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Council for the Homeless, LULAC, and Latino Leadership NW Partner to Provide Rental Assistance for Families Impacted by ICE

VANCOUVER, Wash. (November 24, 2025) — Council for the Homeless (CFTH) has partnered with the Southwest Washington League of United Latin American Citizens Council 47013 (SWWA LULAC Council 47013) and the Latina Leadership NW (LLNW) to offer rental assistance to households experiencing financial hardship after detention or deportation of a family member by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Through this partnership, CFTH has allocated \$50,000 from its budget to support families who have lost income due to the detainment or deportation of a primary wage earner. SWWA LULAC Council 47013 will lead the eligibility process, verifying ICE-related interruptions and connecting families to the rental assistance program, where CFTH will distribute rental payments to help stabilize families at risk of eviction.

“We recognize the sudden loss of a family member due to ICE abductions can be devastating,” said Sunny Wonder, chief operating officer for CFTH. “Our partnership with LULAC and Latino Leadership NW ensures families experiencing this crisis can receive culturally responsive, rapid support to help maintain their housing.”

This limited CFTH funding represents an urgent, short-term response. Additional community support is needed. As ICE raids continue to impact families in Clark County, the need for rental assistance and community-based stabilization far exceeds currently available resources.

“We are grateful to partner with Council for the Homeless and Latino Leadership NW to support families facing these traumatic disruptions,” said Andy Lara, President of SWWA LULAC Council 47013. “Our priority is to protect our community

and keep people in their homes, while ensuring that our community members feel seen, supported, and safe.”

“Our families are carrying unimaginable fear and grief in the wake of these ICE kidnappings,” said Diana Avalos-Leos, director of LLNW. “This partnership makes it so no one has to navigate this trauma alone. Together, we are providing stability, dignity, and a lifeline for families who deserve to remain housed and hopeful.”

If the detention or deportation of a family member by ICE has made it difficult for you or someone you know to maintain rent payments, please call or text SWWA LULAC Council 47013 at (503) 388-5356 for assistance, or email LLNW Outreach and Engagement Manager, Yesenia Martinez, at yesenia@latinoleadershipnw.org.

Organizations and donors interested in supporting families affected by ICE are encourage to contribute to these efforts, reach out to Council for the Homeless, LULAC or Latino Leadership NW by emailing Sunny at swonder@councilforthehomeless.org, Andy at president@lulacvancouver.org, and Diana at director@latinoleadershipnw.org.

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About Council for the Homeless: Council for the Homeless (CFTH) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in Clark County, WA, by providing community leadership, compelling advocacy, and practical solutions to solve homelessness on an individual and community level. Founded in 1989, CFTH serves as the lead agency and coordinated entry for delivery of homeless services through the Continuum of Care for Homeless Services in Clark County, WA.