



WELCOME TO THE CIRCLE

SPRING+SUMMER 2024
NEWSLETTER

□ BIG ReCap! Spring & Summer □

At Community Works, we foster fellowship, unity, and shared purpose through lived experiences. Our newsletter showcases growth and strength and celebrates achievements while gearing up for new opportunities ahead!

□ We Got the Grant – Let’s Keep It Rolling! □

Hold on to your hats, if you don't already know! We’ve been awarded the prestigious [Yield Giving grant](#), which will supercharge our initiatives and expand our reach even further! This funding will enable us to enhance our programs, serve more individuals, and create even greater impact within marginalized communities. We’re beyond excited about the possibilities this brings, and we can’t wait to share the journey with you!



□ 2024 Spring Social □



Our 3rd Annual Spring Social theme was *Grow In Community*, which celebrated past participants and program achievements and recognized local CBOs and donors.

A highlight of the evening was our entertainment during a mesmerizing reading from playwright [Ashley Smiley](#) and actors [Anna Marie Sharpe](#) and [Jamella Cross](#) from the play "[Dirty White Teslas Make Me Sad](#)" which made its world premiere at the Magic Theatre in San Francisco and was featured in [BroadwayWorld.com](#) and [Forbes magazine](#).



□ Big news, everyone! [Project WHAT!](#) has teamed up with the amazing [SF Bay Area Big Brother-Big Sisters](#), and let me tell you, this partnership is a game-changer!

- With a whopping 25% of the ir littles identifying as children of incarcerated parents (CIP), this collaboration is all about uplifting and empowering our youth.
- Recently, our incredible Project WHAT! staff and youth had a fantastic training session, sharing insights and experiences with the BBBS mentors and staff. It was a blast, and the energy was electric!

□ This is just the beginning, as we're already buzzing with ideas for more training opportunities and ways to deepen these connections within our community. So, let's keep that momentum going! Together, we can champion racial equity and transformative justice, and we invite YOU to join us in this journey – whether it's by volunteering, donating, or advocating for systemic change. Let's harness the power of community and make some waves! ♥

□ We Pulled Up in DC! NACRJ 9th National Conference! □□



This year's conference theme was *"Re-Envisioning Our Legacies: A Defining Moment,"* encouraging participants to reflect on the influence of their ancestors, commit to overturning harmful legacies, and aspire to create lasting legacies for future generations. The [@NACRJ Conference](#) fostered impactful connections and inspired vital discussions for meaningful change.

Our ProjectWHAT! team— [@OscarCalderonLeon](#), [@JakaelaFoster](#), and [@LhagaDingpontsawa](#)— presented *"Building Better Adult Allies: Understanding and Supporting Youth with Incarcerated Parents"* (Session #13) □□, highlighting the importance of supporting youth connected to the criminal justice system.

Additionally, our Restorative Justice Diversion Program Manager, [@SondraSantana](#), collaborated with [@Ahimsa Collective](#) to present *"Surrogacy in Restorative Justice"* (Session #91) □, focusing on innovative healing approaches.

Lastly, our Co-Executive Director, [@KyleMagallanesCastillo](#), shared insights on *"The California RJ Policy Coalition"* (Session #117) □, emphasizing the power of collective advocacy.

□ Upcoming Events □ Keep A Lookout!



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Together we give.

Dec 3, 2024

**GIVING
TUESDAY**



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ANNOUNCEMENT

□ **CW RESTORATIVE HUB LAUNCH - S.F.** □

□ After a year of incredible collaboration and hands-on workshops with our amazing community, the revamped Community Works Restorative Hub is finally ready to welcome you back!

- With your invaluable input, we've crafted a vibrant space that's all about healing, connection, and empowerment for our clients and the entire community.

NEXT EDITION

- Spotlight Stories*
 - Giving Season Update*
 - Volunteer Opportunities*
 - ♻️ Advocacy Update*
 - Documentary & Town Hall Q&A*
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Weekly

EVERY THURSDAY, 5-7 PM

JOIN US FOR A FALL SESSION FILLED WITH MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION, ENGAGING DIALOGUE, COMMUNITY BUILDING & MORE



Meetings

Project WHAT!

ProjectWHAT!
 • Internship Application

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JUSTICE DEMANDS HUMANITY

GIVING TUESDAY

WHAT WILL YOUR DONATION SUPPORT???

\$500: SURVIVOR EMPOWERMENT RESTORATION. THIS WILL COVER THE COST OF AN EMERGENCY RIT FOR THOSE FLEEING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION (EMERGENCY PHONE, HOTEL VOUCHERS, DIAPERS, GAS GIFT CARDS)

\$100: WOMEN RISING/RISING VOICES. THIS MONTHLY RECURRING DONATION COVERS THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM A SKILL-BUILDING CLASS FOR ONE WOMAN.

\$1000: ONE FAMILY. THIS DONATION WILL COVER THE COST FOR 40 INCARCERATED PARENTS (PER MONTH) TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN AT SF COUNTY JAILS #2 AND #3.

GIVE ON DECEMBER 3, 2024



1ST ANNUAL JOIN THE CIRCLE TOWN HALL

JUSTICE DEMANDS HUMANITY

COMING SOON

FEATURED FILM: A NETFLIX DOCUMENTARY **DAUGHTERS**

"Daughters is a 2024 American documentary film directed by Natalie Rae and Angela Patton. It follows four young girls preparing for a special Daddy Daughter Dance with their incarcerated fathers as part of a unique fatherhood program in a Washington, D.C. jail."

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