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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.*

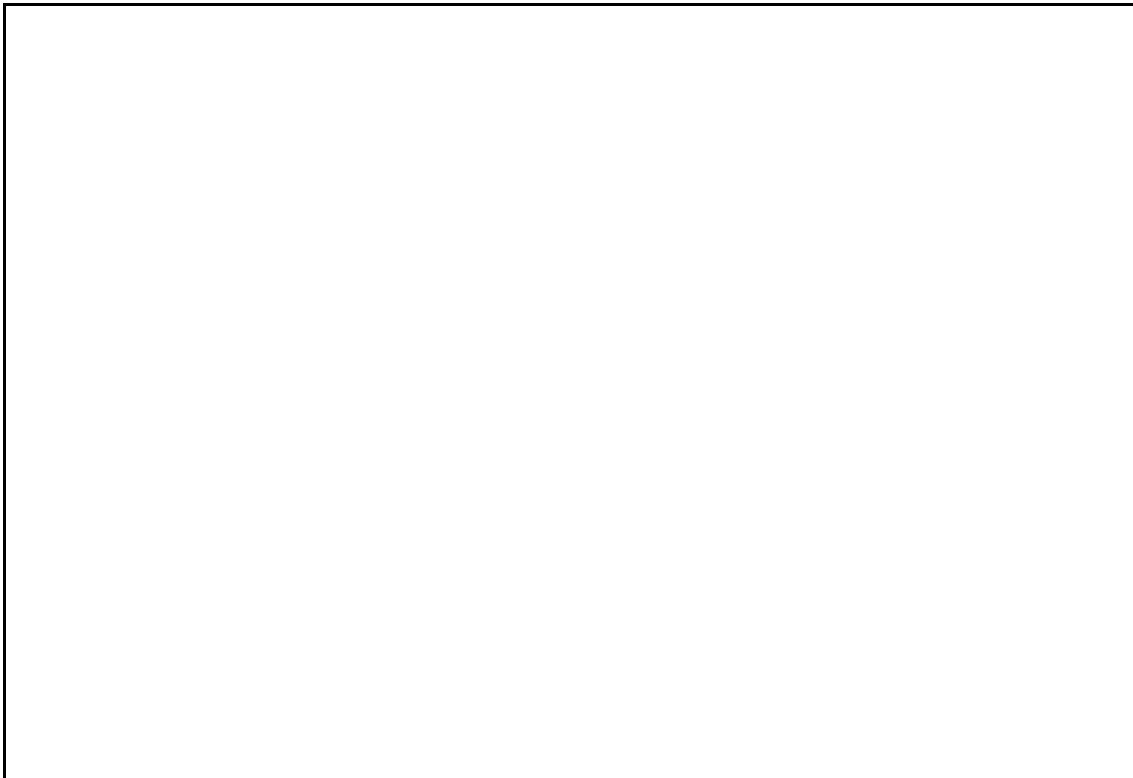


Quarterly Newsletter | December 2022

**Celebrating Our Community
Actions and Our Upcoming
Anniversary Bash (You're
Invited! 🎉)!**

**Pangea is Celebrating a Decade of Cutting-Edge
Immigration Justice Work and YOU'RE INVITED!**

SAVE THE DATE: May 20, 2023!





It's our 10th birthday and we are so proud of our many collective achievements.

Our community, in particular our clients and undocumented organizers, have consistently reminded us to keep a long-term vision for systems change. And we do!

Working at the intersection of disability justice, prison abolition, restorative justice, and immigration, we've developed strategies and initiated projects that spread love, power, and liberation. **We are looking forward to celebrating this huge milestone with you all soon!**

P.S. - This is *not* a fundraiser. We just want to party with you! Please come join us!!!

Labor Strike Update: [The \\$40FOR40 Action is Ongoing!](#)



[Papeles Para Todxs](#), organizers, labor rights activists, and community members outside of the Golden State Annex detention facility showing their support for the detained labor strikers on October 16, 2022.



Detained immigrant laborers have been striking against [deplorable conditions and human rights violations](#) at the GEO-run detention centers in Golden State Annex and Mesa Verde for over seven months!

On October 16, 2022, Pangea joined fellow immigrants, labor rights activists, organizers, and community members from all over California to show support for the detained immigrant labor strikers and denounce the appalling conditions and human rights violations that are still ongoing.

Leaders who had previously been detained met on the outside for the first time and shared their experiences and what it was like to be exploited by ICE and GEO with the media and attendees:

[KQED](#) • [KGTV](#) • [ABC](#)

We will continue to uplift and support the detained strikers until their demands for fair pay and fair treatment are met! 🦊

DONATE TO SUPPORT THE DETAINED WORKERS ON STRIKE



Does your loved one or client want to learn more about labor fights and labor rights? Send them this Know Your Rights guide!

