



ACT For Women and Girls



Dear Supporters

Life in the Central Valley is not without challenges, particularly for our *comunidad*. While the multi-year pandemic and life after Roe v. Wade hits hard in many places, our team's commitment to show up for each other and our beloved community is strong! Our people are among the most creative, resourceful and courageous... ***iy le echamos ganas!***

ACT for women and girls connects community members to opportunity and resources year-round and 2022 is no different. We've been on task fostering networks of care, sharing skills, getting out the vote and engaging individuals and families across Reproductive Justice issues. Take a look at the incredible work we've done this year:



Mutual aid efforts helped people meet an immediate need or life challenge by distributing \$5,000 in cash assistance to 15 individuals, largely LGBTQIA+, BIPOC young parents. This level of support made things like bill payments, car repairs, supplies to welcome a new baby and more possible. Participants shared about their struggles and gratitude with us:

"My family is behind on rent right now due to work hours getting cut. Thank you for the help to cover necessities."

"I gave birth a few weeks ago and am currently out of work, thankful for ACT's program supporting teen moms."

"I live 20 miles from my workplace and could use this money to get my car running again so I can get back to work."

EZE Boxes gives people access to personal and intimate care items that can be difficult to afford, such as masks and hand sanitizer, condoms, safer sex kits, emergency contraception, menstruation care products and more. In the fall/winter drive, nearly 40 individuals are set to receive supplies and a similar amount is planned for early 2023. One participant shared:

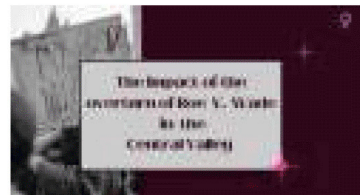
"Thank you so much for doing this for our community!!! Y'all are helping me as well as so many other people I know stay safe! "



RJ Collective Launch

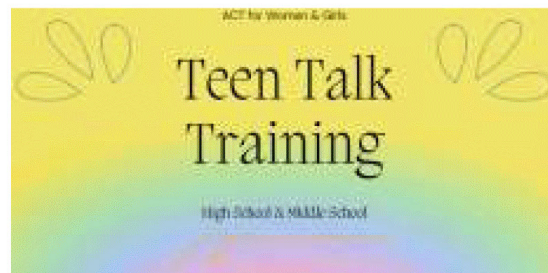


Youth Leaders Rosaura, Jhovana and Alexis led this summer's RJ Collective



Presentation: The Impact of the Overturn of Roe V Wade in the Central Valley

The RJ Collective cultivates youth leadership by co-creating safe and healing-centric spaces with queer youth of color who help lead dialogue and workshops. Three young activists have emerged from these spaces and continue to engage peers in this important work.



Our **Comp Sex Ed** efforts gives Middle School and High School students increased access to medically accurate and gender expansive information as well as tools on youth sexual health by training five school nurses. This model allows teaching and administrative staff to train locally without the need to travel to larger cities and impacts countless youth across Tulare County, including rural communities.



Year-round **Civic Engagement** informed and mobilized community members on key issues, including mental health resources, sex ed,

abortion access and the herstorical Prop. 1, which voters approved and successfully adds the right to abortion and contraceptive use to the state constitution.

We made **34,908 calls** and held **9,819 conversations** with voters. We sent **1,813 text messages** encouraging people to participate civically and secured **2,227 pledges** from voters. We did it all alongside our youth! This is what some of them had to say about the journey:

“This was a wonderful campaign and it made me feel like I had a way to help during this post Roe v Wade time. This has been such a meaningful and important campaign!

“It felt really good to be able to both be involved with meaningful advocacy work within the Central Valley and to support myself financially through the process. So thank you for investing in the community in that way.”

“It felt like such a safe and supportive environment to work on important and sensitive issues. I felt completely supported along the way and also that I as a person mattered, not just my labor or hours.”

This work impacts countless lives in our community and we continue to advance our Reproductive Justice mission –relentlessly and with pride! At ACT, we are super excited about what 2023 brings and look forward to updating you. **Stay tuned.**

We are also grateful to our supporters for contributing to the Fall fundraising campaign! You can still donate if you missed the opportunity to support during the drive. **Please consider [making a contribution today in the range of \\$25-\\$50](#) – or any amount you feel it’s doable for you.** Everything we raise by Dec. 31st will support programming in 2023. Together, we are doing great things in the new year. Join us!

Thank you for being involved and contributing to ACT’s success!
These wins are yours.

In community,

Caroline Farrell

Board Chair

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