

Puente de la Costa Sur

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Puente de la Costa Sur serves a geographically isolated region located on the south coast of San Mateo County. The service area, centered around the town of Pescadero, covers about 160 undeveloped square miles, located fifty miles south of San Francisco. Most of the individuals and families served by Puente are Mexican farm and nursery workers and their families, as well as the region's low-income Anglo singles, seniors, and families. Puente provides a wide array of educational, clothing, food, and emotional supports.

The Bridge Fellowship

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The Guerneville Community UCC church supports a Street Church ministry that serves the 200 to 300 homeless and other low income residents in Guerneville. Named for the bridge across the Russian River where services are held, the Bridge Fellowship provides support, worship, communion, and meals.

Shalom Free Clinic

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The Shalom Free Clinic has been open since February 2006 and serves about 75 clients weekly. The clinic is staffed by about 500 volunteers representing many faith communities in the surrounding area. The clinic is housed in the education building of the Congregational Church of Chico, UCC, and sees clients on Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m. The clinic's mission is to provide under-insured and uninsured children, teens, and adults with health screening, primary care interventions, health service, and education. The clinic is co-sponsored by the Chico Havurah and the Congregational Church of Chico, UCC. NIN funds were designated to purchase a much needed sink for use by the medical personnel.

Your gifts to California Neighbors in Need provide grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to organizations like these. Grants are renewable up to three years.

Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM)

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FIRM's ministry seeks to promote hope, strength and self-determination in refugee communities. In the past year, FIRM helped 5,200 of Fresno's Southeast Asian, Slavic, and African refugee families with employment, elder citizenship, health, housing rights, and neighborhood and preschool programs in one of America's poorest regions. Sophia DeWitt works as Director of Health, Housing and Senior Services Programs. NIN funds will provide particular support to FIRM's housing and community organizing work, improving health, safety and civic engagement among refugee populations.

The California Council of Churches & IMPACT

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The Sacramento based California Council of Churches provides education on legislative action that affects social justice for California citizens. IMPACT works actively to influence legislative change.

How you can help

Please consider making a generous donation to the California Neighbors and the national UCC Neighbors in Need offerings.

The local 2009 grantees listed inside are community based organizations with local UCC congregational participation, helping.....

- * The sick
- * The homeless
- * The immigrant
- * Children and youth
- * The environment

All of these grantees are available and eager to talk to your congregation about the social justice work they do, and how you can help. Please invite them to tell you their stories.

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Through our Neighbors in Need Offerings

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