

# Providing Basic Needs and Building Resilient Communities

California's Imperial Valley and Central Valley face some of the harshest environmental conditions in the country. Families live with unsafe drinking water, polluted air from pesticide drift and dust, and extreme heat intensified by aging infrastructure. These communities—home to immigrant farmworkers who power California's agricultural economy—continue to fight for basic conditions every household deserves.

**Los Angeles Times**  
Farmworkers keep dying from heat illness, 20 years after California vowed to protect them

**IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS**  
Imperial County Public Health urges vigilance as heat-related illnesses on rise

GoFundMe.org partnered with two trusted, community-rooted organizations—**Central California Environmental Justice Network (CCEJN)** and **Comité Cívico del Valle (CCV)**—to deliver immediate, life-changing relief to families in the Salton Sea, Five Points, and San Joaquin regions.

This initiative does more than respond to urgent needs. It strengthens local resilience, mobilizes community leaders, and directs resources to places too often overlooked. Most importantly, it helps families **right now**—providing clean air, clean water, and protection from dangerous heat.

**Because every family deserves safety, dignity, and a healthy environment.**

## Program Impact (2025)

**546** air purifiers distributed, improving indoor air quality for families living with severe pollution

**127** homes equipped with reverse-osmosis filtration, delivering clean, reliable drinking water



PHOTO: Central California Environmental Justice Network

Over **3,400** residents in the Central and Imperial Valleys with cleaner air, water and protection from extreme heat

**257** cooling systems installed so far, with more underway—providing essential protection from extreme heat

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