Bond & Protest Bail Fund; Pro Se Clinical Program

## End Detention

Immigration  
bonds  
posted

**113** ↙



We continue the struggle against immigration detention. Whether working in coalition on a national level to push for the abolition of detention as a member organization of Detention Watch Network and the National Bail Fund Network., or acting locally to post immigration bonds for families, we remain committed to defending the right of all people to seek safety.

Our pro se clinical program has developed strong relationships with local law schools, including UC Davis King Hall and McGeorge, to hold asylum, work permit, and temporary protected status clinics. These free clinics provide critical assistance to asylum seekers who must meet difficult deadlines, and usually cannot afford a private attorney. Our Chico chapter has expanded our clinic program to rural Butte county, where similar services are virtually nonexistent, despite many asylum seekers moving to rural areas for cheaper housing and job opportunities.

## Pro Se Clinics

Applications  
filed

**415** ↙

DACA and other  
fees covered

**\$4650** ↙

# Preparing for 2025, and beyond

Providing important trainings:

- immigrant know your rights in Spanish and Dari
- tenants' rights in collaboration with the Sacramento Valley Tenants Union
- protestor know your rights
- de-escalation and identifying right wing hate groups
- street medic
- rapid response to ICE enforcement actions



While we cannot predict the future, we do know 2025 will offer both challenges and opportunities to continue to grow our networks of mutual aid and community care. We rely on the financial support of like-minded folks like you to continue to do this work.

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