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Redwood City 2020 Tuesday Tidbits

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Support Immigrants in our Communities



President Trump's rescindment of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) on September 5th, will have direct impact on immigrant youth and families in our communities. Redwood City 2020 stands in solidarity with our community members, all of whom deserve education, safety, dignity, and respect.

Would you like to help? Keep reading to find descriptions of collaborative initiatives that support immigrants in our communities - and ways to get involved.

Redwood City Together

- Redwood City Together is a Redwood City 2020 initiative that builds empathy, understanding, and supportive action across social divides such as race, class, and immigration status. Creating a welcoming environment for all is critical to overcoming opportunity and achievement gaps, inequity, and injustice.
- Redwood City Together has several arms of action: community dialogues in which diverse community members share their stories and build empathy, art installations that celebrate the diversity of our community, an awards program that highlights organizations doing strong welcoming work, and youth development initiatives that provide a venue for young people and their allies to spearhead action to make our communities more tolerant and equitable.
- Key Redwood City Together partners include the City of Redwood City (including the Redwood City Public Libraries and the Fair Oaks Community Center), the Dream Club at Sequoia High School, the Immigrant Youth Action Team, the Redwood City School District, San Mateo County Sheriff's Department, Cañada College, Kainos, Institute for Local Governance, International Institute of the Bay Area, and the United Methodist Church of Redwood City.
- Want to host a dialogue? Raise scholarship money for Dreamers? Get involved in another way? Contact Redwood City 2020 Team Member Julia Vazquez at jvazquez@redwoodcity.org.

LIBRE

- LIBRE's purpose is to ensure immigrant families have equitable access to public benefits and safety-net services.
- To achieve its purpose, LIBRE leads four key projects: informs immigrant families and individuals about public benefits and safety-net services they can legally obtain, dispels misunderstandings about the impact of receiving benefits on their immigration status, provides legal services to ensure that benefits are obtained, and increases the community's capacity to help immigrants access safety net benefits.
- LIBRE is a collaborative initiative led by staff from Legal Aid Society of San Mateo, Nuestra Casa, Coastside Hope, Ravenswood School District, Redwood City School District, San Mateo County Human Services Agency, and Redwood City 2020.
- Would you like to support LIBRE efforts? Contact Jana Kiser at jkiser@redwoodcity.org

Redwood City School District - Workshops for Immigrant Families

- In partnership with LIBRE, Redwood City Together, and Faith in Action, Redwood City 2020 partners at the Redwood City School District are leading a variety of workshops to support immigrant families. These include:
 - Know Your Rights
 - How to build an emergency plan
 - Actions allies can take
 - How to build an immigration case
 - LIBRE workshops about immigrant rights to public benefits and DACA renewal
- Want to participate in or let your community know about these workshops? Contact Michelle Remond mremond@rcsdk8.net.

Support Community Schools Allies in Houston

Recently, the Houston School District reopened its doors to thousands of students who now struggle with the trauma to themselves, their families and their communities due to Hurricane Harvey. Our hearts go out to the children and families severely impacted by one of our nation's worst natural



disasters. Communities in Schools, a partner of the Institute for Educational Leadership and Coalition for Community Schools, has an affiliate in Houston that is working 24/7 to help students and their families get on their feet. Please consider supporting our allies in Houston by making a tax-deductible donation to the [Communities in Schools Houston Harvey Disaster Relief Fund](#).

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