

CT Undocufund, Organizers Carolina Bortolletto and Katia Ruesta

“The people help each other.” Undocumented young people and people of color who have organized with the immigrant community in Connecticut for years and created CT Undocufund. From all across the state, the organizers came together when they saw a need and saw their community left behind during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Undocumented immigrants have been, and continue to, work on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many undocumented people work in jobs that are most exposed to the virus and shutdowns. While many people in Connecticut can turn to existing safety net programs including unemployment insurance, public benefits, and emergency federal relief efforts – undocumented workers are largely excluded from those programs. CT Undocufund’s goal is to address this gap through fundraising in an effort to provide direct assistance to the most vulnerable members of our community who are affected by this public health crisis. Undocumented families and individuals should be able take care of themselves and their families and not be put at financial risk during the pandemic.

The first round of applications launched in May 2020 resulted in over \$80,000 distributed to 99 families, and the second round resulted in over \$90,000 to 103 families. To learn more, donate and help spread the word about CT Undocufund, please follow them on facebook.com/ctundocufund or instagram.com/ctundocufund

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