



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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# **GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY ORGANIZING**

# GLAHR COMMUNITY MEETINGS

During 2023, GLAHR organized **26 weekly hybrid meetings** where members gathered to learn and discuss policies, and/or issues related to the immigrant communities with an average of 30-40 people each time from the Atlanta area and other parts of the state.





After receiving reports of racial profiling and over-policing in areas where people of color live in Forest Park continued our organizing grassroots campaign called “Forest Park in Resistance”, that aims to empower the Latinx community, to keep creating a culture of resistance in the Forest Park community so they can focus on developing initiatives to address racial profiling and over policing in their community.

We have been able to reach over **221 families** by holding **3 canvassing events**, **1 tabling event** and **2 workshops** in which individuals came and learned how to organize their neighborhoods. Jonesboro, Lovejoy, Morrow, Forest Park.



## FOREST PARK IN RESISTANCE



Host first community meeting early in the year to meet with the Chief of Police in Forest Park, and with Clayton County Sheriff, and attended at least five meetings.

**Farmer's Market Vendors** - GLAHR outreached more than 45 vendors around in Forest Park as a first attempt to initiate organizing work to address the amount of robberies in the area.

# DORAVILLE ORGANIZING

In order to address the City Ordinance #220, GLAHR canvassed door to door 426 homes to organize community members against over policing and notorious code enforcement cases against Doraville residents that have impacted low income communities. A meeting at the City Council of Doraville to address these issues is still to be announced.



# SOUTH GEORGIA



With the establishment of a base community organizer in South Georgia, GLAHR has been able to have **18 tabling events**, in groceries store, and churches, **14 door to door canvassing** in the cities of Omega, Ty Ty, Norman Park, Moultrie, and Tifton to inform about ICE Free Zones, and as well as **9 events** such as doing business visits in the area.

During these events we were able to reach **70 families** with the help of **8 very dedicated volunteers** that handed nearly 200 ICE Free Zone materials during door knocking, business visits, and at festivals.

Organizers attended the Colquitt County Commissioners meeting in South Georgia to ensure no detention center would be built for immigrants and refugees.

# NORTHEAST GEORGIA

Our work keeps growing, now with the addition of a NE grassroots organizer and the help of **15 volunteers** coming together in North Georgia to have at 4 organizing meetings in the cities of **Greensboro, Athens, Winder**, and attended **6 events** where we distributed **550 pieces** of literature about our campaigns such as ICE Free Zone, the closing of Stewart Detention Center.

A part of community outreach, we co-hosted along with Latin Community in Action (LCIA) two community festivals in Winder, Ga and in Greensboro, Ga. with more than 500 people in attendance.





# SOUTH CAROLINA COLLECTIVE

The SC Collective has participated in **6 door to door canvassing**, **16 tabling outreach events**, and **3 community meetings** with the support of **5 volunteers**, handing over nearly 826 materials that included such as Know Your Rights (ICE Free Zone) in the cities of Hardeeville, Ridgeland, Beaufort, Bluffton, Charleston and Savannah.

The SC Collective extended its collaboration with three coalitions as new partners such: Low Country Immigration Coalition, Migrant Equity South East, Pasa La Voz Savannah.

The South Carolina Collective facilitated a “**Grupo de Jovenes**” or Youth Initiative consisting of nine youths ranging from 12 to 14 years of age, which have met a total of **17 times** hosting a reading club centered around “The House on Mango Street”.







# LEADERSHIP TRAINING

# ASAMBLEA POPULAR - 2023 -



In continuation with GLAHR's yearly tradition, GLAHR held its 13rd Asamblea Popular in Blue Ridge, GA. Deciding to change locations was no easy choice but was essential due to the drastic laws implemented in the state of Florida. GLAHR decided to stand in solidarity with the immigrant community and switch venues. During which more than 220 individuals joined us.

We held a three day leadership training with 35 workshops for adults, youth, teens, and children with the technical support of Mijente, Latino Justice, Arise Chicago.

GLAHR joined a week of leadership training at the Mijente Institute for Political Education and Sazonblea with 40 volunteers and staff in Tucson, Az.