Our New and Innovative Project, "Healing in and Beyond Detention" to Resource Our Communities





Illustration by Mary Tremonte, which appears in the Dissenters' portfolio and booklet, [DE-MIL-I-TA-RISE](#).

In partnership with the [Latinx Therapists Action Network](#) ("LTAN"), we are launching a new restorative justice project that is the very first of its kind!

Immigrants in detention are isolated, harmed, and experience ongoing stigma even after their release. Although immigration detention is technically civil, and not criminal, it is punitive by design and has a negative psychological impact on not only those detained but also generations of children of immigrants:

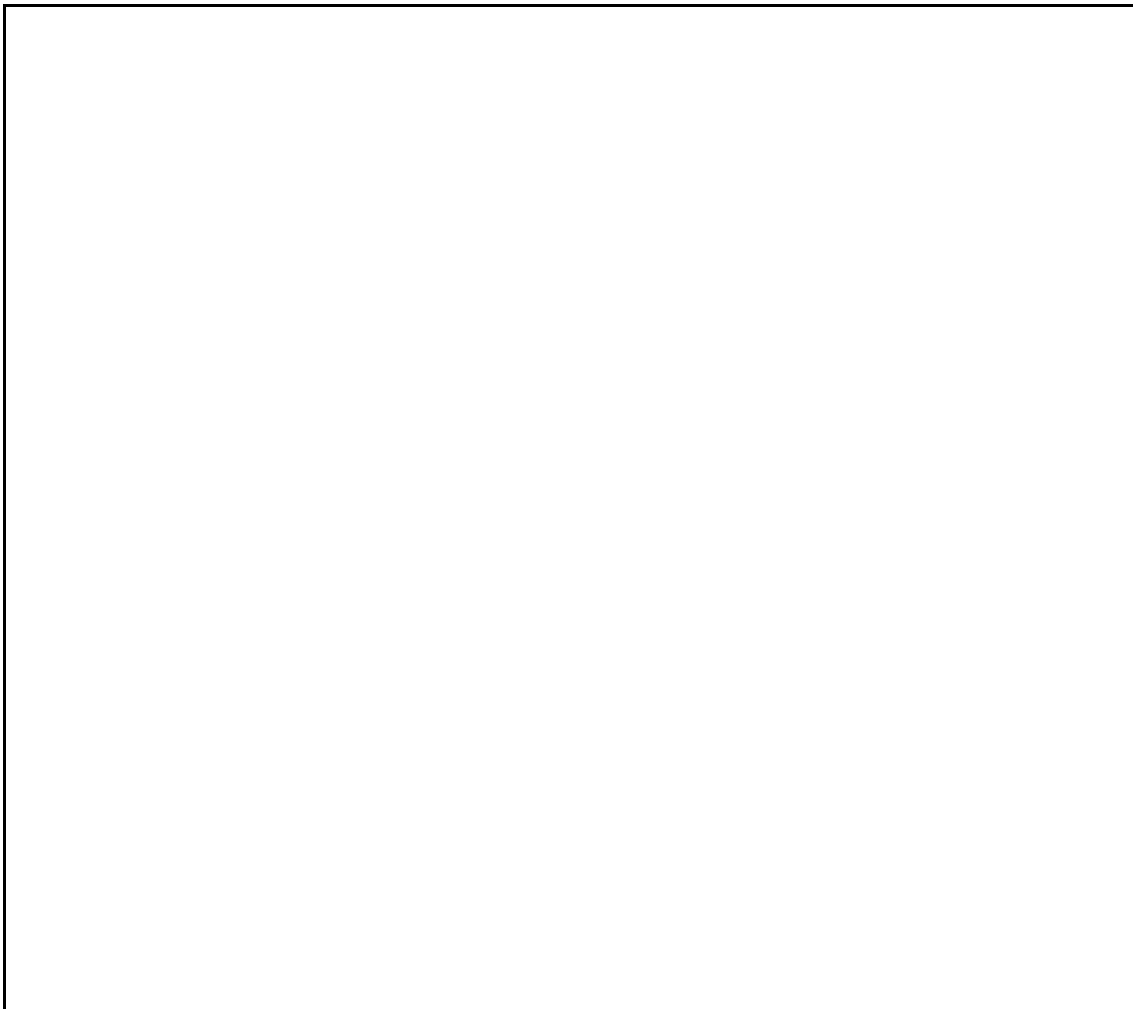
- **People are isolated for 23 hours a day** with very little privacy or protection;

- People who are "lucky" enough to find employment while in detention are **paid no more than \$1 a day**;
- Making calls home is prohibitively expensive!
- **Family separation causes enormous mental health problems**: including stigmatization and shame which accompany the detained person and their families even after release.

