We Keep Us Safe

On Friday, September 20, over 2,000 people, mostly students, gathered in Robinson Park to raise their voices for climate justice. When youth led hundreds to march down Central, nearly two dozen of us in yellow vests were right there with them. When a police officer said, “If you get hit by a car, it’s your own fault,” over a loudspeaker before leaving with the police escort because of a slight change in route, we stayed and made sure all of the marchers got back to the park safely.

In just one week, Peace and Justice Center staff trained over 50 peacekeepers, safety team members, and legal observers who protected and supported activists in Rio Rancho, at the NM United Against Trump rally in Albuquerque, and at the Climate Strike. People went home safe after each event. In the wake of these events, we’ve received several requests to train more people to keep each other safe. It’s clear that community presence is needed, and with your support we can meet that need. If you’re up for supporting training that is both accessible and sustainable, please consider a monthly donation to support that work.

Our training is rooted in principles of nonviolence and direct action. Those principles guide us to take collective action to change our circumstances without handing power to anyone else. We shift power dynamics away from power-over, and toward power-with. We take action for collective liberation, and when needed, we put our bodies at risk to model a world that works for everyone. We recognize that in order to shift 500+ years of imperialism, racism, and patriarchy that aims to divide and conquer communities, we must begin by building relationships and practicing collective decision-making.

As much as any time in our history, we need more people taking nonviolent direct action. We have the space and the opportunity to be a part of building the capacity we need for the change we want to see in this world. With your support, we can make it happen. Please email questions, ideas, or requests for training to jiva@abqpeaceandjustice.org and monique@abqpeaceandjustice.org.

Photos of Climate Strike courtesy Martha Engberg. For more photos, check out 350 NM’s album at fb.com/350NM

Send your submissions for monthly newsletter to monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org by the 20th of the month prior to your event. Send submissions for web calendar to web@abqpeaceandjustice.org. Contact Coordinator at abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.
## Regularly Scheduled Events—held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted

### MONDAYS

| 350NM.org | 1st & 3rd Mon. 5-7pm, 4th Mon. 6:30pm, 350-6000 |
| Veterans for Peace ABQ | 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 720-4939 |
| Non-Binary Support Group | 2nd/4th Monday, 7-9pm, TGRCNM, 149 Jackson St. NE, 200-9086 |

### TUESDAYS

| ABQ NOW | 4th Tuesday, 6-7:30pm, quarterly, 459-9860 |

### WEDNESDAYS

| Chair Yoga Weekly, 1:30-2:30pm, lisbethcarlisle@aol.com |
| Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3-57pm on KUNM 89.9FM. |
| Nuclear Issues Study Group | 1st Wednesday, 7-9pm, El Chante, 804 Park Ave SW. 879-8547 |
| Ally Work Group | 4th Wednesday, 6:30-8pm, TGRCNM, 149 Jackson St. NE, 200-9086 |

### THURSDAYS

| Activist Community Podcast 2nd/4th Thurs, 1-3pm, 450-1268 |
| P&J Center Coordinating Council | 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm, all are welcome. 268-9557 |
| ABQ Move to Amend Working Group | 4th Thursdays, 6-8pm, 238-2398 |

### FRIDAYS

| Al-Anon weekly, 5:15-6:15pm, Contact: thatgirlhasapainting@gmail.com |
| Sierra Club & Root Beer | 1st Friday on odd months, 6:30-8pm, 243-7767 |

### SATURDAYS

| Good Food Distribution | Weekly, 9am. 315-4167 |
| Sitting for Peace | Weekly, 9-10am, Bataan Park NE corner, 3407 Lomas NE, all welcome in silence. 265-2178 |
| St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass | Weekly, 5-7pm, 1st Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, 345-3677, 977-4661. |
| Diné Biaza Study Group | 2nd/4th Sat. at 1pm, 1421 Central Ave. NE. rrzayas@unm.edu |
| Vigil for the Children | Weekly, Noon, U.S. Fed. Courthouse, NW corner of 3rd/Lomas. medicinedrumcircle@yahoo.com |
| Medicine Drum Circle | 2nd Sat. 1:30-3pm, St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal, 425 University Blvd NE, 417-4704 |
| Cottonwood Medicine Collective | healing clinic, 3rd Saturdays 11am-3pm. cottonwoodmedicine@gmail.com |
| Gray Panthers | 4th Saturday, 1-2:30pm at Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe NE. 266-8823. |

