

About Rising Sun Center for Opportunity

Rising Sun has been in service with local communities since 1994, with a focus on equity, climate, and jobs. Our mission is to empower individuals to achieve environmental and economic sustainability for themselves and their communities. We do this through our job training and employment programs for underserved youth and adults in the Bay Area and San Joaquin County to build resiliency, combat climate change, and fight economic inequity. Our two main programs are Opportunity Build and Climate Careers.



Opportunity Build

Since 2009, Opportunity Build has provided low-income Bay Area residents experiencing barriers to employment with a pathway out of poverty. Opportunity Build equips participants with the tools they need to thrive in high-road careers in the building trades and solar, industries at the forefront of the transition to a clean economy. Opportunity Build takes a whole-person approach to job readiness and combines skill development, hands-on training, and industry certifications with a year of case management, job placement, and retention support, along with other wrap-around services.

Climate Careers Program

Since 2000, Climate Careers has empowered low-income youth to fight climate change. Climate Careers employs and trains youth as Energy Specialists to conduct Green House Calls in hard-to-reach households, helping residents save energy and money. Our youth Energy Specialists provide thousands of residents with free energy efficiency and water conservation services each year, gaining real-world work experience and giving back to their communities. Climate Careers helps California meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals while placing youth in need of opportunity on a path to success.



Rising Sun is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with offices in Oakland and Stockton.

Rising Sun is powered through the support of institutions and people like you. Through your donations, we're able to provide opportunities for both people and planet. Here are some examples of what we can do with the generosity of donors like you:

\$25 Helps local residents make their home more energy-efficient and lower their utility bills

\$50 Gives the power of knowledge to one youth participant by providing them with the materials needed for their training

\$100 Buys a low-income adult participant a pair of working boots for construction industry training

\$1,000 Provides supportive services for four low-income adults, helping them with transportation and food to participate in training

\$2,500 Gives one Bay Area youth a meaningful work experience addressing climate change

\$10,000 Covers the cost for one low-income woman or reentry participant to be trained, gain entry into a union apprenticeship, and receive 12 months of wrap-around services







