

Newsletter

2% Is Not Enough



We kicked off a new fiscal year on July 1, and August brings a clear reminder of the road ahead. Women's and girls' nonprofits [receive less than 2%](#) of total philanthropic giving, leaving us consistently underfunded despite our vital work.

Recent months brought political upheaval and frozen funding, forcing us to close [close both Family Reunification programs](#). **Then our community acted.** You organized, contributed resources, and refused to let these services disappear.

We reopened both programs in May at reduced capacity, meaning hundreds more children can now live safely with their families.

We refuse to surrender. Solidarity means daily action, not just words. For over 50 years, TWB has stood firm against every attack meant to weaken us. As we continue to navigate uncertain policies, we remember: **our fight is long, but our power is stronger.**

More about our work at womensbuilding.org

Take Action [here!](#)

August is Make a Will Month

It's a good time to revisit how your values live on. If you're planning your will or updating it, consider naming TWB as one of your beneficiaries. **Legacy gifts** help sustain our collective future and ongoing work for gender justice. Take part in our shared effort to support women and their families in accessing resources and building collective power and self-determination.

We're sharing a short video where [Diane Santana](#), our Chief Development Officer, explains just how simple this process can be.



TWB has been a safe space for everyone for over half a century . Please lend a hand so we can continue to offer this space for future generations.

If you'd like to learn more about this process or are interested in taking an Estate Planning Class, please be sure to [fill out this form](#).

We Keep Each Other Safe

On July 20, we gathered at the historic Roxie Theater for a screening of [No Separate Survival](#) – a short documentary about asylum seekers and the fight to build safety across borders. After the film, our Dev. Manager Maria Arteaga moderated a powerful conversation with ED Tania Estrada, director Shabnam Piryaee, and asylum seekers Luz Hernandez, Irma Gallegos Chavez, Belvi Mikery, and Juan Enriquez.

This event reminded us that survival is not a solo act. It takes connection, courage, and the ongoing work of building spaces where all of us can live with dignity.



In moments of crisis, it is only by supporting each other that we make it through. If you believe in this work, we invite you to stand with us, support our work [here!](#)

SanArte Continues!

Launched in May, [SanArte](#) creates space for Latina immigrant women to gather for healing, connection, and collective care in response to ongoing anti-immigrant policies.

Join us this month:

[Hilando Resistencias](#) begins **August 29 at 4 PM**.

In this 8-session series, participants will reflect on their experiences as Latina immigrants in the U.S. and use embroidery and textile arts to reclaim memory, resistance, and self-expression.

[Poner El Cuerpo o el Futuro ya es Feminista](#). Starting **September 8 at 4 PM**, [Iliana Olalde](#), Mexican artist and feminist, will guide a 5-session [collective creation lab](#) centered on care, somatic practices, body awareness, and political reflection through movement, drawing, and vocal resonance.

Both workshops will be held in Spanish.

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Let's care for each other and build strength, together.



er una fuerza colectiva, recuperando el
bordado y las artes textiles como formas
de resistencia, autoexpresión y memoria

8 Sesiones - 2 hr

¡Comenzamos el 29 de agosto a las 4 pm!

El Edificio de Mujeres 3543 18th St #8, SF, CA 94110



The Marvel in the Mission Moves Forward

On July 29, [TWB stood alongside allies and community members to speak in strong support of The Marvel in the Mission](#) — a 100% affordable, transit-oriented housing development at 16th and Mission.

We appreciate the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' unanimous decision to reject the attempt to delay this deeply-needed project through a procedural appeal.

A special thank you to our Supervisor, Jackie Fielder, for her unwavering advocacy to ensure community wellbeing, housing access, and accountability in our city.

At TWB, we believe in building homes and hope. This project is a testament to the power of the community coming together to create a better future.

Now more than ever, the city must invest in housing and supportive resources for all. Women, families, and individuals of all identities have the right to live with dignity and respect.

Let's keep pushing The Marvel in the Mission forward.



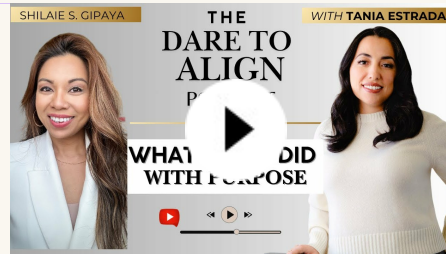
TWB ED on Dare to Align podcast

TWB, ED, Tania Estrada, joined Shilaie S.

Gipaya on the [Dare to Align podcast](#).

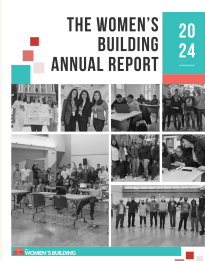
Tania shared her story, from volunteering to becoming part of a historic, women-led and community-driven space in San Francisco.

Watch the full episode NOW!



More News...

- **We're hiring!** We're looking for two new team members: Program Support and Resource Specialist. [More info and how to apply here.](#)
- **TWB is now officially a Certified Green Business.** [Check the news here.](#)
- **Ready to discover TWB at your own pace?** Every Tuesday from 10 AM to 4 PM, we're offering [self-guided tours for just \\$5!](#) Grab your tour map and tickets at reception. Don't miss out on this chance to explore our [historic building!](#)



Our **2024 Annual Report is here**—a testament to what we've achieved together. It's a reflection of mutual care, community power, and the transformative impact of networks rooted in justice and empowerment. This report is more than numbers—it's a story of how we, as a community, take care of each other, create space for healing, and solidarity!

Explore the report by clicking [here!](#)



Looking for a meaningful venue for your next gathering? Our historic women-led space is ready to host your vision! From intimate team meetings to expansive conferences, **our unique rooms offer more than just four walls—they provide inspiration and purpose.**

Various rooms available now for your next gathering. Check them out [here!](#)

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