



ALCHEMIST CDC

A catalyst for change

Founded in 2004, Alchemist Community Development Corporation (CDC) is dedicated to supporting Sacramento area residents in their efforts to create vibrant, equitable, healthy, and diverse communities.

Alchemist offers "Connecting Families to Farmers," their CalFresh processing and Market Match incentive program at farmers' markets; economic development projects, such as "Alchemy Kitchen," a shared-use commercial kitchen and food business incubator; "Building Healthy Community Retail" through partnerships with small-scale grocery stores and ethnic markets; and "Building Blocks," re-imagining shared neighborhood spaces through community-inspired gardens, neighborhood cleanup events, and beautification projects.

"Our programs serve low-income and historically disenfranchised populations who have often been geographically segregated and had to face institutionalized hurdles that negatively

affect their economic stability, health, and wellbeing," says Tiffany Rosso, Executive Director. "Demand and need for our services has steadily grown each year, presenting challenges as we seek to scale up programs and grow our organization's capacity."

Alchemist is working toward completion of their Alchemy Kitchen and has broken ground for the Pansy Community Garden Park, an exciting new community space in Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood. "We look forward to successfully operating our Alchemy Kitchen facility and microenterprise training academy, as well as revitalizing and activating public community spaces," says Rosso.

Alchemist's programs support and educate residents as a way to strengthen entire communities, with the belief that community health is strengthened by equitable access to community assets and that all residents should contribute to, and benefit from, economic and physical

"The Alchemist's new incubator program is an excellent example of an organization providing opportunities for local startups to flourish and for the community to gain access to healthy foods, and culturally relevant goods and services."

— Erik Langeland, Commercial Bank Region Manager, JP Morgan Chase & Co.

development and resources in their neighborhoods.

"We depend on support from generous donors and corporate sponsors," says Rosso. "We currently need funding to support capacity building as we scale programs to increase community impact. We also invite corporate sponsors to sponsor our CalFresh work at farmers' markets, which will allow us to sustain vital services that reach residents across Yolo, Placer and Sacramento counties."



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