

RAC-LA April Fundraising Update: Community Center Badly Needs Your Support

Dear friends and loyal supporters:

Last month was rough. We were barely able to break even with rent and bills. This month, the community center urgently needs your support to continue its critical community-empowering work—including the Sunday food program.

Please Consider Donating Now! https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=JEXQA6K5YVBM8

A thousand heartfelt thanks to all who have already donated. We truly could not continue our critical work without you.

April 2015 Updates

In addition to becoming an essential launchpad for the Sunday food program, the community center (known affectionately by comrades as “the space”) is currently open for community “business” every day but Thursday.

The community thrift “store” is up and running again, after being on hiatus when comrade Jose, who runs it, was sick for a couple weeks. The “store” gives away all manner of extremely-discounted items to community members for whatever donations they can give. We’ve found new homes for hundreds of quality items, including TVs, appliances, furniture, clothing, books, cookware, and toys—all for a tiny fraction of prices charged at for-profit thrift stores. And we never turn folks away—we accept whatever they can give. Everyone is invited to come shop, or to donate quality items that you know longer need. All proceeds go to paying the rent and keeping the lights on at the space.

Due to some serious labor invested by our comrades Jo and Juan, April saw the almost-completion of several storage-compartment benches that will provide much-needed storage and seating for future events at the space. Come by this month to check out our collective handiwork or to assist in the final steps of assembly.

Other ongoing projects/works-in-progress include:

Soap-making classes

Zumba classes

Print -screening and zine-making, courtesy of LAQR

Study groups

Community forums

Legal clinics

Tutoring

What is RAC-LA?

Revolutionary Autonomous Communities, Los Angeles (RAC-LA) is a totally-grassroots anti-authoritarian community organization that runs a weekly Food Program on Sundays, 10am-5pm, in MacArthur Park, LA. RAC-LA was founded in the aftermath of the brutal police crackdown on the immigrant rights march of May 1st, 2007 when the community decided to organize itself for a better future.

The food program empowers the local community to feed itself, aiding with the distribution of around 200 boxes of free organic food per week. All food is donated by local organic farmers whom our collective supports through labor donation (mutual aid). The food program serves an ethnically-diverse cross-section of the most under-served members of the community, including the poor, the homeless, and the recently-immigrated.

Community members themselves are the backbone of RAC, working in concert with local activists to get this critical work done.

Besides donating, how can I help?

We've got all kinds of projects and programs that could use a helping hand. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Melva (English and Spanish) at racateers@gmail.com for more info.

In Love and Solidarity,

Omar, on behalf of RAC-LA