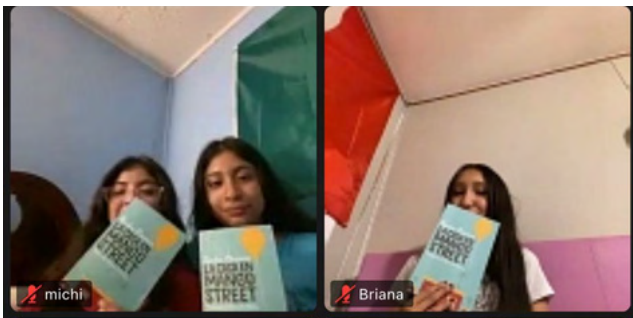




# NEW FACE OF RESISTANCE the block GLAHR YOUTH INITIATIVE

## GLAHR YOUTH INITIATIVE

The Block group consists of an average of **8 people** who participated in events, calls and workshops. During this year, The Block participants attended **9 events**, and **12 meetings**, consisting of a book club, talent night, and art workshops (customizing shirts), Stop Cop City, and Palestine resistance among others.





# GLAHR JÓVENES

## GLAHR TEEN'S INITIATIVE



The Jóvenes were able to meet **24 times throughout the year**. These gatherings included Noches de Resistencia to fight against book banning and Cop City efforts, Chicano history, know your rights. They attended rallies and press conferences, and workshops at our GLAHR Annual Assembly, Mijente's Sazonblea and Insitituto. Jóvenes created the "**Banned Book Club**" where they read *500 years of Chicano History in pictures* and *The Devil's Highway*.



# **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

# LA GENTE VOTA GOTV ACTIVITIES



GLAHR continued its efforts to get the Latino community out to vote by **continuing with its previous La Gente Vota campaign.**

Beginning in February in Clayton County, **GLAHR's 12 volunteers were able to reach 260 households on the first day of canvassing. By March 21st, the day of the election GLAHR was able to knock on 5,224 doors.**

**In April we surpassed that number and reached 6,478 doors** in Jonesboro, Forest Park, Lovejoy, Lumpkin, Morrow, Riverdale and part of College Park. Our volunteers attended 28 educational trainings and 6 preparation calls



# ELECTION DEFENDERS

## RAPID RESPONSE

In ongoing efforts in South Georgia and to make sure the Latino community is able to exercise their right to vote, GLAHR was able to continue with the Election Defenders in Tiff County, consisting of **12 volunteers** dispersed throughout 25 polling locations and Clayton County covering 24 polling locations with 22 volunteers.







A large group of people, mostly Black, are gathered for a protest. They are holding various signs, including "STOP COP CITY", "BOYCOTT THE HOME DEPOT. STOP FUNDING ATLANTA POLICE", "HEY CARR GO FUCK YOURSELF", "VEHICLES ONLY", and "STOP COP CITY". The protesters are standing in front of a building with a sign that says "VEHICLES ONLY". The scene is outdoors, and the protesters are wearing casual clothing. Some are wearing face masks. The overall atmosphere is one of solidarity and protest.



**NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION**

**SHUT DOWN STEINHART DETENTION CENTER**

**Shut Down FIPCI @FIPCIweb**

**¡NUNCA MÁS DEPORTACIÓN**

**SHUT DOWN STEINHART DETENTION**

**PRESS CONFERENCE & RALLY**

**September 15, 2023  
10:00 AM**

**The Atlanta Immigration Court**

**180 Ted Turner Drive, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303**

**LOCKING US IN CAGES**

**Beating us DEAD  
Separating our families  
Who IS The Real  
Criminal Here?**

**MIGRANT RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

**el refugio ICE BREAKERS Glahr FSL ADVANCING JUSTICE Georgia Detention**

A woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blue sweatshirt with a gold logo, is speaking at a wooden podium. She has her hands clasped in front of her. Behind her, several people are standing, some wearing blue sweatshirts and others in red shirts. A "LIVE" banner is in the top left corner. A news ticker at the bottom reads "ATLANTA NEWS FIRST+ LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY RALLIES AGAINST GA 'DON'T SAY GAY' BILL ATLANTA" with the "ANF" logo on the right.

**LIVE**

**ATLANTA NEWS FIRST+**  
**LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY RALLIES AGAINST GA 'DON'T SAY GAY' BILL**  
 ATLANTA **ANF**

# IUPAT

GLAHR supported the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) in **6 rallies** against companies who have mistreated, ignored and uncompensated their workers.

In continuance with the Levantémonos Juntos coalition GLAHR has met with IUPAT 19 times to organize events, calls to action, and updates on Deferred action cases for workers on deportation proceedings.

Our staff has attended 3 trainings and partnered with groups such as Atlanta Labor Council, among others.



# COMMUNITIES OVER CAGES

Our organizers team in support of the Communities over Cages coalition was able to meet **6 times** and devoted time to also work against Cop City efforts.

GLAHR, along with The Human and Civil Rights Coalition of Georgia hosted a rally in front of the Governor's office to protest Georgia's prison conditions.

