



June 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friend,

Right now, many families in our community are living with fear.

In recent weeks, local families, many with young children, have faced growing anxiety around ICE raids, detentions, and deportation threats. As an immigrant, a mother, and a nonprofit leader, I feel that fear deeply.

But I also see what happens when a community refuses to stand by.

This past Saturday, we hosted **Manos Unidos**, a special workshop offering free legal consultations, notarizations, and emergency planning resources for immigrant families. One mom left with peace of mind knowing her guardianship documents were signed and notarized, no longer waiting for “someday.”

We’re grateful to our partners for showing up for our families, and to The Fund for Santa Barbara, whose generous grant made this event possible.

Let’s keep showing up for our neighbors, for our children, and for the future we believe in.

In community,
Teresa Alvarez
Executive Director

Manos Unidos: Resources, Resilience & Rights

In response to growing fears around ICE raids and deportations, CCP hosted Manos Unidos, a community event to provide critical legal support and reassurance to immigrant families.

More than 75 people attended, and thanks to our incredible partners—Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara, El Consulado de México, 805 UndocuFund, VC Defensa, Reliant Notary Services, Alarcon Legal, and Carpinteria Public Library—we were able to:

- Offered free legal consultations and notarizations for families
- Ensured follow-up appointments for families needing further immigration guidance
- Provided safe space where people could be heard and seen

A local attorney from the Legal Aid Foundation made time for drop-in attendees, and other partners were able to help more families than originally anticipated. Every consultation, every notarized letter, was a step toward peace of mind.

One mother wrote at our “Tell Us Your Story” table:

“Every day, I walk out the door afraid I won’t come back home to my children. I’ve lived here 25 years, working hard, raising my family and now we’re being told we’re not welcome, that our healthcare might be taken away, that we don’t deserve safety. We’re not criminals. We need support. We need to feel safe.”

—Community member, Carpinteria (translated from Spanish)

Special thanks to **The Fund for Santa Barbara** for sponsoring this event, and to **Yasmin Maya (@BeautyBird)** for providing pan dulce and cafecito. Your support gave families more than just services—it gave them dignity, protection, and hope.



What's New at CCP?

\$100K Grant from the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara

We're thrilled to share that the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara has awarded Carpinteria Children's Project a **\$100,000 grant** to expand access to early childhood education for working families in our community.

This transformational investment will help us provide much-needed scholarships, allowing more children to enroll in our high-quality, dual-language preschool



programs that lay the foundation for lifelong learning and success.

The Women's Fund's commitment to addressing the needs of women, children, and families aligns deeply with our mission, and we're honored to put these funds to work for families who need it most.



Leadership Spotlight

Congratulations to our very own **Teresa Alvarez**, recipient of the **Latino Legacy Award** from Future Leaders of America! We're proud to see her leadership and commitment to equity recognized across the region

Starfish Connection = Direct Aid, Real Impact

Thanks to our partnership with the **Starfish Connection**, \$9,000 in emergency aid was distributed this spring to families in crisis—helping them stay housed, cover urgent childcare costs, and regain stability. One mom could finally rest and bond with her newborn instead of worrying about rent. Another family weathered a health emergency without fear of eviction. This is what happens when systems support families—and when neighbors step up for each other.

Join Our Next Community Tour – July 10

Want to see your impact in action? Come meet our team and tour our campus on **Thursday, July 10**.

Ready to see the impact for yourself?

ECE Highlights: Spring Celebrations & Learning in Motion!

Joy and growth were on full display this season:

At **Spring Sing**, our preschoolers took the stage—nerves and all!—sharing songs from The Carnival of Animals. Little voices filled the room as parents beamed, recording these special moments with pride.

The annual **Jog-a-Thon** was a blur of running feet, laughter, and cheering caregivers. Kids ran for fun, but also to raise funds that go directly back into classroom supplies and enrichment.

Enrollment is open for Fall 2024! There are spots available in our 18-month to 24-month class rooms, starting in August. Our dual-language, play-based programs are designed to prepare kids for kindergarten and beyond.



Community Support Highlights



The **Lions Club** and **Big Red Crane** helped us relocate a playhouse, donating time, energy, and heavy lifting to make it happen.



Two local schools chose CCP as their beneficiary, helping pay it forward to future families. **Cate School** Round Square's board fundraiser raised almost \$2,000 for early

education scholarships. **Canalino School's** Student Council, led by teacher Shana Hargett, raised over \$200 to support families facing housing insecurity through our Family Resource Center.

Together, these acts of service fuel our mission to build healthier families and stronger futures.

Want to get your business involved? We're launching new opportunities for companies, organizations, and individuals who care about early childhood, family resilience, and equity.

Email us to learn more!

Together, We Make This Possible

From six-figure grants to emergency aid, from legal support to joyful preschool moments, *very part of this work depends on community support.*

And the most powerful, reliable support? **Monthly giving.**

Why Give Monthly?

It's simple: your steady support makes steady care possible.

Whether it's a classroom shortfall, a parenting crisis, or emergency aid for a family facing deportation, you help us stay flexible and ready to meet whatever comes next

Monthly donors are our frontline partners in this work. Want to join them?

I'm In for the Long Haul!

[I'm ready to show up, month after month.](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

Sips for Scholarships – September 7, 2025

Save the date! Join us for a special evening to raise funds for early education scholarships and celebrate all we've achieved in support of Carpinteria's kids. More details coming soon!

Community Health Fair – October 2025

We're hosting a family-friendly health fair this fall to connect parents and caregivers with local resources for kids ages 0–5. Stay tuned for more details!

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