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**International Music Legend & Activist Joan Baez Joins CARECEN SF
in Support of Bay Area Dreamers and Immigrant Community**

San Francisco, November 10, 2017 – Legendary folk singer and activist, Joan Baez, who has marched with Martin Luther King, Jr., stood alongside Nelson Mandela and was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame has chosen to partner with CARECEN SF in support of Bay Area Dreamers and migrant community by making a personal donation of the proceeds from her first ever art show, *Mischief Makers*, which displayed at the Seager/Gray Gallery in Marin County this past September 2017. All of the paintings in the exhibit immediately sold, and CARECEN SF was personally chosen by Baez as the beneficiary of a portion of the proceeds.

Baez will be personally presenting a check to CARECEN SF this coming Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 11am at their main offices, 3101 Mission St. SF, CA 94110 in the heart of the Mission District.

“We are incredibly honored and proud that Joan Baez has chosen to support the work that we do at CARECEN SF, and take a stand with us for immigrant rights in this country. We need more people like her to take a stand for the youth and families most impacted. Especially at this time, when immigrants across the nation are targets of the current administration’s anti-immigrant, xenophobic and racist agenda.” Remarked CARECEN SF Executive Director, Lariza Dugan-Cuadra. “Her donation, along with other generous individuals who donated, is already having a great impact in our work by helping to pay a large percentage of DACA renewal fees for the Dreamers who came through our doors prior to the November 5th deadline” continued Dugan-Cuadra.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the Temporary Protected Status (TPS), are both under threat by the Trump administration. On September 5th of this year, the administration announced an end to DACA by rescinding the 2012 program created through executive action by then President Obama. On November 7th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it will cancel TPS for 2,500 Nicaraguans who have been living under the protection of the program for more than two decades, and only extend it by six months for Hondurans. These recent decisions force 800,000 Dreamers and more than 325,000 TPS beneficiaries, and their families to continue to live in a state of limbo – one that could end in family separation and individuals forced to leave everything they have worked for, including homes, small businesses and most importantly their children, families and communities.

Joan Baez' support comes at a critical time for organizations at the forefront of the immigrant struggle such as CARECEN SF. A long-time activist, Baez is known for standing up against injustice, and actively contributing through her music, time and resources to social justice movements across the globe. She marched on the front lines of the Civil Rights movement with Martin Luther King, Jr., sang on the first ever Amnesty International tour, was involved and brought much needed attention to the Free Speech Movement in Berkeley, California, held hands with Cesar Chavez during the fight for the rights of Farm Workers, and helped organized resistance to the war in South East Asia. Bringing her music and loving spirit to all causes she cared for everywhere she went. Now, during the current administration, she is bringing her support to the immigrant struggle in this country.

Dugan-Cuadra concluded by stating the following: "Joan Baez' financial contribution to our organization has a direct impact on the more than 6,000 individuals who seek immigration legal services and our other programs annually. Many of the grants we receive are restricted, so individual donations are critical and allow us to pay for filing fees for those who qualify for adjustment of migratory status, but cannot afford to pay the high cost of fees. Individual donations also allow us to provide emergency funds to families in crisis, support community organizing and advocacy."

IMPORTANT DATE & TIME:

Joan Baez to Present Donation to CARECEN SF
November 16, 2017 at 11am
3101 Mission Street, Suite 101
San Francisco, CA 94110

CARECEN SF empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino, immigrant, and under-resourced families in the San Francisco Bay Area – building leadership to pursue self-determination and justice. Learn more at carecensf.org.

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