



CENTER FOR FARMWORKER FAMILIES

The purpose of the Center for Farmworker Families is to promote awareness about the difficult life circumstances of binational families while proactively inspiring improvement in binational family life both in the United States and in Mexico.

Center for Farmworker Families is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization

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Oaxacan Community Shed

Supporting Farmworkers in Watsonville

About the Farmworkers:

Have you ever been curious about the history of the fruits, vegetables and nuts that we fill our refrigerators and kitchen shelves with? Where and how were these essential food sources on your table grown?



Many people concerned with the health impacts of the food supply seek out produce and nuts that are organic and non-transgenic. Newer markets carry an abundant supply of the desired produce. However, almost no one asks about, is concerned about, or even questions whether or not the farmworkers responsible for our food supply live socially just lives. Most are invisible to mainstream America. As undocumented economic refugees of North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), they live in the shadows; constantly fearing deportation. The farmworkers live in crowded households with their family members and other Oaxacans who contribute to the household by providing a share of the monthly rent for overpriced substandard dwellings.

Most farmworkers work six days per week; up to thirteen hours per day and experience grinding poverty; barely surviving on an average of \$12,000 per year. Oaxacan farmworkers are among the most impoverished of farmworkers in the region and suffer discrimination both from the society at large and even from other farmworkers.

About the Oaxacan Community Shed:

The Oaxacan Community Shed, located in central Watsonville, California, is supporting the most recent Oaxacan farmworker family arrivals. Thanks to the generous donations from concerned individuals, Center for Farmworker Families stocks the shed monthly with basic necessities that farmworkers cannot afford to purchase.

A recent survey of farmworker families indicated that more than 40 families with variable numbers of children visit the Oaxacan shed at least monthly. Items that are most needed include baby diapers in all sizes, baby wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, rice, beans, shampoo, bath soap, laundry detergent and dish soap. The families are so in need of these essential items that they travel to the shed from as far away as Castroville, Salinas, Los Baños, and Las Lomas (distances range of 16 to 70 miles).

To Learn more, please visit FarmworkerFamily.org/community-shed

Over the past year, the Oaxacan Community Shed has become a central location for meetings, disseminating information impacting the community, providing medical services, science and math tutoring, English classes, a Girl Scout Boutique project in which teen girls can acquire needed clothing for school, and the distribution of school supplies for children in August; prior to the onset of the school year.

Center for Farmworker Families needs **your help** to continue to stock the community shed and support the many social programs that occur at the shed location. We appreciate monetary donations and donations of the essential items listed in this brochure. You can drop items off at one of several drop-off locations. Please visit FarmworkerFamily.org/community-shed or contact us at Contact@farmworkerfamily.org for drop off locations and how to donate items.

Items Needed:

- *Clothing (for all ages/sizes)*
- *Household items*
- *Toys*
- *Baby items/Wipes/Diapers*
- *Shop/Shampoo/Laundry*
- *Toilet Paper*
- *Towels*