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# WISHING YOU HEALTH & HAPPINESS FROM I-HOUSE DAVIS

*Here's to a new year filled with culture and community*



*Kalpulli Xihuacoatl I-Fest 2020*

## Reflecting on 2020

We started off 2020 with some amazing collaborations including a heartwarming Global Family Festival celebrating African American culture with soul food and storytelling, and a vibrant drumming circle honoring MLK. In March, we were planning to celebrate Norwuz, the Persian New Year, when Covid struck and we closed the I-House doors for the safety of our community.

As a social gathering space dedicated to bringing people together, Covid has hit I-House hard, but it has only affirmed our commitment to engaging with our differences, celebrating global cultures, fostering civic dialogue, and tackling global issues for a better tomorrow!

Since March we have:

- hosted art exhibit *Comunidad* by local artist Stephanie Thayer and "Imagine A World", a temporary pavement painting by shyboytoto.
- launched our new website, [internationalhousedavis.org](http://internationalhousedavis.org), featuring the **Culture Commons**, a searchable directory of local cultural assets.
- hosted a webinar with anti-racism leaders, virtual conversations in 6 different languages, and Zoom community gatherings for International Parents, Fulbright Scholars, Connections, and other community members.
- celebrated the 10th anniversary of International Festival Davis, showcasing over 20 amazing cultural performances in a 3-hour broadcast.

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## Looking forward to 2021

We recognize the power of virtual gathering to bridge physical distance and connect the global community with our local neighborhood. In 2021, we are planning virtual programs to address one of the most pressing global issues of our time -- racism.

With support from the City of Davis Arts and Cultural Affairs program, I-House is embarking on an ambitious anti-racism initiative, bringing the non-profit community together to tackle systemic inequity. We are partnering with the Davis Solidarity Space on a public art project and continuing to develop the Culture Commons to uplift our vibrant cultural groups in the region. We are also continuing our language program and community-building gatherings.



*Afro Mini Vibes at filming for I-Fest*

## Thanks for your support!

2020 has been a tough year, and we are so grateful for the local support that has kept I-House going during the past 8 months. We are a part of an amazing community of non-profit organizations that are feeding the hungry, keeping people housed, planting trees, and educating our youth. I-House is contributing by promoting, preserving and sharing global cultures, creating opportunities for lifelong learning, and operationalizing anti-racist practices for a better future.



If you have the capacity, please consider a tax-deductible, end-of-year gift to I-House to support our work, and share the love and generosity with other non-profit organizations in our community. We are all in this together!

## Happy Holidays!

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