In coalition with many others GLAHR held a press conference outside Fulton County Government Center to denounce the action by Sheriff Labat to transfer community members being detained at Fulton County to Folkston ICE Processing Center (FIPC) and Mississippi's Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility which are known for their horrific conditions and numerous human rights abuses, and attended the Georgia Senate subcommittee meeting on Fulton County Jail conditions to address concerns such as the 10 + deaths this year and overcrowding, and ensure legal compliance.



# COP CITY

## DEFEND THE FOREST



GLAHR joined Community Movement Builders' efforts to put an end to Cop City. Participating in **8 planning calls**, and **5 workshops**.

Our team supported **16 separate rallies**, such as at Atlanta City Hall, the block party at Glen Emerald Park, events against the General Prosecutor's office, the week of action against Cop City, and the Fulton finance committee hearing, in support of the community members being charged with domestic terrorism and Rico charges by Fulton County and the state.



On **Dia de los Muertos's** altar, we honored Tortuguita and community members that lost their lives to state violence.







# DEPORTATION DEFENSE

# GEORGIA IMMIGRATION BOND FUND

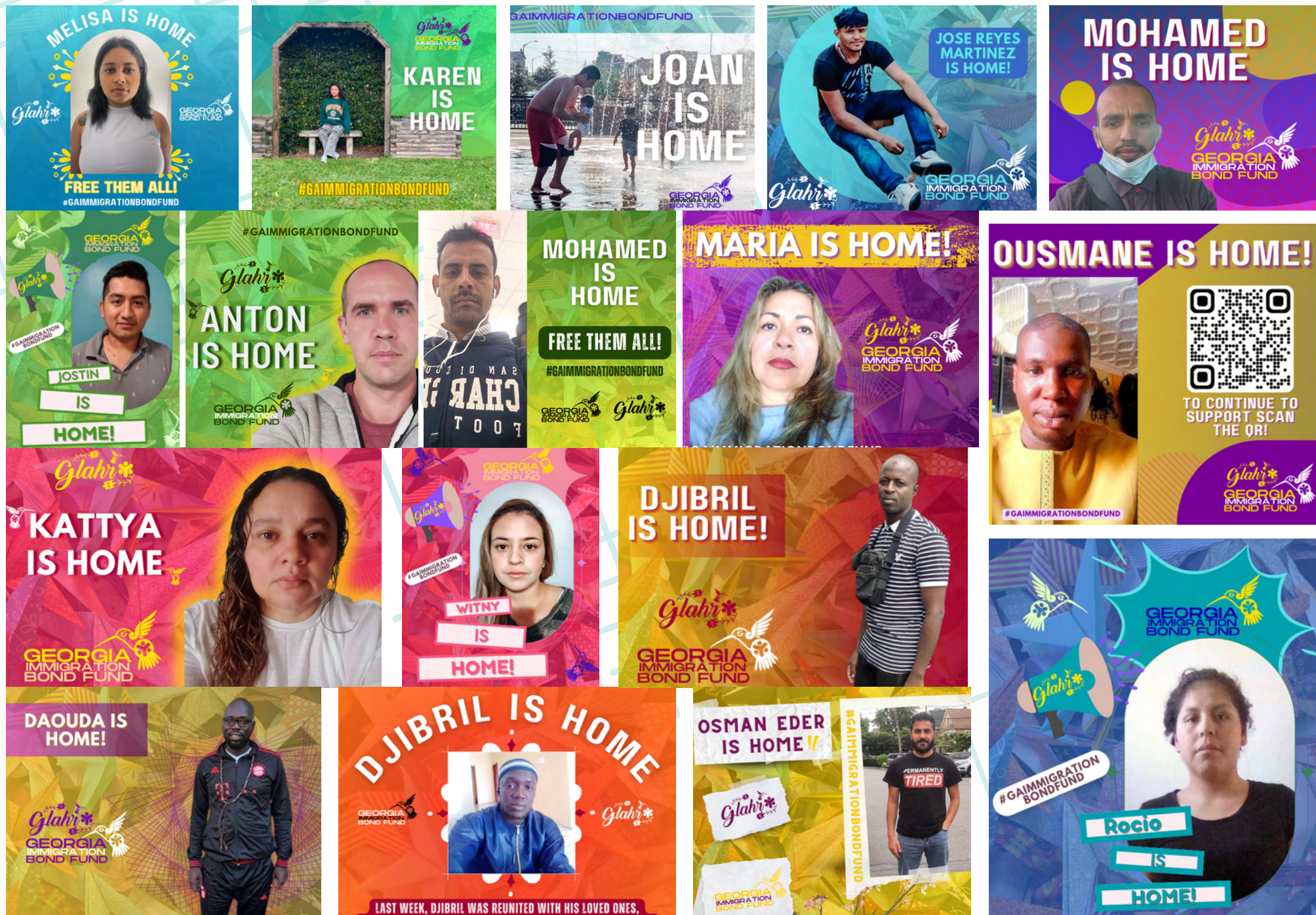
The Georgia Immigration Bond Fund has assisted in the release of **39 individuals** from a detention center in reuniting with their loved ones; in doing so, GLAHR, as its hub, has posted bonds that range from \$3,000 to \$10,500, totaling **\$179,500 for this year alone.**

