



Creative Team Newsletter



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It's been a heavy week

This week has been rough, but we believe **the tides are finally turning**. The American people are **waking up**. Never hesitate to reach out if you need an ear - we're here to lean on each other.

If you haven't been to a build yet, we really encourage you to come check one out! One thing we hear **again and again** is how encouraging it is to connect with like-minded people, share what's on your mind, and turn those feelings into something you can make with your hands. Whether you want to focus on a personal project or just spend time around good people, **you're always welcome**.

Upcoming Build Days

January 30 is the next build day on the books, followed by **Friday, February 13th** (a Mobilize link will be created for this soon!)

Check out our shiny new **Build Day Schedule for 2026** to see what we have planned. We will continue to add things as they come up and new ideas emerge. We'll always have the basics on hand—pencils, rulers, paints, scissors, etc. - plus a few extra materials, take a peek before coming to see if there's anything you need to bring along!

Not sure what you're getting into? Feel free to check out our "What to Expect at a Build Day" guide to get a sense of how we work.

Speaking of Build Days....

CRI Creative is **growing**, which is GREAT news, but I heard our last meetup was a little... cozy. 😊 So we're putting out feelers to see if anyone knows of a studio or community space that could work for a monthly gathering of **20+ people**.

As a volunteer-driven group, we're hoping to find a space that could host us at **low or no cost**. We're a respectful gang: we use drop cloths, clean up after ourselves, and treat spaces with care. That said, obviously there will be crafting and paint involved. The space would also need to be comfortable hosting the creation of political art in alignment with CRI's mission.

Tables and chairs would be a huge bonus. **We know it's a big ask** - But maybe there's a hidden gem or a community connection we haven't tapped yet!

Thanks in advance for any leads or ideas!

Paper Dreams in Progress

Perkins Center for the Arts in Collingswood spotted our giant paper-mache puppets and has invited CRI Creative to submit a piece for their **Summer 2026 paper-focused exhibition**.

We currently have **one or two ideas on the table**, and we'd love to talk those through *and* hear any new concepts you've been noodling on. Bring sketches, references, half-baked thoughts, or fully formed paper dreams to the build on **1/30** so we can brainstorm together and decide what we're making! The application deadline is **February 23**, but we don't have to hand anything over until **June**.

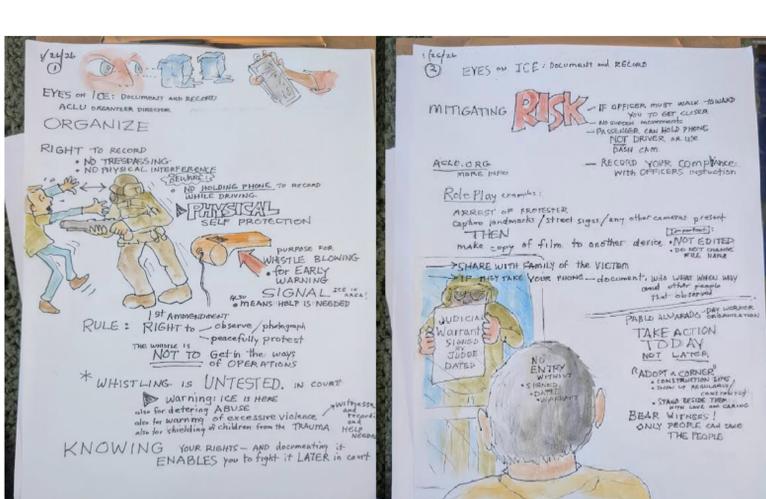
Progress + Highlights

Feel free to **share your art with us** - We love seeing what you're creating and sharing it for inspiration!

Creative team homie Christie brings monarchs to life at home for use in future pro-immigrant projects



Member **Kandy** shares a powerful block print she created for her annual Chinese New Year swap, as well as "Illustrated Notes" from **Indivisible's "Eyes on ICE"** call the other day.



For more Behind The Scenes, check out our [TikTok!](#)

Upcoming Actions & Events

Feel free to check out CRI's [mobilize](#) for a complete list of events! **Our communities are the heartbeat of what we do** ❤️🧡💚💙💜



Join **Mi Casa Woodbury** every Sunday to say **ICE is not welcome in New Jersey**. Information on immigrant rights and ways to get involved will be available.

Time to break the ICE



Roadside Rallies
After a pause last week for the weather, the Bellmawr crew will be back Sunday 12:00 - 1:30pm! Join Creative homies **Aaron & Josh** and help keep the energy strong.

Rally Ready



Pine Hilladelphia Rallies
Join **Bob + Co.** at Pine Hilladelphia every Saturday, 12-3 pm, showing up, speaking out, and **standing strong** for democracy.

Chill at Pine Hill



2/7 Citizens vs. Citizens Bank
Citizens Bank is a major lender to Geo Group and Core Civic, both of whom run private prisons and detention facilities in NJ and PA. **Join us every other Saturday** in peacefully protesting their complicity.

Ready to share my two cents!

New Here?

Check out our [Welcome Packet](#) and [2026 Schedule](#) & to stay connected.



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