



# CALIF

## Communities Actively Living Independent & Free

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### *“Nothing about us without us!”*

These words, the rallying cry of the incomparable Lillibeth Navarro, founder and Executive Director of CALIF, lifted the hearts and spirits of all who gathered to confront many incredible challenges facing the disability community across multiple facets of our lives. 22 years after the CALIF Independent Living Center was founded, our organization is facing the greatest challenge yet: the passing of our indomitable leader.

Lillibeth, a warrior in her own right, carried her vision forward on the premise that all lives, no matter how different or diverse, deserve to live life with dignity and treated with compassion. Without supporters like you, we would not have the momentum to continue driving Lillibeth’s vision to see people with disabilities living independently as a part of our human family.

**It is in this difficult time that we come to you, our valued supporters, and ask that you please generously donate what you can to CALIF.** Your contribution will preserve Lillibeth’s legacy by aiding in the continuation of the remarkable work that CALIF has done.

Many of our programs, such as Housing Advocacy (help with Section 8 and reasonable accommodation requests in public housing), Benefits Advocacy (help with navigating and applying for benefits like Social Security, Medi-Cal and Medi-Care), and Assistive Technology (help with acquiring tech devices used for mobility, communication, and more) have granted our neighbors with disabilities the opportunity to reclaim their lives and thrive.

Please help us to carry on Lillibeth’s spirit in the work that we do to empower people with disabilities to live independently. Please donate via our website <https://calif-ilc.org/>.

Sincerely,

Keith Miller  
Interim Executive Director  
Communities Actively Living Independent and Free (CALIF)

P.S. CALIF wouldn’t be here today if it weren’t for Lillibeth’s dream, but without your dedication and support, we wouldn’t be able to carry on our mission. Please consider donating what you can so that we may continue enhancing the lives of people with disabilities in our community.

***Diverse communities, Diverse Abilities, One Human Family!***