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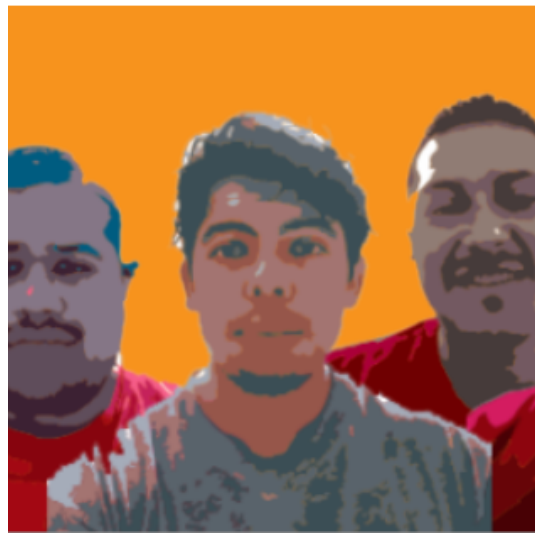
*We envision a world where the fundamental right to move is respected and appreciated by all.
Our view is that all human beings are entitled to respect, documents, and a process through
which to move, settle, and resettle in the world.*



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Pangea Organizers Lead Alongside Detained Immigrants and Exciting New Hires!

**\$40FOR40: [Join Us in Supporting Detained Labor
Strikers in California!](#)**





COST OF PRODUCTS INSIDE DETENTION

Inside detention	Outside detention
 \$3.49 3 oz.	 \$.99 5 oz.
 \$2.85	 \$1.25
 \$12.71 8 oz.	 \$11.05 8 oz.
 \$6.33 8 oz.	 \$3.95 10.57 oz.

LOWER COMMISSARY PRICES!

bit.ly/SupportDetainedStrikers

On April 25, 2022, [immigrant workers detained in California started a labor strike](#) to protest against living and working conditions at the two prison facilities run by the multibillion-dollar corporation GEO Group. [Pangea organizers and attorneys represent and support these workers in their legal matters and in their demands for dignified treatment.](#)

The **undocumented workers are paid only \$1 a day** to clean facilities in deplorable hygiene conditions and are also subject to the exorbitant commissary and tax prices at both detention centers, Mesa Verde and Golden State Annex. **Forty of these immigrants, organized and started a labor strike. They are each asking for \$40 per month** to support them during this difficult time, where many of them have to face retaliation.

Although this work program is in theory voluntary, individuals are punished if they refuse to work or if they protest, with punishments including being locked up in "the hole" -- a tiny, windowless, solitary segregation cell. Moreover, these detained immigrants have no choice but to work in order to buy basic necessities such as phone cards to call their loved ones or food at the detention center's store.

To put an end to these human rights abuses, organizations, including Pangea, and unions formed a [Strike Support Committee to support the demands of these detained migrant workers.](#)

PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS EFFORT! Contact detainedstrikers@gmail.com to get involved.

EDUCATE: visit our website to learn about the strike, demands, and more ways you can take direct action!

DONATE: to the \$40 for 40 fundraising campaign with the goal of collecting funds to support workers on strike!

SHARE: content about the strike! Tweet out, use our IG filter, or join our mailing list!



Check out coverage by [KQED](#), [Daily Kos](#), [Bakersfield.com](#), and [WBAI 99.5 FM](#)

Meet Our Exciting New Hires!



**We are so excited to introduce you to our newest and growing staff!
From left to right, please meet:**

[Jesus Ruiz Diego](#), Community Organizer – a member of our Board since 2015 and Coordinator of the Rapid Response Network in Santa Clara County, Jesus is also now organizing Pangea's non-detained clients to foster community power and ensure everyone's freedom to move!

[Ambri Pukhraj](#), Bird's Eye View / Project Coordinator – a former worker-owner at the Cheese Board Collective [where she not only literally made thousands of pizzas](#)*** but also served on various committees including accountability, conflict resolution, evaluations, hiring, and bookkeeping, Ambri brings new energy and much welcome insight to our horizontal organization!

*** To learn more fun facts about our Staff, follow our [Twitter \(@PangeaLegal\)](#), and keep an eye out for our [Staff Spotlight series!](#)

Why Pangea Has No Executive Director



Image of the Pangea Team on Our Annual Fun Day Retreat

Pangea continues to be an increasingly horizontal organization, starting with its foundation of equal salaries for all staff 9 years ago.

In March 2020, Pangea dropped the use of executive titles altogether and formally became a nonprofit with no executive director! Our founder, Niloufar Khonsari, answers the question of [why our nonprofit has no executive director in their recently published article in *NonProfit Quarterly*](#).



