

Community Resourcing

We shared \$65,000 with our community partners doing important work, including support for LGBT+ youth, suicide prevention, voting rights, disaster relief, and more.

Seeding Change in Northern Colorado

We are a church that meets the challenges of now by planting seeds for the future. In 2017, the Foothills Community responded to the unprecedented election of Donald Trump by giving over \$200,000 more than previous years. At the time, we knew we were responding to the likely impacts of the new administration on immigrants, people of color, women, climate justice, and personal wellbeing. Yet, we didn't fully realize just how much that giving in 2017 would prepare us to meet the crises of 2020-2021.

With initial fundraising from the Foothills and community and an agreement for Foothills to be the fiscal sponsor, the Emergency Immigration Fund (EIF) - a fund that now exists under the umbrella of ISAAC - launched in August 2017. **We helped EIF grow into the primary crisis support for immigrants in Northern Colorado during the pandemic, with over \$800,000 given out in 2020-2021.** All of this was possible because in responding to an overwhelmingly dire present moment, we looked out toward the arc of what our community is about. We raised supports and funds for a vision in 2017 that enabled a more impactful future. **In 2021, EIF has achieved growth and stability that allowed the fund to transition to fiscal independence. EIF is now led by members of the immigrant and Latinx communities.** As we learned in 2017, where we invest now - where we seed and nurture change - directly impacts our ability to rapidly respond to needs when they arise and to realize our bold vision.

This is one reason **we are so glad to partner with The BIPOC Alliance as their fiscal sponsor and to share the resource of our building to provide the organization with office and event space.** Just as we saw with ISAAC and the EIF, nurturing organizations that respond to the needs of the present - and are led by those who are part of the communities they serve - prepares us to react rapidly when needs arise and to sow sustainable change in our beloved community.

Sanctuary Everywhere

In 2021, we restarted the part of Foothills' Justice work, Sanctuary Everywhere, that accompanies asylum seekers as they begin their lives here in Fort Collins. **We are now supporting a family of more than 15 from Nicaragua. We also continue to support a family we first met in 2019.** Sanctuary Everywhere villages support our families in everything from securing release from detention to obtaining work permits, from housing to food, from clothes to obtaining driver's licenses and transportation. In turn, our villagers and lead team are supported through a supervisory reflective practice from a clinician at La Cocina, focused on better understanding and responding to the effects of trauma.

12 Foothills members serve across three Sanctuary Everywhere teams - Core, Village & Legal.

Sanctuary Everywhere partners with 7 community organizations.

Thank you Ticie Rhodes, Sarah Parrish, Anne Fisher, Ingrid Justin, Susan Moore, and Paige Noon for your leadership with Sanctuary Everywhere!

Vaccine Equity Work

In early 2021 as vaccines began to be available, we saw in our church community how hard it was to access vaccines and how confusing it was to sign up for appointments. We imagined that this would be even more true in communities with less access to health care, for those who were not retired, for those who are undocumented or have other reasons to fear our formal systems, and for those whose first language was something other than English.

We reached out to our partners – The BIPOC Alliance, ISAAC, Fuerza Latina, La Cocina, and The Family Center – and worked with them to establish a new alliance - The Vaccine Equity Coalition - with their leadership and expertise at the center. We secured initial funding for their work and raised the profile of their role as leaders in public health. We hope that this alliance and its work in vaccine equity will have lasting effects on public health long past the pandemic.

 **2,700**
people registered for vaccines through the Spanish-language call line.

 **1,411**
vaccine doses given at 5 community clinics hosted by BIPOC Alliance, La Cocina, Fuerza Latina, and ISAAC.

 **5,000+**
Latinx households contacted through text and social media about upcoming vaccine clinics being offered through Larimer County, Salud Health Clinic, and The Vaccine Equity Coalition.

 **\$5,000**
contributed directly from Foothills Unitarian to jump-start the Vaccine Equity Coalition and improve access to the COVID-19 vaccine in BIPOC and Latinx community.

 **344**
first doses of the vaccine given at 3 mobile home park clinics hosted and staffed by Fuerza Latina.

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Promotoras (health educators) trained and deployed by La Cocina. La Cocina also trained and deployed a new community organizer.

And these numbers don't capture the enormous effort involved in organizing outreach, translating county documents and other health notices into Spanish, addressing vaccine hesitancy, second dose reminders, community updates on new variants, and more.

Our work helping form and support the Vaccine Equity Coalition led to us being honored with BizWest's COVID 19 Health Care Heroes Ally Award.

Thank you to all our Foothills healthcare workers! A special thank Courtney Butnor, Leah Schulz, and Doug Whitman, who were critical in launching this vaccine equity partnership.