

## Writing Hope into Our World and the 14-Day Challenge

This is #14 of our 14 Day Challenge to Help End Gun Violence! If you are interested in participating in the challenge, please visit: <https://scvolunteercenter.org/endgunviolence/>

Take a few minutes to write a letter, card or email to an organization, group or individual that is working to make our world more just and peaceful for everyone. You can write to an organization you already know, or choose an organization from the list below.

### Local Heroes

#### **Safe Families for Children**

2665 Warren St.

Santa Cruz, CA 95062

<https://montereybay.safe-families.org/>

Safe Families for Children – Monterey Bay surrounds families in crisis with caring, compassionate community.

#### **NAACP of Santa Cruz**

P.O. Box 1433

Santa Cruz, CA 95061

<https://www.naacpsantacruz.com/>

NAACP in Santa Cruz is committed to ensuring a society where all people have equal rights. Read their statement about the Buffalo Massacre and anti-black violence.

#### **Diversity Center**

P.O. Box 8280

Santa Cruz, CA 95061

<https://www.diversitycenter.org/>

Diversity Center is committed to safe space, programming and education for and about LGBTQ+ issues.

**Resource Center for Nonviolence**

612 Ocean Street,  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
<https://rcnv.org/>

Resource Center for Nonviolence is a resource center for learning and action about nonviolence and anti-racism.

**Santa Cruz Welcoming Network**

[SantaCruzWelcome@gmail.com](mailto:SantaCruzWelcome@gmail.com)  
<https://www.santacruzwelcomingnetwork.com/>

The Santa Cruz Welcoming Network sees the same dignity and humanity in every person and helps ensure decent, safe circumstances for asylum-seekers and refugees, because all persons have the right to seek freedom from violence, fear and repression.

**Santa Cruz County Immigration Project**

406 Main Street, Suite 217  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
<https://cabinc.org/santa-cruz-county-immigration-project/>

Helping immigrants acquire legal status, reuniting immigrant families, and making U.S. citizenship more accessible to eligible immigrants. We provide competent and professional legal services, advocacy, and community education and information.

**Suicide Prevention Service**

Family Service Agency  
104 Walnut Avenue, Suite 208  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
<https://fsa-cc.org/suicide-prevention-service/>

24-hour crisis line to help individuals suffering from suicidal thoughts and community education and resources.

**Walnut Avenue Family and Women's Center**

303 Walnut Ave  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
<http://www.wafwc.org/>

Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center (Walnut Avenue) provides support and services so that women, children, and families will have the opportunities and skills to thrive.

### **Monarch Services**

233 East Lake Avenue  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
<https://www.monarchsc.org/>

Monarch Services offers immediate crisis response to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking through our 24-hour confidential, bilingual crisis line in addition to programs to prevent violence.

### **Lakota People's Law Project**

210 High St,  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
<https://lakotalaw.org/>

Dedicated to reversing the slow genocide of the Lakota People and destruction of their culture, the Lakota People's Law Project partners with Native communities to protect sacred lands, safeguard human rights, promote sustainability, reunite indigenous families, and much more.

## **CA State and National Organizations**

### **Native American Health Center**

3124 International Blvd  
Oakland, CA 94601  
<https://www.nativehealth.org/>

NAHC is a one of a kind health center constantly pivoting to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. They play a central role in elevating the health status of American Indians in the bay area.

### **Transgender Law Center**

PO Box 70976  
Oakland, CA 94612-0976  
<https://transgenderlawcenter.org/>

Transgender Law Center changes law, policy, and attitudes so that all people can live safely, authentically, and free from discrimination regardless of their gender identity or expression.

**No More Deaths/No Mas Muertes**

4831 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85711

<https://nomoredeaths.org/>

The mission of No More Deaths is to end death and suffering in the Mexico–US borderlands through civil initiative: people of conscience working openly and in community to uphold fundamental human rights.

**Karam Foundation**

400 E Illinois Rd

Lake Forest, IL 60045

<https://www.karamfoundation.org/>

The Karam House is a community innovation workspace where Syrian refugee youth turn their passions and ideas into realities. Karam House is an inspiring, safe, and healing space for Syrian teenagers – who have lost so much through the trauma of displacement and war – to be teenagers.

**World Union for Progressive Judaism**

One West Fourth Street, Suite 517A

New York, NY 10012

<https://wupj.org/contact-us/>

The World Union for Progressive Judaism is working to establish a Jewish refugee center in Poland to welcome families fleeing Ukraine.

**Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)**

PO Box 97077

Washington, DC 20090-7077

<https://www.hias.org/>

HIAS has partnered with Right to Protection, an independent Ukrainian nonprofit based in Kyiv that provides legal assistance and advocacy for displaced people. With so many fleeing the war in Ukraine, their services are more vital now than ever.

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