For more, follow them on [Instagram: @niloukhonsari!](#)

We Celebrated Pride Month with a Huge Victory!



This year we kicked off Pride Month with an asylum win for our client*: a trans woman, survivor, activist, and organizer!

At a young age, she participated as one of the leaders of an LGBTQ rights group. She organized protests to demand the release of a trans woman from jail, gave Know Your Rights trainings, and encouraged trans women to join her group's meetings.

This smart, powerful, and brilliant young warrior now has closure from the traumas that she endured. She can now move forward and peacefully live her life here in the United States.

*Name omitted to honor our client's wishes to remain anonymous

Detained Clients & Pangea Team Up with High School Students to Organize BIPOC Art Exhibit!



Drawings and crochet by detained immigrant artists

This past March, students at **Archie Williams High School** in San Anselmo, California, organized their first annual art exhibit, uplifting BIPOC voices, visions, and dreams.

Pangea organizer, [Eunice Hernandez Chenier](#), teamed up with the students to connect them with immigrant leaders detained at the Mesa Verde and Golden State Annex detention centers, with whom she has

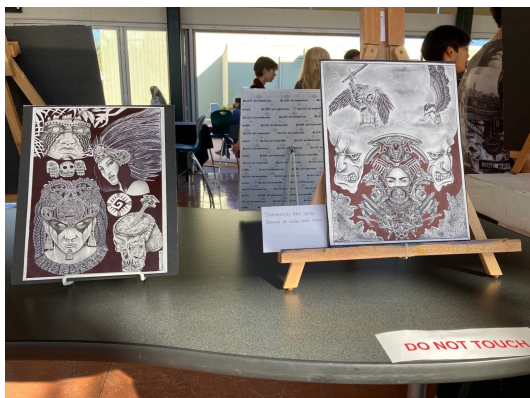
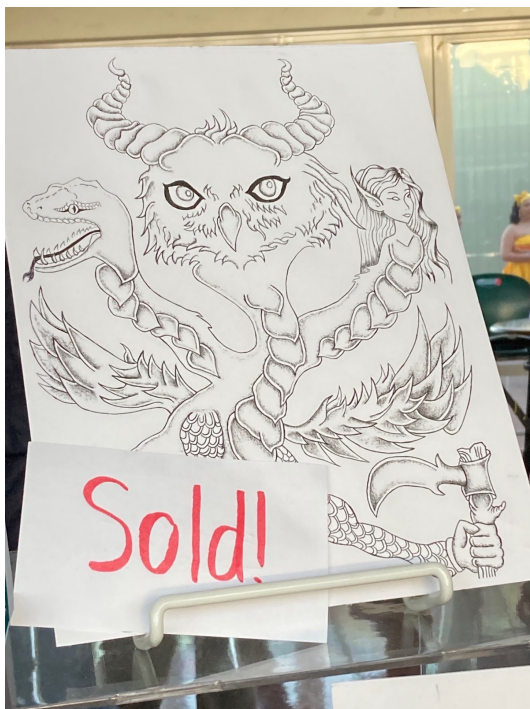
been organizing since starting at Pangea over a year ago.

Through her leadership development meetings with the detained leaders, Eunice learned that they used art as a coping mechanism. When presented with the opportunity to share their art, five artists sent in several works to display at the exhibit.

Almost all of the pieces were sold!

Several of the detained leaders had never shared their art with anyone outside of their family or loved ones, and they felt empowered and inspired by the opportunity to share their works with the high school students.

Proceeds went towards funding art scholarships at the request of the detained immigrant artists.



Roe v. Wade Overturned



At Pangea Legal Services we believe in fair and equal health access for all.

Many of our clients are granted asylum after having their reproductive and bodily rights violated abroad. The Supreme Court's decision to Overturn Roe v. Wade will restrict accessible health resources. Now, where will they and millions of childbearing people in the United States find sanctuary?

"As a racial justice organization, our fidelity is to our clients, not to the laws that oppress them." - East Bay Community Law Center's Statement on the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

We stand with the statement from our partners at EBCLC.

[Read their full statement here: tinyurl.com/ebclcroevwade](https://tinyurl.com/ebclcroevwade)

Here's to Solidarity, The Pangea Family

Ambri, Bianca, Celine, Dalia, Esperanza, Eunice, Gladys, Jessica, Jesus, Luis Angel, Marie, Nilou, Pete, Roxana, Sean, Vanessa, and Ximena



Pangea Legal Services is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are tax deductible. We will put every dollar of your generous contribution to work by providing direct legal services, policy advocacy, and legal empowerment for low income immigrant communities.

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