Update from Executive Director Sarah Shikes
RE: COVID-19 (coronavirus)

Similar to many Colorado nonprofit organizations whose mission is the welfare and rights of those living with low incomes and working in low wage jobs, Centro Humanitario is being challenged to make adjustments to programming due to Covid 19. The organization is making decisions that balance the need to keep our community safe and slow the spread of the virus, with minimizing the impact for workers who already face extreme challenges in accessing resources to address their basic needs, creating barriers to economic opportunity (food, housing, health care, transportation).

Yesterday, El Centro made the decision to temporarily close our center until further notice, Workers have been notified today and this week that as of Wednesday March 18th El Centro staff will be working remotely to ensure the following:

1- Members enrolled in the Employment Program who are willing and able to work are connected to jobs and are educated on how to mitigate the spread of illness at work and in their daily lives.

2- Members remain connected and updated through ongoing communication: posting updates on the door of the building at 2260 California, Facebook, phone calls and mass text.

3- All meetings and gatherings have been suspended until further notice (Open House, Member Assemblies and Meetings)

4- Staff and volunteers will be busy developing a plan for Rapid Response to mitigate the economic impact for workers during a time when jobs will be scarce and they will not be receiving income.

Please stay tuned for more information, for immediate questions and concerns or to offer help, please contact myself or Program Director Tony Lemus by email.

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If you are a member or in need of a resource, please call 303-292-4115, if we do not answer please leave a message with a way to contact you.

If you are interested in hiring a worker during the next few weeks please submit your request online, call and leave a message at 303-292-4115 or email info@centrohumanitario.org.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and love of humanity!

Sarah Shikes
Executive Director