


 THE WOMEN'S BUILDING

NEWSletter

We Are Here and We Are Not Silent



On February, **our hearts and minds are shaped by the deep turbulence unfolding across the country** – from the killing of Renée Good by an ICE agent on January 7 to the fatal shooting of Alex Pretti by federal immigration officers later that month in Minneapolis. These losses and the nationwide movement responding to them remind us that state violence is real and relentless, and that communities are rising in resistance.

Too often our communities are framed through stories of lack, as displaced **vulnerable or voiceless. We reject that story.** We are not passive recipients of charity. We are the hands that raise the next generation steward the land hold communities together and organize for justice. We are the hands shaping the future.

We are in this together. And together, we keep showing up. Find the ways to get involved at womensbuilding.org

Click [here](#) and help us turn solidarity into power!

We invite you to read our statement on ICE Violence and Collective Response [here](#).

Powering Our Future Has Begun

On January 29, we launched our [Powering Our Future](#) campaign with a gathering that brought together board members, one of our founders [Tracy Gary](#), and community allies ready to support this vision –or connect us with those who can.

This solar project is about more than energy. It reflects our responsibility as a **women-led nonprofit** to care not just for the people who walk through our doors, but for the environment we all share. Very few nonprofits operate with solar power, and even fewer are women-led. We are proud to lead by example.

In **Phase One**, we will save **\$14,000 each year** –funds that will directly support our work and community. **Phase Two** will bring battery storage, allowing us to share stored solar energy during emergencies. This is not just about powering a building. It is about creating sustainable infrastructure rooted in care and mutual support.

Our goal is to raise **\$176,000** to make this vision possible.

Learn more and support the campaign at womensbuilding.org





Art and Healing in Community

On **February 5**, we began [Sanar Creando](#), a five-week Spanish-language workshop created for migrant women to explore healing through art.

Led by filmmaker and artist [Mabel Valdiviezo](#), and inspired by her documentary [Hija Pródiga](#), this space brings together **15 participants** from different walks of life to connect through collage, painting, writing, and reflection.

The workshop offers space to build creative power and collective care. Together, participants are shaping pieces that speak to memory, migration, and transformation – all in a space rooted in trust and community.

The workshop is currently full, and we are grateful to every participant who is part of this powerful circle.



Tax Clinics Are Back!

On **February 5**, we kicked off our **annual tax clinics**, now led by our new Tax Coordinator [Brit Zuniga](#), who is bringing deep care and commitment to this work.

From now through **April 12**, we are offering [free tax preparation services](#) in English and Spanish to support the financial stability of our communities. Clinics are held on **Thursdays from 4:30 to 8:30 PM** and **Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM**.

We know that economic empowerment is essential. That is why we are still looking for **volunteers – especially bilingual folks** – to help make this possible.

Support our collective effort to break down barriers and build access to the resources people deserve.

To schedule an appointment: call (415) 431-1180 ext. 11

Interested in volunteer? Contact Brit Zuniga at britney@womensbuilding.org



Stories That Hold Us Together

The fourth entry in [In Our Own Words](#), our digital space for community reflection and storytelling, is now live.

This month we hear from **Yeraldin Crespo Valle**, a [DreamSF Fellow](#), part of a San Francisco based leadership and professional development program supported by the [Office](#)



[of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs.](#)

Yeraldin shares a powerful reflection shaped by migration and the journey of finding voice and belonging through connection and creativity.

Her story reminds us that storytelling is not just about being heard. It is a way to reclaim space, honor lived experience, and affirm that we are never alone in our paths.

Read Yeraldin's full reflection [here](#)



More News...

- **The future of San Francisco's Commissions are at risk.** Join us on **Wednesday, March 11** at 6pm at TWB to learn more about the implementation of Prop E and how the public can respond to protect commissions that keep our city safe. Details [here](#).
- **Abolish Ice Benefit Show** Sunday February 15 from 3 to 8 PM at El Rio. Show with live music and community power. Sliding scale \$10 to \$20. Details [here](#).
- **Volunteer with Our Bookings Team!**
Support the sustainability of TWB by helping manage community events and affordable space rentals that fund our programs and keep our doors open. Details [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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