Hi all! Sending wishes of health and safety to all as we continue to settle into the school year. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any action/support you need that we might be able to help you get.

**Local**

Earlier this month, an audio leak revealed horrible racist anti-Black and anti-Indigenous comments from members of the LA City Council directed at community members and the children of other council members. The Direct Action Pillar at the Community Engagement Center stands with the Press Statement released by BLM LA.

**Global**

As a pillar at the Community Engagement Center, we stand with the women of Iran who are fighting for their lives in protests sparked by the murder of Mahsa Amini by the morality police. As internet and power is cut out in Iran, we want to uplift the people’s voice. Attached below is a link with more information and words from women on the ground, forced to witness and experience the extreme mental and physical violence.

Listen To The Voices Of A Feminist Revolution In Iran
Four Ways to Help Iranians
Community Mutual Aid

**Emergency Aid:** “Someone in-community was drugged recently and sustained physical injuries attempting to exit the situation. Please give directly, however, whatever you can. Fund will go directly to the person in need.” “Currently seeking to crowdsource for immediate/emergency medical support and pay out of pocket due to lack of insurance. This will also support out of pocket therapy cost.”

Venmo: @Diasporic-Funds Cashapp: $DiasporicFund See photo at the end of the newsletter for more information.

**Help Mia Get Housing:** “Mia [a second year Pitzer student] is seeking $5,000 to help her cover her housing costs and related living costs. This is her first year paying for school and housing on her own and needs some support getting started.” Goal $5,000

Venmo: @MiaSupreme Cashapp: $MiaSupreme GoFundMe: Link

**Help With Mi’Lania’s Funeral Expenses:** TW/ Mi’Lania Skye Pierite was a two year old girl killed by a drunk driver. Linked below is her family’s GoFundMe to help with the funeral expenses and medical debt.

GoFundMe For more information, please watch Mi’Lania’s father’s video. Goal: $250,000

**Show up:** volunteer & opportunities to support community

**Protect Immigrant Whistleblowers from Retaliation:** “There is currently a crisis of labor rights violations affecting immigrant workers nationwide who fear retribution for reporting wage theft, health violations, sexual harassment, and discrimination.” Send a letter advocating for the protection of whistleblowers and activists.

**Stand Against the Adelanto Detention Facility:** “We are asking for your help to advocate for people’s SAFETY. Immigrants are not safe in ICE jails. Adelanto City Council Members continue to allow immigrants to suffer and be exposed to poor air quality, contaminated water, and toxic chemicals.” Take action by signing the petition.

**Puerto Rico:** Puerto Rico is still recovering from the devastating Category 4 Hurricane Maria five years ago and has just been hit by Hurricane Fiona. Read this post by @environment for more information on the effects of the storm. Donations: Taller Salud.
“a woman-led nonprofit based in Loiza Puerto Rico.” Comedores Sociales de Puerto Rico, “a community kitchen fighting food insecurity on the island.”

Support the Pitzer Community Fridge: Attend the weekly community fridge meeting! Tuesdays at 5:30 at the Grove House outdoor classroom. Get involved here: https://tinyurl.com/pzfridgeguidelines

Resources:

CEC Awards and Fellowships: Apply to the CEC monetary award for senior thesis/projects centering round social responsibility! Deadline is November 7th! Complete the application here and be awarded up to $250. The Kallick Community Service Award " is open to all students who have completed 100+ hours of community engagement work over the course of the current academic year. Don’t forget, you can combine your project hours!" See our awards and fellowships page here.

CEC Community Engagement Fund: Includes funds for mutual aid, projects, translation support, and community partners. Fill out the request form now!

CASA Community Funding: CASA Pitzer is proud to announce that we now offer funding for community events and research for Pitzer students, staff, faculty, and community partners! Applications typically range from $200 to $500, but grants can extend to up to $1,500 for high-impact, long-term community programs. For more information on our new funding process and eligibility, please visit https://tinyurl.com/casapzfunding.

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