

## Looking Ahead | BYTE 2023

Happy Winter!

We hope you're enjoying the holiday season. Today, we're sharing BYTE's plans and aspirations for 2023. While our Nogales programs continue to grow in impact and scope we are excited to announce that in 2023 BYTE will be offering tennis-based sport for healing programs to incarcerated youth and adults in the San Francisco Bay Area. This initiative evolved from our work in locked facilities on the US/Mexico border and we are eager for the challenge and opportunity to change lives through positive connection and sport.

In this spirit of connection, BYTE is also excited to highlight the Bay to Border High School Exchange program and plans to scope new projects in Tijuana and other border cities.

We hope you'll consider supporting our work and as always, thank you for being part of the BYTE Team!

### BYTE Sport for Healing- Bay Area Prison Programs

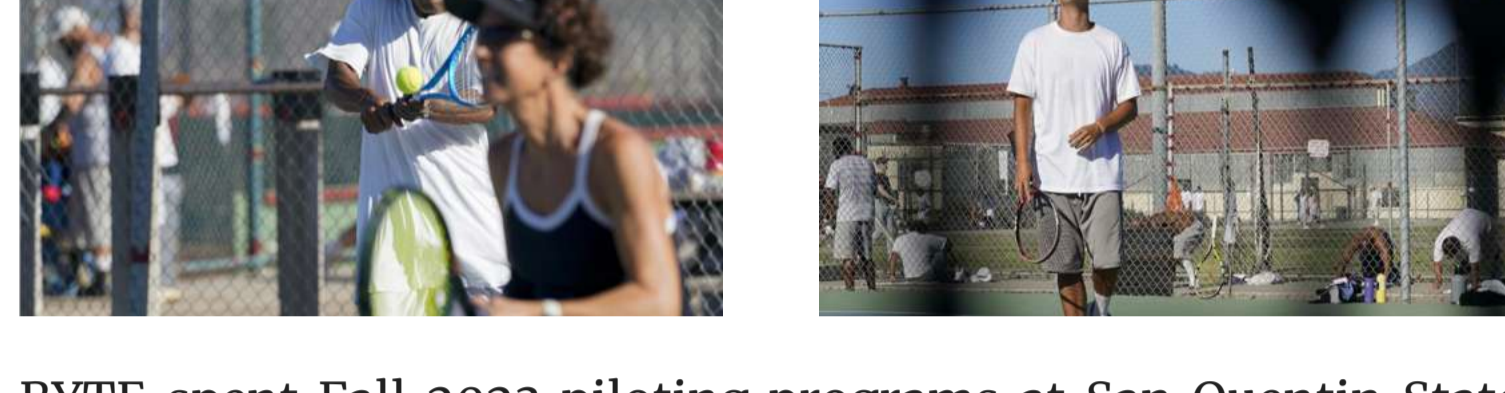
#### San Francisco Juvenile Hall



BYTE is proud to announce an \$80,000 investment by the San Francisco [Department of Children Youth and their Families](#) (DCYF) to host year-round Sport for Healing programming at San Francisco Juvenile Hall. This 18-month grant is a response to Governor Gavin Newsome's decision in 2020 to close all California juvenile prisons. The law mandates no new juvenile offenders be accepted after Jul 2021 and calls for county facilities to manage long-term youth detention. As a result, NGO's such as BYTE are being asked to step-up and design creative opportunities to engage and rehabilitate. BYTE hopes its successes supporting youth in locked facilities on the US/Mexico border can help it provide transformative experiences to this new youth population.

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#### San Quentin State Prison



BYTE spent Fall 2023 piloting programs at San Quentin State Prison. Classes included a structured beginner and intermediate tennis program a community initiative bringing volunteers in to play with the inmate team. BYTE's Executive Director, Charlie Cutler, has been involved in multiple SQ programs over the years, teaching sports and college preparatory writing.

Here Charlie describes how supporting prisoners aligns with BYTE's mission:

"BYTE's message has always been that a child learning to play tennis in Mexico looks the same as a child learning in the United States. Prisoners are no different. They are all people with histories, contexts, anxieties, regrets, and hopes. Similar to our work in Nogales, my goal is to provide a positive, protective outlet in a stark landscape. These men deserve the best chance to rehabilitate and the reality is many will leave prison one day. It serves all society that they spend their time inside focused on serves, backhands and positive community engagement."

