

**SA STANDS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:** *presented by Rachael Cundey*

The yearly SA Stands Retreat was held Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. We reaffirmed our priorities for the new year as immigrant legal defense, community education on alternatives to police, and requesting actions from the city council to support immigrants in San Antonio.

SA Stands held their final Eastside Cafecito on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We learned about deescalating conflict, particularly in the setting of a protest. Cafecitos will resume next year on the Southside.

At our last Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, we considered a proposal to give \$15,000 to SA Stands. Friends decided to season the idea and requested more information. The coalition was happy to answer our questions about a potential contribution from the Meeting. Their response is below:

Our fiscal sponsor is Centro por la Justicia (legal name, known as Southwest Workers Union in the community), and they are a 501(c)3. They have a separate bank account for SA Stands funds and are willing to continue as our fiscal sponsor for future grants/donations.

SA Stands' recent growth has allowed us to strengthen our capacity by funding internships, upgrading technology, and covering essential infrastructure costs such as website fees and digital tools for outreach and event promotion through May 2026. We hope to sustain this progress by securing support for a Fall 2026 internship and continued coverage of our technology expenses.

We are currently providing funds to our member organizations for direct support to impacted community members and events related to the increase in immigration enforcement. Examples of relevant events include Know Your Rights presentations, family preparedness workshops, and legal clinics. Member organizations apply with a description of the event/support and who they hope to reach.

Thank you for exploring the possibility of making a contribution to the coalition.