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## CW Restorative HUB is OPEN!

On December 5, 2024, the [Designing Justice + Designing Spaces \(DJDS\)](#) team celebrated the completion of Community Works' redesigned office in partnership with [Turner Construction](#), [ARUP](#), and furniture industry leaders.

Community Works is deeply grateful for our collaboration with DJDS. [Deanna Van Buren](#) and [Lucia Castello](#) joined us when our vision was just a dream, walking the streets of SOMA with our broker, [Jean Ko of JLL](#). They led ideation workshops and connected us with key partners like [Leah Turner-Jenkins](#) and [Bianca Flores Johnson](#). We are thrilled with our Restorative Hub. Both Community Works and DJDS envision a world where justice heals. Thank you, DJDS team – you are truly extraordinary!

# CW Restorative HUB



A heartfelt thanks to our talented partners:

- **Designing Justice + Designing Spaces** - Architects
- **Turner Construction** - Construction Management
  - ↳ **415 Electric** - Electrical Contractors
- **Formr** - Wood Benches and Shelves
  - **Girls Garage** - Space Design
- **Rashanda Udekwu/CRI** - Donated Furniture
- **DeQuese May/Metro Contract Group** - Donated Furniture
  - **RF Contractors** - Flooring
  - **D. Zelinsky & Sons** - Painting
- **Magnum Drywall** - Walls and Acoustics



We came together filled with gratitude and awe at what we've created. The journey of

securing this space, envisioning its design, and forming meaningful connections with BIPOC partners, led by our dedicated Co-Director, Adrienne, began during the pandemic. Despite the challenges, witnessing our shared efforts culminate in this unveiling fills us with pride and hope.

A true highlight was the passionate, poetic session by local talent [Nazelah Jamison](#)—a gifted poet, emcee, and vocalist who has shared the stage with some of the finest in entertainment today.



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## Under The Same Sky: Kite Project Bridging Hearts and Healing Together!

Thank you to restorative specialists Dee M. and artist Taima D. for your vital contributions to transformative initiatives.

*Kite Project: Under The Same Sky* embodies a powerful collaboration, using art to symbolize our interconnectedness and foster healing within our community. Together, we will create a brighter future rooted in justice and empowerment.



## UNDER THE SAME SKY

This project was built on the innate human desire to bridge the gap between the earth and the heavens. Flying kites as a child is often our first attempt to reach towards the sky and to make our existence larger than just our physical bodies. Artists Deanne Morizono and Taima Dugan, were inspired by a poem that was born out of despair. "If I Must Die," was written by Refaat Alareer, a Palestinian poet and scholar. His poem envisions a world in which kites are angels bringing hope back into the world. He saw himself becoming a kite after his death, and his life becoming a story of hope. Alareer was killed in an airstrike in Gaza in 2023, part of his story lives on in these kites. Yet so do the stories of our community.

In making these kites, our community was inspired to tell their own stories, the stories of their ancestors, and share their hopes for future generations. As these kites fly through our community space, they connect our ancestral foundations to the future generations of restorative humanity. Kites inspire us all to return to our roots of childhood joy, and our desire to reach for the sky, transcend limitations, and find hope. They remind us that we all live under the same sky. The moon, stars, and kites, connect us through generations, showing that we have always lived in community, and are never alone.



## Reclaiming Streets: A Joyful Celebration of Community and Connection!

On December 7th, Community Works attended *Nuestras Calles: Reclaiming*

our Streets event at **Medicine for Nightmare Bookstore**.

We want to thank the  **incredible organizers for**  **putting together the Holiday**  **drive that will support our**  **One Family clients, Reentry**  **participants, and our Project**  **HAT! youth advocates.**

Seeing these students' passion to reimagine a future where we are all free is inspiring!

Community Works understands the importance in working within the existing systems to ensure children stay connected with their incarcerated parents, and are not forgotten during the holiday season. [Follow @nuestrascalles](https://www.instagram.com/nuestrascalles) on Instagram!



## Embracing Joy: The Transformative Power of Family Visits



*"What do visits mean to me? I could say they mean the world to me, but that barely captures the joy I feel when I see my kids, able to hug, kiss, and hold them... Child visits are the most influential part of my week."*

- One Family Program Participant

***"Building Stronger Parents and Uniting Families"***

**One Family** is a transformative program dedicated to currently (or formerly) incarcerated mothers and fathers in custody and post-release in San Francisco County.

Letters to One Family



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1) How has One Family impacted you and your family?  
*One family has impacted my family & I by being  
 in a bond with me and my children they  
 have helped my children connect with a love  
 and love which I love. My family came to see  
 my children in 2000 on an island. We were  
 abandoned and connected. The person who  
 I met helped me the most. They have a special  
 quality. They have made me feel like my family  
 because I feel like we've never been separated.*

2) What additional services would be beneficial to you and your family?  
*Additional services such as added hours to  
 the site will be beneficial. We are now  
 having a hard time with my family on the  
 holidays and other traditional holidays could  
 also be beneficial.*

3) What suggestions do you have for how we can improve the  
 organization/program/event for future participants?  
*In my opinion everything is done very well  
 so I'm happy with the way things are and  
 so in my family we will be happy and  
 keep up the good work and thank you all!*

4) How would you rate your relationship with the One Family members? Did you feel  
 like you were a part of a supportive team? Why or why not?  
*My relationship with the One Family members  
 feels like a family. I feel loved and well supported  
 by them and the things they do for me.*



It empowers participants to embrace their full potential as parents through one-on-one therapy and counseling, enriching parenting classes, and meaningful contact visits in a nurturing playroom instead of through a window.

Our clients enhance their skills and choices, finding ways to connect and nurture their children despite the challenges of separation.

*A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and donated this Giving Season. Your generosity truly makes a difference. We look forward to a hopeful New Year; we reaffirm our commitment to serving the Bay Area community.*

[Volunteer Interest Form](#)

## A Year To Celebrate - A Message For The Future



*Given the weight of the 2024 election on communities nationwide, we at Community Works are even more motivated to continue our pursuit of justice that emphasizes humanity.*

*Together, we can pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future.*

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