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First Congregational Church of Berkeley 2345 Channing Way Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear First Congregational Church of Berkeley,

On behalf of the people we serve, I want to thank First Church for your amazing donation of \$4750.00 to IM4HI as a beneficiary of the "Singing Hope" benefit concert co-hosted by the City of Refuge UCC. Your support helps to sustain some of the most vulnerable people in our society during this pandemic: recently arrived immigrant families and those incarcerated in our prisons and detention centers. Your help provides material support, advocacy, and hope during trying times.

This year with your support hundreds will be supported: those facing detention, deportation, those being released from prison and newly arriving immigrants through our trained accompaniment volunteers, advocacy congregations and emergency relief fund.

Together we will bring a strong moral voice for imagining a new (non-militarized) approach to asylum seekers, children and migrants at our border as well as a new approach to public safety that invests in healthy communities, treatment, prevention, welcome and communities of care. This is an important time for significant change and reforms and our faith values and faith voice which uplifts compassion, inclusivity and humane treatment for all people is critical.

Please share this word of thanks with your congregation. Thank you for your support and we look forward to engaging together in 2021.

Blessings,

Rev. Deborah Lee Executive Director

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