As our clients speak more than 50 different languages, many of them were initially uninformed of information regarding the virus. We immediately initiated individual conversations with clients and have consistently provided them COVID-19 education. Through these conversations, we identified the lack of face masks among our clients. In response to this need, a group of very special volunteers created dozens of beautiful hand-sewn adult and child-sized masks for our clients and their families.

As a reminder of the power of meditation and grounding during periods of stress and uncertainty, a long-term supporter and former psychological evaluator of SURVIVORS created meditation exercises to be included in care packages that are dropped off for clients. She initiated this project, designing and printing all the sheets at her home, to provide our clients a sense of social connection and mental strength to counteract their expressed feelings of extreme isolation and uncertainty due to the pandemic.
Advocacy and education are key to helping torture survivors receive the help they need and deserve. Torture survivors make up an often-underrepresented population and, without this crucial advocacy work, the risk for this population not being served or even recognized increases. Since torture survivors have unique needs that require specialized care, it is critical to have consistent, ongoing advocacy and relationships with government representatives to ensure torture survivors are included in policies that protect them and provide them access to care.

SURVIVORS have bolstered our advocacy work with a new position, government affairs manager, funded by The California Endowment. This position represents SURVIVORS and coordinates with our California state partners as part of the California Consortium of Torture Treatment Centers to work with elected officials on multiple issues affecting survivors of torture throughout the state. Adding the government affairs manager position has allowed SURVIVORS to strengthen our mission by more richly fulfilling our commitment to advocacy for clients and the abolition of torture.

"When I first began working at SURVIVORS, hearing about our clients’ trauma was heartbreaking. But the more I learned about these incredible people, the more amazed I’ve become by their strength and resilience. I have the deepest respect for our clients as they have survived unspeakable trauma in their home countries, escaped with very little to travel safely through sometimes ten or more countries before reaching San Diego, and often endured additional trauma on their journey here. Survivors of torture are quite possibly the strongest people we will ever meet, and they deserve all the respect and support we can provide," emphasized Clint Carney, government affairs manager.

Clients Resiliently Overcoming Trauma and Embracing Their Dreams

SURVIVORS’ Healing Clubs foster client strengths, resiliency, and capacity to heal from their traumas. One particularly memorable Healing Club gathering focused on clients’ hopes and dreams for their futures through the creation of vision boards.

After deep reflection, and with the help of various crafts and materials, clients formed visual representations of their aspirations. Each client had the opportunity to share with the rest of the group their vision boards and explain their goals through each visual they chose to display.

One client shared, “I came here from Africa. I have a lot of dreams…The first thing I’d love to see the stars. I was imprisoned in detention and hoping to be free and initially I spent seven days in an enclosed room. I never saw stars, sun, and sky. The day was just as the night. Now morning to night I can see the sky and am free, thanks be to God I am happy…Second, I want to go to school…Third, I used to play soccer. I love to play and never had a chance to play again. Next week, Survivors will help me find a team. Again, I am so happy…Fourth, I would like to travel with family and started thinking, ‘ok please God, of all the things I could have,’ thank you all.”

A fellow client responded in support by saying, “I hope all his dreams come true.” Throughout this intimate exchange of personal hopes, clients shared trust, respect, and vulnerability in expressing parts of their identities while understanding others. The impact of this experience was profound and clients were visibly overwhelmed with tears and other forms of emotional expression.

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Eighty-six cents out of every dollar raised goes directly to SURVIVORS’ programs. Our Federal Tax ID Number is 33-0743869.
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Healing Society Members who have made five-year pledges of $1,000 or more per year. Thank you!

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We are proud to announce Kathi was featured in a June 27, 2020, San Diego Union-Tribune article entitled “Phenomenal San Diego women in advocacy and empowerment.”

Client Languages in 2019
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The numbers reported here represent unduplicated clients served during Fiscal Year 2019. Most clients speak more than one language.