



Program for Torture Victims

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Profits for Peace: A Big Success

Dear Friends,

When we launched our "Profits for Peace" campaign as the kickoff of our 30th anniversary celebration in late June, we hoped it would bring in a little bit of money and also heighten awareness of our work.

But we had no idea it would be such a success.

In a little over a month, we were able to raise more than \$10,000 for our programs that serve victims of torture, exceeding our financial goal. Just as importantly, hundreds of people across the city learned about PTV, and we know that many of them will continue to support us.

We can't begin to express our gratitude to [all of the participating businesses](#) that so generously donated proceeds to PTV. What an inspiring example of giving back to the community – this is Los Angeles at its best.

"I am so grateful to the businesses and their customers for supporting the Program for Torture Victims. With the help of PTV, I have been able to turn my life around and was finally granted asylum last month, after many years. Thank you."

- Ruzana, Survivor from Georgia



None of this would have been possible, however, without the great response from everyone who patronized these businesses. We thank each and every one of you for supporting "Profits for Peace" and PTV.

And don't forget: several businesses will continue to contribute proceeds to PTV through the end of the year. [Click here to get a list.](#)

Support Profits for Peace Campaign

Dine, Shop, and Exercise for Human Rights

Upcoming Events

Sun August 15

- Join PTV staff, clients and supporters at the Arclight in Hollywood at 3:45pm for a screening of a new documentary about torture survivors from Congo, "[Pushing the Elephant](#)" follow by a Q&A with the filmmaker and PTV staff.

...and join us afterward for dinner at 6pm at [The Fabiolus Cafe](#) (20% proceeds will be donated to PTV)

Tues August 17

- Join PTV staff and supporters at an [Alignment for Life yoga class](#) in the Community Room at Mercado la Paloma at 5:30pm.

...followed by dinner at Mo-Chica Restaurant at Mercado la Paloma at 7 pm

Wed August 25

- Join PTV staff and supporters at [Louise's Trattoria](#) on Larchmont at 7 pm

Speaking of gratitude, we are very thankful to have some wonderful new staff and interns. Over the coming months, we hope you get a chance to meet all of them. In the meantime, here's a little introduction:

[Lela Hung](#), our new development coordinator, brings an impressive track record of grant procurement, event planning and community service to PTV.

[Nina Vannucci](#), our new assistant to the executive director, comes to us from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude this past June.

[Carolina Aparicio](#), our talented new communications and development associate, spent the past year at LAANE (L.A. Alliance for a New Economy) and is a member of AmeriCorps' Vista program.

[Crystal Thomas](#), our new MSW intern, is pursuing her master's and Ph.D. at UCLA.

We're excited to welcome Lela, Nina, Carolina and Crystal to the PTV family.

Join PTV staff and supporters this Sunday, August 15, for a screening of the powerful new documentary "Pushing the Elephant." This moving portrait depicts the violence that has devastated women in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the inspiring work of torture survivor Rose Mapendo, who has helped dozens of other survivors rebuild their lives. [Click here for more details.](#)



If you can't get to any of the upcoming events, you can still support us by [making a donation.](#)

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who need us most.

Warmly,

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Join PTV in celebrating 30 years of service and rebuilding lives by [donating now.](#)

Sat August 28

Join PTV staff and supporters at an [Alignment for Life yoga class](#) in Palisades Park, Santa Monica at 10 am

Profits for Peace

The following businesses will continue to donate a percentage of their proceeds through the end of the year:

[Chichen Itza](#), the flavor of the Yucatan (MONDAYS)

[Oaxacalifornia Cafe & Juice Bar](#) (MONDAYS)

[Mo Chica Restaurant](#), contemporary Peruvian cuisine (TUESDAYS)

[Vista Hermosa Restaurant & Taqueria](#) (WEDNESDAYS)

[Louise's](#)

[Trattoria](#) (WEDNESDAYS)

[Thai Corner Food Express](#)

(THURSDAYS)

[La Maison de Creme Bakery & Cafe](#) (FRIDAYS)

[Burger Plaza Grill](#) (FRIDAYS)

[Alignment for Life Yoga](#)
[Rossana Perez](#)

...and stay tuned for another month of dining out for human rights at Takami Sushi & Robata Restaurant

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