### SUNDAYS

| Unitarian Universalist Fellowship | Weekly, 11am-noon. Potluck on 5th Sunday, 11am-2:30pm, 440-6688. |
| ABQ IWW | 4th Sunday, 1-3pm. abqiww@gmail.com |
| St. Oscar Romero Catholic Community | Weekly, 11am at St. Paul’s ELCA, 1100 Indian School NE. 352-4061. |
| Generation Justice | Weekly, 7-8pm on KUNM 89.9FM |

### Transformative Communication (NVC) meets 3 times this month: Oct 4th, 11th and 25th at 11:30am each day, in the Peace Hall. Regular schedule is 2nd & 4th Fridays, and all are welcome to join our discussion. More info: 881-4536.

### New Coordinating Council Member!

**Rashid Ahmad** has been an active community organizer and advocate for immigrants rights and environmental justice. He's excited to be a part of the Coordinating Council, bringing his passion for and commitment to the organization's mission of peace and justice.

Rashid was born and raised in Pakistan. He has an academic background in civil engineering and environmental policy analysis. He has worked in Pakistan and the US on program development around education, child and youth development, and community engagement. He has been living in Albuquerque for 5 years. He enjoys walking through the Bosque and exploring New Mexico.

### PEOPLE OF THE PEACE CENTER

| Coordinating Council: | Food Distribution: Mollie Wilkie |
| Samia Assed, President | Web Design: Melody Mock |
| Amelia Paradise, Treasurer | Social Media: Ilse Biel |
| Sidni Lamb, Margarita Mercure Hibbs, Pelatia Trujillo, Rashid Ahmad | Building Help: Don Meaders |
| Building & Grounds Committee: | Front Desk Volunteers: |
| Maureen Wright, Kent Zook | France Daniels-Thompson, Julia Oviedo, Maureen Wright, Michelle Meaders, Kent Zook, Eliza Schmid, Sharyn Kaye, Sarina Carruthers, Aathira Suresh, Michael Hillyer, Elizabeth Anderson, Yolanda Torres-Martinez, Jones, Courtney Montoya, Tristan Collar |
| Newsletter Mailing: | Canines: Sasha, Pepie |
| Susan McKinstry, Ellen Robinson, Mandy Pino, Ilsa Garduño, Pam Harris, Sally-Alice Thompson, Sherri Kalman | Students/Interns: Tristan Collar |
Wednesday, Oct. 2, 5-6:30
**Living Rio Campaign** event at the P&J, with a presentation by Rio Grande Campaigner Galen Hecht, followed by discussion. The event is FREE and there will be refreshments! All ages welcome. More info: fb.com/LivingRioGrande

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2-5pm
Friends Committee on National Legislation hosts **Advocacy for the Long Haul** at ABQ Friends Meeting, 1600 5th St. NW. More info: fcnl.org/advocacyteams, 379-3392, and see also *Noticias*, pg. 5

Saturday, Oct. 12, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Russell Means**: “For the World to Live, Columbus Must Die” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. More info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Oct. 13, 12-2pm
**Herbs, Food, and Ritual to promote Brain Health** looks at potential interventions for brain-related concerns from a holistic perspective, touching on food and lifestyle as well as herbal remedies. Hosted by Cottonwood Medicine Collective, at 630 Isleta Blvd SW. Cost: $40, register via eventbrite or email scarroll.cmc@gmail.com for alternate payment. Info: fb.com/cottonwoodmedicinecollective, cottonwoodmedicine.dudaone.com.

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2pm
Concert by **Mare Wakefield** and her husband, Nomad Ouvinc, at the Quaker Meeting House, 1600 5th St. NW, to honor volunteers who support immigrant justice and sanctuary. The concert is Free, and contributions to the NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice are welcomed.

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2-4pm
Transgender Resource Center of NM holds their annual **Open House** at 149 Jackson Street NE, corner of Jackson & Copper, to showcase their programs, services and extensive community. Info: fb.com/TGRCNM, tgrcnm.org.