We are building out a first-of-its-kind program to support immigrants, during their detention and upon release, to fully reintegrate into their community and to process the trauma they underwent in detention. While this project is novel for immigrant detainees, there are many leaders in this field who have developed restorative and healing justice projects for detainees in the criminal context. We have interviewed indigenous and directly impacted community leaders, restorative justice experts, and healing practitioners to develop this new project plan.

Please Help Support This Crucial Work!

Pangea Receives Two Huge Honors!!!



Community Impact Award - Niloufar Khonsari

Thank you
[@iabanorcal](#) 💕



Niloufar Khonsari receiving the Community Impact Award at the Northern California Iranian Bar Association ("IABA") Gala on October 8, 2022.

The Pangea team is excited to share with you that we were honored with the San Francisco Supervisors Award alongside our inspiring founder, Nilou, who received the IABA Community Impact Award, for the way we collaborate, are guided by, and lead with our immigrant community.

Nilou shared the following reflections as an award recipient and as an Iranian immigrant:

"I've seen over and over again the power that our community has when we show up in masses, together, right here in the U.S., where the punitive prison and deportation system damages our immigrant families more than anywhere in the world.

Time and again, we've moved huge mountains, freed individuals from prison, and built liberation movements - together with undocumented leaders. We've experienced as much struggle as sweetness in our victories. Reuniting families, children, and loved ones through collective power and action. Collectively, we continue to make impossible legal victories possible.

Here's to the women and girls and people in Iran (queer, nonbinary, and trans Iranians, I see you 🍌) right now making history.

Here's to your struggle and here's to your collective power and victory! We're here in solidarity 💖

#WomanLifeFreedom #jinaamini #mahsaamini #evinmassacre #abolishprisons #abolishice"

Follow Nilou on Social Media for More!



🌟 Passing Forward the Honor 🌟

PANGEA LEGAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

**Honoring Our Valuable
Volunteer Translators**

Nicole Hernandez-Gatti, Spanish

Yancy Cruz, Spanish

Dana Ruiz Cabrera, Spanish

Kelsey Monroy, Spanish

William Smock, French

Lupe Menchaca, Spanish

Yolanda Badillo, Spanish

**THANK YOU FOR BEING AN ESSENTIAL
COMMUNITY PARTNER**



In light of this amazing recognition, the Pangea Legal Services team would love to pass on the honor and uplift our essential community partners who have impacted our work and, in turn, our diverse immigrant community. We are creating a regular column in our newsletter for Community Impact Awards going forward!

In this first iteration, **Pangea would like to express its gratitude to our team of fierce volunteers who translate a wide range of documents for our client's immigration cases. Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds -- they are students, professionals, parents, and retirees. Their translations have been crucial to compiling and winning a variety of cases before immigration court and USCIS. We are eternally grateful for the time and dedication our volunteers put into their work!**

Want to get involved and make a difference in the immigrant community and make a lasting impact in the lives of our clients? **This is YOUR invitation to [join our group of esteemed volunteer translators!](#)**

Our Movement Continues to Grow: Meet Our New Hires!



A former coordinator of the Attorney of the Day program serving unrepresented respondents in the San Francisco Immigration Court, Jocelynn is passionate about advocating for the right to move and due process for all!

**Jocelynn Cerda,
Paralegal**



A former senior paralegal, she is excited to bring her years of removal defense experience and paralegal skills to Pangea and continue advocating for clients in removal proceedings. She also lives by the saying, "cats are like potato chips, you can't just have one" and is a cat mom of three!

**Nallely Romayor
Reynoso,
Paralegal**



A previous superstar intern at Pangea, she is rejoining us as a newly admitted attorney to kickstart our post-conviction relief and disability justice program for immigrants of San Mateo County! Her previous experience as a supervising legal assistant demonstrates her dedication and experience to supporting immigrants in their fight against deportation and criminalization. In her spare time, she spoils her dog, Churro, who is TikTok famous!

**Victoria Sun,
Staff Attorney**

We invite you to build on all of these accomplishments with us and expand our human rights work in 2023! We need your help to stay strong and to keep on winning!

DONATE TODAY!



[Please give a tax-deductible donation](#) before the end of the year to help us continue to grow our impact for our immigrant community in 2023!!!

And thanks to the many of you who already donated or are giving monthly. Through monthly support, you really help make our work sustainable in the long term. THANK YOU!

Here's to Solidarity and with Much Love, The Pangea Family

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



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