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"The passion and warmth of the people at El Centro drew me in. I love being part of this community of caring people."

—H. Kim Smith, Volunteer

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The Center for People of All Races

The wisdom and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have been a large part of our principles. Profoundly moved by witnessing the suffering and struggles of people, our founding members dedicated themselves to establishing a just society. We embrace those who are unable to meet life's challenges and assist those who want to fulfill their potential. Our journey to serve humanity began in October 1972 in Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood. While based in the Latino community, our passionate and open heart beats for the human race.



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El Centro has been the home to people seeking a better life with dignity, self-reliance and growth.

3 Stories:

Luisa, fleeing a violent domestic life with three young children, found unwavering help and support. El Centro provided much-needed housing, educational and employment assistance.

Ruth, a seventy-one-year-old woman, came to El Centro suffering from depression. Involvement in senior activities helped her to heal, and she became a volunteer at El Centro.

Through the unique and vital combination of both services and advocacy of civil and human rights, El Centro de la Raza provides the following programs:

Education and Skill-building Programs:

3 Promoting self-sufficiency and empowerment within our community through bilingual programs in financial literacy, ESL and citizenship classes, homeownership education and counseling.

Community Building and Development:

4 Civic involvement, grassroots organizing, political and social activism are a few ways we effectively address the contradictions in our worlds. We unite communities of all races, genders, ages and classes to fight for civil and human rights—locally and globally.

Child and Youth Programs:

1 Preparing youth for their futures in higher education and leadership through early childhood education, after-school programs, youth violence prevention, juvenile justice policy work, tutoring and mentoring.

Human and Emergency Services:

2 Addressing the immediate aspects of human suffering by providing crisis intervention, emergency shelter and permanent housing assistance, health education, veterans services, and a food bank and hot meal program.