Monday, Oct. 14:
The **Peace Center office will be closed for Indigenous Peoples Day**. Previously scheduled events will still take place; call 268-9557 for info.

Monday, Oct. 14, 9am-1pm
The **Inaugural NM Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration** takes place at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th St. NW, open to all. More info: fb.com/indianpueblo or indianpueblo.org.
Calendar of Special Events

Thursday, Oct. 24, 7-8pm
New Mexico’s Immigration Landscapes lecture series at the Peace and Justice Center is organized in conjunction with the Chicana & Chicano Studies course, “Immigration and Assimilation”. *On Being Included/ Excluded in NM*, features Mabel Arellanes, Cindy Nava, Alejandro Mendiaz-Rivera. More info: *Noticias*, pg. 5

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10am-4pm
NM Solar Fiesta at North Domingo Baca Center, 7521 Carmel Ave. NE. More info: info@nmsolar.org or nmsolarfiesta.org.

Saturday, Oct. 26, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Cornel West: “On Socratizing Education” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Sunday, Oct. 27, 9am
6th Annual Acequia Celebration & Fun Run begins at Sanchez Farms, 1180 Arenal Rd SW. With registration, participants get a CESOSS La Acequia t-shirt, fresh champurrado and tamales. There will be a live blessing by local danzantes, a raffle of art and prizes donated by local people, and activities for all. All proceeds go to supporting the young people in the Cultivando Nuestro Futuro Leadership Institute. More info: fb.com/events/2450959801792341

Monday, Oct. 14, 5:30pm
The Red Nation will be holding a demonstration at 1st & Central, Downtown ABQ, to show support for closetheconcentrationcamps.org’s national call to action.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 11-3pm
Cottonwood Medicine Collective’s Community Health & Wellness Day at the P&J, offering numerous modalities. All services and herbal remedies are sliding scale starting at $0; nobody turned away for lack of funds. For more info, visit fb.com/events/790936757940160 or cottonwoodmedicine@gmail.com.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Sohaila Abdulali: “Talking About Rape” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Saturday, Oct. 19, 6-8pm
Refugees, Rivers & Rebels features poets Sen. Bill O’Neil, Margaret Randall, Damien Flores and Renny Golden with a new book, *The Music of Her Rivers*, that she’ll be signing, at The National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St. SW. Free, and donations welcome to benefit the work of NM Interfaith Power & Light and Marlene Perrotte, rsm, Refugee Advocacy work. More info: fb.com/events/2451129728255612

Sunday, Oct. 20, 3:30pm
The NM Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice presents Shameless: an afternoon supporting abortion access with NYT best-selling author Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, at Las Puertas Event Center, 1512 1st St. NW. Main event admission is $50, tickets at nmrcrc.org. For more info, visit nmrcrc.org/shameless. fb.com/NMRCRC

SHAMELESS
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REV. NADIA BOLZ-WEBER

Thursday, Oct. 31, 7-8pm
New Mexico’s Immigration Landscapes lecture series at the Peace and Justice Center is organized in conjunction with the Chicana & Chicano Studies course, “Immigration and Assimilation”. *On Being Included/ Excluded in NM*, features Mabel Arellanes, Cindy Nava, Alejandro Mendiaz-Rivera. More info: *Noticias*, pg. 5

Save the Dates:
Nov. 3
Benefit for Medicine Drum Circle vigils; details TBA.

Monday, Nov. 11
The Peace Center office will be closed for Veteran’s Day. Previously scheduled events will still take place; call 268-9557 for info.
UNA-ABQ Convocation
Welcome to all members, friends, collaborators, and curious about the Alb. Chapter of the United Nations Association USA! UNA-ABQ will be holding a meeting/gathering for our members, friends and all those interested in linking Albuquerque and New Mexico’s local priorities for sustainability, protection of migrant families, and human rights to global initiatives for human rights, sustainable development, support for refugees (especially families and children) and peace-building.

We have not met since before this summer, in part because the ABQ Chapter’s Chair has taken quite a while to recuperate from orthopedic surgery. Now, Fall is in the air and it’s time to talk with each other and our globally-aware friends and neighbors. What can we, as local supporters of a world community that cares for our neighbors and our planet, DO, right here and now? What can be our little piece of the global effort for a healthy planet with inclusive communities built on respect and compassion?