## ALBIS IS HOME



## FRANCLY & FRANYER ARE HOME





# LEGAL HANDLES & DACA PETITIONS

GLAHR was able to facilitate the assistance of **25 DACA renewals**.

GLAHR came together with Just Futures Law and Mijente to plan out two petitions to put an end to the deportations of two longtime community members.





In continuance with the Georgia Detention Watch coalition we were able to gather **18 times**, and attend one retreat.

**Co-organized 6 events** against Georgia's two for profit detention centers, and one social media campaign demanding the release of Victor, an indigenous water protector, detained at a Music Festival, upon release from jail ICE detained him and sent him to Stewart Detention Center.

Closing the year GLAHR members participated in a webinar for Dia de los Muertos to remember those that died under ICE and CBP custody, as well as those that have died attempting to cross the border.

Our staff participated at the Folkston Detention Center rally and the shutdown Stewart Detention Center, a press conference against detentions at the Atlanta ICE Building, and the National Day to close all Detention Centers.



**VICTOR HAS BEEN DETAINED BY I.C.E.**

Victor is an Indigenous water protector who was arrested at the South River Music Festival in Atlanta.



# GRASSROOTS FUNDRAISING

GLAHR held its annual End of Year Celebration, during this one-day event, GLAHR holds auctions, and raffles, accepting general support donations and we were able to collect \$11,145.000 on individual donations.



Throughout the year we have our “Mercadito” where we raise money by selling different types of merchandise, including t-shirts, hoodies, beanies, keychains and pens.

As a celebration of Mexican Independence Day Gorditas ATL held a fundraiser known as “Para Mi Gente” to raise money for GLAHR. There we had the opportunity to have conversations with community members.





After years of saving and fundraising, GLAHR was able to acquire its new home! One which we are able to call ours and change as we and the community see fit!



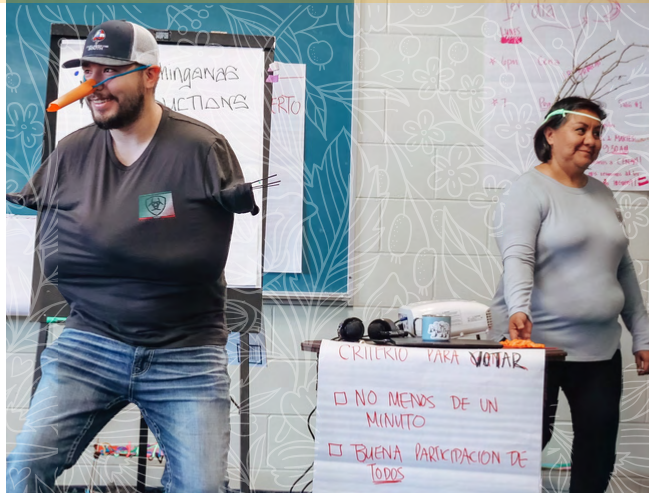


# **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**



Staff attended **two staff retreats**, led by community organizers from California, centering on social movements, a **4 day intensive training** organized by the Mijente Instituto in Tucson AZ on basic grassroots organizing and campaigns, arts and communications, electoral work, and advanced political education.

# ENGARGOLADO





# HOTLINE

GLAHR's hotline has communicated the needs of the community and the organization. The hotline coordinators were able to talk and support over **728 individuals**, while assisting over **79 families** through the immigration and criminal systems.





The GLAHRte team held 12 community workshops consisting of making flower pots, learning about science, folklore tales, solidarity, children rights, the history of GLAHR and more with the support of over 25 volunteers throughout the year.

Each workshop had 15-31 attendees whose ages range from 2 to 79 years old! At the General Assembly we held the History of the GLAHRiadores workshop for 150 people. We closed the year with our GLAHR Dia de los Muertos altar with the support of the entire staff.





