

HOUSE FARM WORKERS!

2025

Impact Report



Founded in 2004, our organization is dedicated to supporting affordable, safe, and stable housing for Ventura County farm workers and their families.



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Youth

Youth Leadership Program

House Farm Workers! meets monthly with the youth at One Step A La Vez in Fillmore. During these monthly meetings, our Executive Director engages the already-advocating youth with an activity or community guest speaker to cover housing and agriculture-related topics, including the process of developing housing and how to advocate for it in their community and all communities in Ventura County.

This program was sponsored by Bank of the Sierra

CSUCI Collaborative Immersion Project

House Farm Workers! and the CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI) Center for Community Engagement partnered with Reiter Affiliated Companies and Cabrillo Economic Development Corp. to provide an immersion opportunity for CSUCI students focused on the farm worker experience, agriculture, and farm worker housing.

15

**CSUCI College
Students**

150

Farm Workers

300

**Community
Members**

Community Events

House Farm Workers! booths at community events allow for the distribution of materials, such as our farm worker housing resource sheet. Booths are an opportunity to talk with the grower, farm worker, and housing communities. Our staff is available at booths to speak with farm workers about affordable housing and how to apply for it.

Film Showings

House Farm Workers! provides film showings upon request to community groups of our films, *From Harvest to Home*, *Heroes Work Here* and *Hey Neighbor*. We also show the films annually to our City and Youth Groups for feedback.

90

**Community
Members**

50

**Children of
Farm Workers**

Partnership with Santa Paula Art Museum for the Home/Land Project

“My Home/My Land” is a community outreach project by the Santa Paula Art Museum executed in partnership with *House Farm Workers!* and generously funded by *California Humanities*. “My Home/My Land” invites our local farm worker community to contribute their voices and art to the annual “Art About Agriculture” exhibition.

Countywide Forum

House Farm Workers! held a County-Wide Forum that hosted speakers from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Merrit Capital, California Housing Partnership, Housing California, Limoneira, King & King Ranch, Ventura County Civic Alliance, Friends of Fieldworkers, and UC Davis.

Presenters and panelists discussed the current state of housing, the agricultural economy, and the creation of additional affordable housing.

This event was sponsored by U.S. Bank

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**Community
Members**

75

**Housing
Professionals**

Developer Roundtable

House Farm Workers! held a community discussion on how to build housing for farm workers. Reviewing the obstacles, opportunities, and best practices.

This event was sponsored by Mechanics Bank

Farm Worker Housing Resource Fair

House Farm Workers, in collaboration with Limoneira, held a housing resource fair where farm workers could meet with multiple affordable housing providers in one central location and apply for housing. This event was sponsored by McCune, Dave Ward, Somis Ranch Apartments, Cabrillo

Economic Development Corporation, Ventura County Community Foundation, and Ocean Air

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Farmworkers

10

**Community
Members**

City Committees

House Farm Workers! has established committees in Ventura, and Oxnard. These volunteer-driven committees are the heart of the organization and have played a critical role in advocating on behalf of the farm worker community since 2004. The city groups mobilize public support, engage public officials, and collaborate with other grassroots organizations to ensure affordable housing for farm workers.

Affordable Housing Task Force Groups

The Santa Paula Affordable Housing Task Force (SPAHTF) is a diverse group of Santa Paula residents and affordable housing experts from throughout Ventura County. The task force works closely with the Santa Paula City Planners, to give effective input to the General Plan, Housing Element updates, and advocate for revisions to zoning codes and other housing policies, regulations, and fees.

The Fillmore and Piru Task Force (FPTF) was formed in 2022 by ***House Farm Workers!*** to address the Fillmore Housing Element 2021-2029 Update.

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**Community
Members**

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Stakeholders

Ventura County Farmworker Housing Study and Action Plan

Phase 3 Results and Phase 4 Kickoff

House Farm Workers!, in partnership with the County of Ventura, began a Countywide Farm Worker Housing Study and Action Plan in Fall 2021, to identify housing needs of farmworkers in the County and consider alternate solutions to improve and develop much-needed farm worker housing throughout the County. A survey of 417 farm workers was completed, and consulting firm BAE Urban Economics created the Ventura County Farmworker Study – Phase 2 and 3 Survey Summary Report, along with a presentation summarizing the results, which was widely shared in 2024 and 2025. Phase 4 community engagement began this year and will continue into next year.

This project is coordinated and funded by the Southern California Association of Governments, the County of Ventura, all ten cities within the county, the Thelma Hansen Fund, and the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC).

Ellen Brokaw Scholarship

The Ellen Brokaw ***House Farm Workers!*** Scholarship is awarded each year to college-bound or current college students whose parents are farm workers in Ventura County. This scholarship reflects our commitment to making sure our farm worker families can thrive.

The scholarship is named in honor of Ellen Brokaw, founding chairwoman of ***House Farm Workers!***

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Students

125

Community Members

Farmworker Resource Fairs

House Farm Workers! in collaboration with Friends of Fieldworkers, hosted two farmworker resource fairs that included speakers from United Farm Workers and Mariposa Advocacy and Legal Services. Other local community based organizations provided services or information during these events.

This event was sponsored by McCune, and Ventura County Credit Union

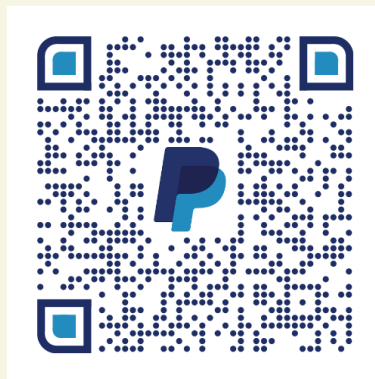
Developer Training

House Farm Workers, in collaboration with Mariposa Advocacy and Legal Services, held a training session for local affordable housing developers and managers

This event was sponsored by McCune

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Developers and managers



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