That’s all for now, but we’ll be gathering Thursday, Oct. 3, 4:30-6pm at the Peace Center to talk about who we are, what we want for our world, what we can contribute to the common good! More info: una.in.abq@gmail.com, fb.com/unaabq.

FCNL Advocacy Teams Launch Advocacy for The Long Haul
People across the country are asking the same question: “What can I do to change what’s happening in the world?” Our 75 years on Capitol Hill have shown that your voice can make an important impact on federal policy. In-person meetings with your members of Congress are the most effective way to influence policy decisions. Change in Washington starts with you. Please join Friends Committee on National Legislation, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2-5pm at ABQ Friends Meeting, 1600 5th St. NW, for an advocacy workshop, and learn to:

- Influence your members of Congress and their staff through face-to-face conversations.
- Drive the media coverage you want to see.
- Build a strategic team in your community that lobbies as part of a powerful national advocacy network.

Join our 2019 Advocacy Team campaign to stop endless wars by urging Congress to reassert its constitutional authority. We are supporting legislation to repeal the AUMF and encourage public debate on all issues of war and peace. Learn more at fcnl.org/advocacyteams. Register online via act.fcnl.org/event/advocacy-teams/1119. Contact: Sara Keeney, 379-3392.

New Mexico’s Immigration Landscape Lecture Series
UNM's Chicana and Chicano Studies department, along with ENLACE, UNM Student Affairs, Southwest Hispanic Research Institute (SHRI), The Alb. Center for Peace and Justice, UndocuTalks, The NM Immigrant Law Center, Jotería Undocumented, El Centro de la Raza, and El Centro de Igualdad y Derechos, present New Mexico’s Immigration Landscapes. This lecture series aims to provide an overview of some of the most pressing issues in immigration in the land of enchantment. This series brings together community organizers who are working on some of the most pressing topics of immigration in New Mexico. The lecture series aims to engage community dialogues and provide rich insights into immigrant rights organizing. New Mexico’s Immigration Landscapes is organized in conjunction with the Chicana and Chicano Studies course, “Immigration and Assimilation”. All events are Thursday, 7-8pm at the Peace & Justice Center.

October 24: “On Being Included/Excluded in NM,” featuring Mabel Arellanes, Cindy Nava, Alejandro Mendiaz-Rivera
October 31: “(I)legalities in NM,” featuring the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center
November 7: “NM’s Detention/Prison Industrial Complex,” featuring Selinda Guerrero
November 14: “Joteria Undocumented,” featuring Gabby Hernandez
November 21: “Trabajadores en Accion: Labor Rights are Immigrant Rights,” featuring Hilaria Martinez
Aanya Adler Friess
Aanya (formerly Anne Kirschner), 92, was born in 1926 in NYC. She moved to NM in 1958, and died peacefully in her home on 09/05/2019.

She was a Dancer, Poet, Mother, Grandmother and Community Activist. As one friend described, “she was a consistent presence, giving her gifts for the betterment of the community and the world”. Aanya worked her entire life to promote Peace, Justice and Environmental Sanity. She actively protested against all war, she worked to stop nuclear waste disposal at the WIPP site, she has volunteered for multiple activities at the Peace and Justice Center since its inception, and most recently she worked to protect safe drinking water for the Albuquerque region.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2pm at Nahalat Shalom, 3606 Rio Grande Blvd. Donations in her name will be graciously accepted by the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice.

200 Days Standing Vigil for Immigrant Children
Saturday, Sept. 21 marked the 200th day that Medicine Drum Circle has held a vigil for immigrant children separated at the southern border of the United States. Donald Trump’s “Zero Tolerance” policy came as a terrible shock for many Americans. He has justified this disgusting treatment of children with dehumanizing and racist rhetoric. As an organization, Medicine Drum Circle began as an informal group of people who were deeply hurt and troubled by this cruel and inhumane treatment of children. They came together at the corner of Lomas and 3rd St. to say to the rest of the city that this policy was wrong. They came together around the drum in an attempt to heal themselves, their community and the planet. As it became clear that these children would not be released but would rather suffer ongoing human rights violations, they stayed together, to make sure that no one forgot about what was happening.

