

CUENTOS DE COVID



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MI VIDA, MI VOZ, VERMONT



PURPOSE

Youth (creatives, storytellers, artists, leaders, and community members) are facing an unprecedented moment of isolation and uncertainty during the COVID pandemic. But this time has also brought with it a recognition of the power of community. Connected, empowered and self-aware young people are central to helping build a future of social justice, responsible citizenship, and empowered communities. This storytelling project will provide a safe-space for youth from across the nation to explore their identity and role as leaders through collaborative storytelling workshops.

ABOUT

This virtual program consists of three sections: small group, mini-workshops, a cumulative storytelling open-mic celebration, and a letter-writing project. During the mini-workshop phase, a presenter (writer, educator, activist, or artist) who is at the front lines of the creative scene will meet with two or three youth from around the country to guide them through an hour-long storytelling workshop. Once the workshops are complete, participants will gather for an opportunity to connect with other youth and to share stories and/or thoughts. Finally, during the virtual sessions, each participant and their family will receive in the mail a package containing the "Collection of COVID" and a "COVID caja" with books from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF), art supplies, and other regalitos from local Vermont businesses. In the "Collection of COVID" envelope, participants will find a journal with stories from other Vermont families who have already received the Collection and a space for them to fill their own pages with stories from 2020. Once finished, the envelope will be mailed to the next participant and by the end of the fall, we will have created a "Collection of COVID" to document "Los Cuentos de COVID". This Collection will be printed and each participant and their family will receive a finished copy of the collection!