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Safe Passages Holds National Night Out at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park

Oakland, CA – [Safe Passages](https://safepassages.org) is excited to announce the successful conclusion of the highly anticipated National Night Out (NNO 2023) in the Park, which took place on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park located in the Peralta District of Oakland, CA. The event brought local families and community members together for a night of community-building and, of course, fun and entertainment.

During this 40th annual National Night Out, we promoted the strength in partnership between police and the community for a safer neighborhood. Families were able to hear directly from and meet Officer Johnson Aaron, Community Resource Officer Area 4 and Officer Smith, Community Resource Officer, both from the Oakland Police Department. These officers shared many conversations and laughs as they let everyone take pictures, ride in their police car, and even make play announcements over the vehicular PA system. This was a powerful moment between the community and the Oakland police.

Peralta Hacienda Historical Park was teeming with eager families as they lined up for free snacks, drinks, hot pizza, and hot dogs to enjoy during the movie. Safe Passages also gave out books and hygiene kits, and additionally held a backpack give-a-way to every child in attendance. In partnership with the Alameda Food Bank, Safe Passages also distributed dried and canned goods and other grocery items to families.

Helping to bring resources to our community members at this event were two of Safe Passages' frequent partners and very prominent organizations in their own right: Centro Legal de la Raza, which provides legal services and community development to immigrant, low-income, and Latino communities, and El Timpano, which informs, engages, and amplifies the voices of the Bay Area's Latino and Mayan immigrants.

The National Night Out at Peralta Historical Park honorably hosted two very prominent figures. Noel Gallo, District 5 Oakland City Councilmember, spoke passionately about investing in children's education. Claudia De La Cruz-Perez, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, spread awareness of the support that the health department offers to the community. De La Cruz-Perez stated their intentions to provide more services to the community by partnering more closely with Safe Passages and with the community.



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Community members and neighbors enjoyed the opportunity to build community together. "This is the first time we've ever had something like this! It was very special. I hope to see more events like this for the summer," said Maria, 38, a mother who attended with two of her children. "The movie was great, and I was also impressed by the sound system. [Safe Passages] really put this together!" said Charlie, 22. "I had the time of my life!" said Romero, 7.

The success of this year's National Night Out at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park was largely due to the efforts of Safe Passages' Community and Economic Development team in collaboration with the Central American Refugee Committee (CRECE) and AmeriCorps Public Health members. This event reflects Safe Passages' ongoing commitment to innovation in reaching out to and fostering relationship building within communities. Safe Passages continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our Oakland families by hosting events that provide informational sessions, resource distribution, and community building.

This year's National Night Out was brought to the Community by California Volunteers Office of the Governor.

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About Safe Passages

Over the past 24 years, Safe Passages has developed initiatives for vulnerable children that span the age continuum from birth to adulthood including Early Childhood, School-Linked Services, Juvenile Justice and College to Career programs and services, Community-Based Workforce Services, including operating AmeriCorps programming for 10 years. Through these initiatives, thousands of vulnerable youth receive direct services every year. Community engagement is at the core of our work and is aligned with our mission to disrupt the cycle of poverty by engaging youth and families to build and drive a continuum of services that supports student success and community development.

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