Medicine Drum Circle is officially a non-profit organization in New Mexico. They began by standing vigil daily for 150 days. Vigils are now held on a weekly basis on Saturdays, Noon-1pm at the same corner on Lomas and 3rd. Their approach is non-confrontational and nonviolent. This is not a protest, but a vigil and a prayer for the children. The vigil is non-denominational and welcomes all people to stand with them. They have been to the Detention Center in Tornillo, TX on two occasions and to the border and ICE offices in El Paso three times. They made national news with an action placing baby Jesus in a cage during the Christmas Holiday in the Albuquerque Plaza. They also co-hosted the vigil in front of the Albuquerque ICE office in July of this year and fed immigrant families released from ICE custody this summer as well.

Medicine Drum Circle will continue its vigil until all children are re-united with their families. Child separation continues to occur. Children continue to be held in unsafe and unsanitary conditions where the Government’s own officials have admitted they do not provide beds, soap, toothpaste, only a cage, a cement floor and an aluminum blanket. It is the opinion of this organization that this is cruel and unusual punishment and a violation of the Constitution of the United States. Unfortunately, child separation is not a new policy for this country. It was practiced extensively during Slavery and as recently as the 1970’s with the boarding school system and forced adoption of Native American Children. There is extensive medical evidence that this type of trauma has lifelong effects: including mental illness, diabetes, and heart disease. These traumas are so profound that those long term health effects will actually be passed on to the children of these children placed in cages and their children as well. Medicine Drum Circle believes these policies must stop. They believe that the United States of America is better than this. They will continue hold vigil until it is.
UNICEF Fundraiser at P&J Center Cancelled

Dear Friends of Children Everywhere,
The Peace Center and The United Nations Association Alb. Chapter regret that we will not be able to host our annual Trick-or-Treat-for-UNICEF Fundraiser costume party this year. The event originally planned for Saturday, October 26, has been cancelled. We have enjoyed your generosity, your costumes and all of the wonderful child participants this past 4 years. UNICEF provides front line services – food, shelter, school-in-a-box, medical care for children the world over who are uprooted by conflict or natural disaster. The money you and your neighbors donate to Trick-or-Treat-for-UNICEF goes directly to UNICEF’s programs that help displaced children and families. If you want to keep helping UNICEF help children this Halloween you can find out how at unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat/learn-more.

...OR... Make a direct donation to Trick-or-Treat-for-UNICEF at donate.unicefusa.org/page/contribute/we-can-all-be-heroes-this-halloween.

...OR... Plan your own Trick-or-Treat-for-UNICEF event – at your church, in your school or classroom, in your neighborhood center. You can receive Trick-or-Treat boxes from UNICEF and ideas for your event at unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat/box-order-form.

Thank you for being a member of the Peace and Justice Center community! It costs about $150/month to produce this newsletter, and welcome donations that can support us to continue to produce it each month. If you want to contribute, please go to abqpeaceandjustice.org to make a monthly donation online, or mail or drop off a check at 202 Harvard SE.
Muertos y Marigolds Re-envisioned
The South Valley’s Muertos y Marigolds parade and celebration will not be held this year in order to plan for a future event that will not deduct from the community, but benefit it. However, the committee has chosen an image for this year, and a theme: “Take a breath, count your people—No soy tu Calaca”

This year serves as a community reflection on the significance of the Día de Los Muertos tradition and Albuquerque South Valley’s role in celebrating it. While Halloween has coopted the image of the sugar skull, and mainstream media has portrayed the holiday as consumable, the greater New Mexico community needs to take a step back and reflect on its role in contributing to the cultural self-determination of the holiday, rather than a culturally appropriative narrative. In re-envisioning the event, we seek community thought and voice—particularly from residents and artists in the South Valley. This pause will allow for a more comprehensive shift toward an event that both emphasizes pride in the South Valley community, and recognizes the celebration’s role in educating New Mexicans about the significance of the holiday both historically, and politically.

Numerous workshops will be taking place throughout the month of October on the various art forms associated with Dia de los Muertos, and their cultural and historical significance, many of them at Los Jardines Institute, 803 La Vega Dr SW. These can be found at muertosymarigolds.org/Workshops.aspx. Look for other info via fb.com/MuertosYMarigolds.