# RECOGNITIONS

**GLAHR's Executive Director Adelina Nicholls received the Community Catalyst Award from the Gant Makers for Southern Progress.**

GRANTMAKERS  
FOR SOUTHERN  
PROGRESS

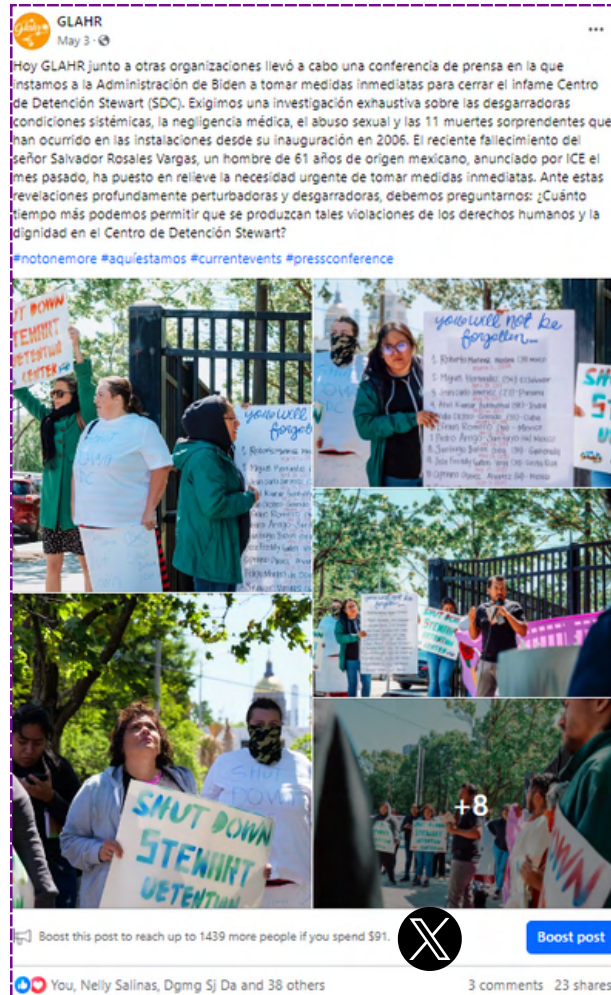


## HONOREE COMMUNITY CATALYST AWARD

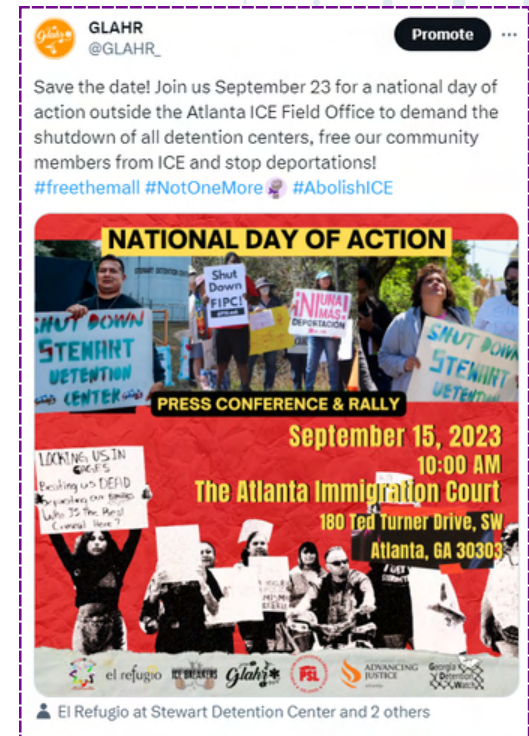


**ADELINA NICHOLLS**  
Georgia Latino Alliance  
for Human Rights

# DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA

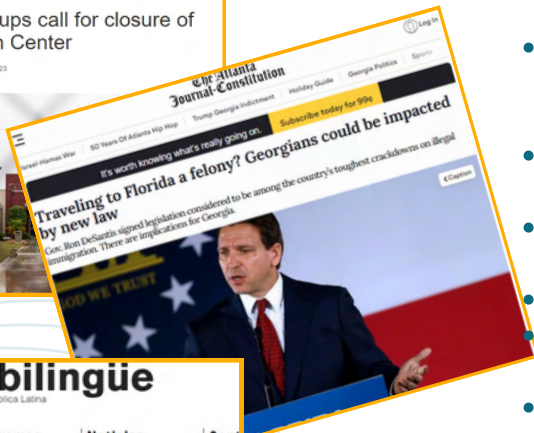


GLAHR reached 212,459\* individuals via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok via 739 posts, videos, stories, tweets on issues and campaigns such as GOTV, upcoming events, #StopCopCity, #ForestParkinResistance, #FreethemAll, #GalmigrationBondFund, detention center, changes in legislation, and calls to action.



\*number includes estimates for Nov/Dec 23'

# EARNED MEDIA



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