

FREEDOM FOR IMMIGRANTS



POWERED BY THE PEOPLE

Freedom for Immigrants (FFI) is devoted to ending the deadly practice of caging people for their civil immigration process by supporting the survival, dignity, and powerful leadership of those most impacted by this profit-driven system.

A successful Annual Appeal will enable FFI to continue to grow and contribute to the movement for abolition.

GOAL:
\$400,000

Your contribution will support ongoing and future efforts like..

- Developing Laura's vision for FFI by resourcing and following the leadership of detained advocates
- Funding for full-time, fully paid fellowships to people with lived experience in immigration detention
- Sharing the experiences and expertise of people impacted by immigration detention with new audiences
- Posting bond to reunite impacted people with their communities
- Providing free unmonitored access to our National Immigration Detention Hotline
- Exposing human rights abuses and substandard conditions in detention
- Supporting legislation to reduce and end immigration detention

MONITORING AND VISITATION



Provided **3** fellowships to previously detained people

Added **3** new visitation groups to FFI's National Visitation Network

9 Direct Advocacy volunteers

17 Direct Advocacy Complaints submitted by volunteers

A core component of FFI's fight for abolition, we monitor human rights abuses and overall conditions inside immigration detention as part of a broader strategy to amplify the voices, experiences, and leadership of people inside through integrated advocacy campaigns. The vast majority of detention centers are operated in remote areas far away from the families, social services and legal help that people inside need to survive and complete their cases. To combat this intentional isolation, we convene the National Visitation Network—a network of grassroots groups across the country offering immediate support to people inside. FFI supports the Visitation Network by providing resources, training, technical assistance, capacity-building and leadership development.

POLICY ADVOCACY

Co-coordinated a Defund Hate briefing with Rep. Ilhan Omar and **56** partners

Co-organized a briefing on immigrants detention with

198 congressional offices

Secured **63** co-sponsors for NY Dignity Not Detention Act

We conduct legislative and administrative advocacy aimed at abolishing immigration detention by: 1) strengthening oversight, 2) reducing the size and scale of the detention system through legislation and the federal budget, and 3) investing in community-based services as alternatives for freedom. As part of our national strategy, FFI also supports state-based legislation to end the practice of detention, like in California, New Jersey, and New York.



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Dear Friends, Supporters, and Allies:

As people around the world continue to struggle for survival and against oppression, Freedom for Immigrants is evolve in the hope that our fight for true freedom for all people will provide much-needed relief to our communities.

We thank you for your support of our mission to end immigration detention nationwide and hope you will continue to join us in this fight. As we enter a bold new chapter at FFI, we're thrilled to introduce our new Annual Appeal: **Freedom for Immigrants Until Everyone is Free: Powered by the People.**

First, I would like to honor and acknowledge the history of the phrase, "All Power to the People," originally coined by the Black Panther Party (BPP). Co-Founder and Minister of Defense for the BPP, Huey P. Newton, wrote this in his autobiography:

"Another expression that helped to raise Black People's consciousness is 'All Power to the People'. It was coined by the Black Panther Party...the slogan 'All Power to the People' sums up our goals for Black People, as well as our deep love and commitment to them."

Our "Powered by the People" campaign will be crucial to funding the work we are moving toward, work which includes not just centering those with lived experience, but following their leadership, engaging with organizers on the inside to dismantle carceral systems from within, while fighting for true racial equity. We will work in solidarity with Black migrants and engage our communities in new ways that celebrate their deep knowledge of organizing and joyful resistance.

We hope you will join us in this movement and align yourselves with the people to bring dignity to our communities and ourselves. Our work is powered by people. And we cannot do this work without you.

In Solidarity,

Laura Hernandez
Executive Director
Freedom for Immigrants



NATIONAL IMMIGRATION DETENTION HOTLINE:

Over **180** hotline volunteers answered calls in **26** Languages

Nearly **40,000** calls received by volunteers

44 Civil Right and Civil Liberties Complaints filed by volunteers

6 Monitoring and Hotline Interns



The National Immigration Detention Hotline is the nation's largest immigration detention hotline, connecting people inside to a team of trained hotline volunteers who provide compassionate support, ethically record their personal testimonies, and build solidarity for their organizing efforts. FFI's 180+ Hotline Volunteers are able to support over 1,800 callers in a given month. Our volunteers provide callers with referrals for further support, prepare and file federal civil rights complaints, identify cases of extreme neglect or abuse for direct advocacy campaigns, and report abuses and dehumanizing conditions in detention centers, all while building and strengthening relationships with people inside as a form of resistance.

IMMIGRATION BOND FUND

Reunited **28** individuals with their communities by posting nearly **\$300,000** in immigration bonds

2 Immigration Bond Fund Interns

Through our National Immigration Detention Bond Fund, FFI posts bonds in California and Louisiana for those who are most vulnerable. We know that Black and brown immigrants, people with medical and mental health conditions, and members of the LGBTQ+ community, are most likely to face neglect, abuse, and prejudicial violence while in custody. Posting bond gives them their first opportunity to fight deportation with the support of their community.



NARRATIVE CHANGE AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

658 media hits in print and digital media outlets, and dozens more on TV and radio

Generating in **19,609** engagements from reporters and news outlets on social media

Resulting in an average of **4.51** million unique views on print and digital media outlets per month