BYTE is excited for this important new direction. Please contact our team if you would like to participate in a volunteer group or support the project.

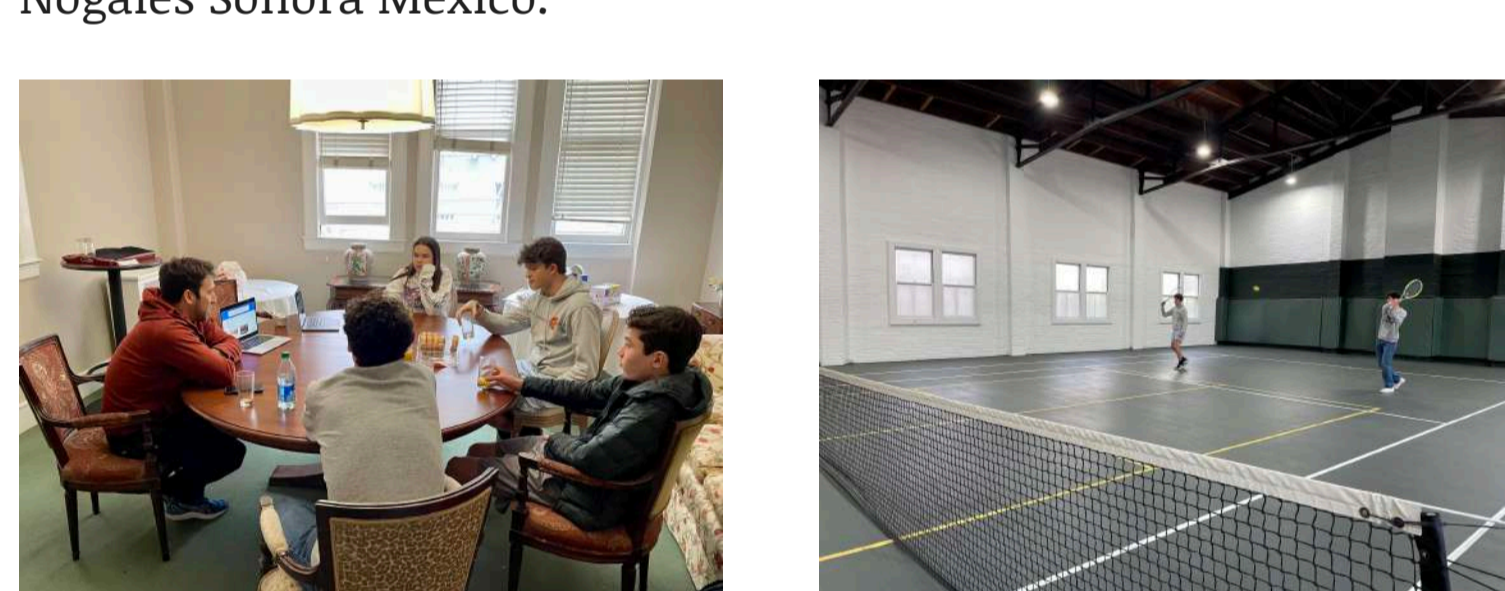
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### Bay to Border Exchange | Spring 2023



Coach Charlie and the San Francisco BYTE Bay to Border Team. From left to right: Lathrop Higgins, Noah Babel, Eloise Sent, Lev Cohen, Charlie Cutler

BYTE recently launched a comprehensive high school exchange between cohorts in San Francisco, Nogales Arizona, and Nogales Sonora Mexico. This program builds on BYTE's Youth-Force Development initiative, supported through ARPA funds in Santa Cruz County AZ. Each cohort will receive a public health centered professional development curriculum, sharing the experience with high school colleagues from other BYTE cities. Course content includes Mental Health First Aid certification, conflict resolution for adolescents, trauma-informed community coaching, and an introduction to border issues and 10-under tennis. Monthly meetings will lead to an in-person exchange in the Spring in Nogales Sonora Mexico.



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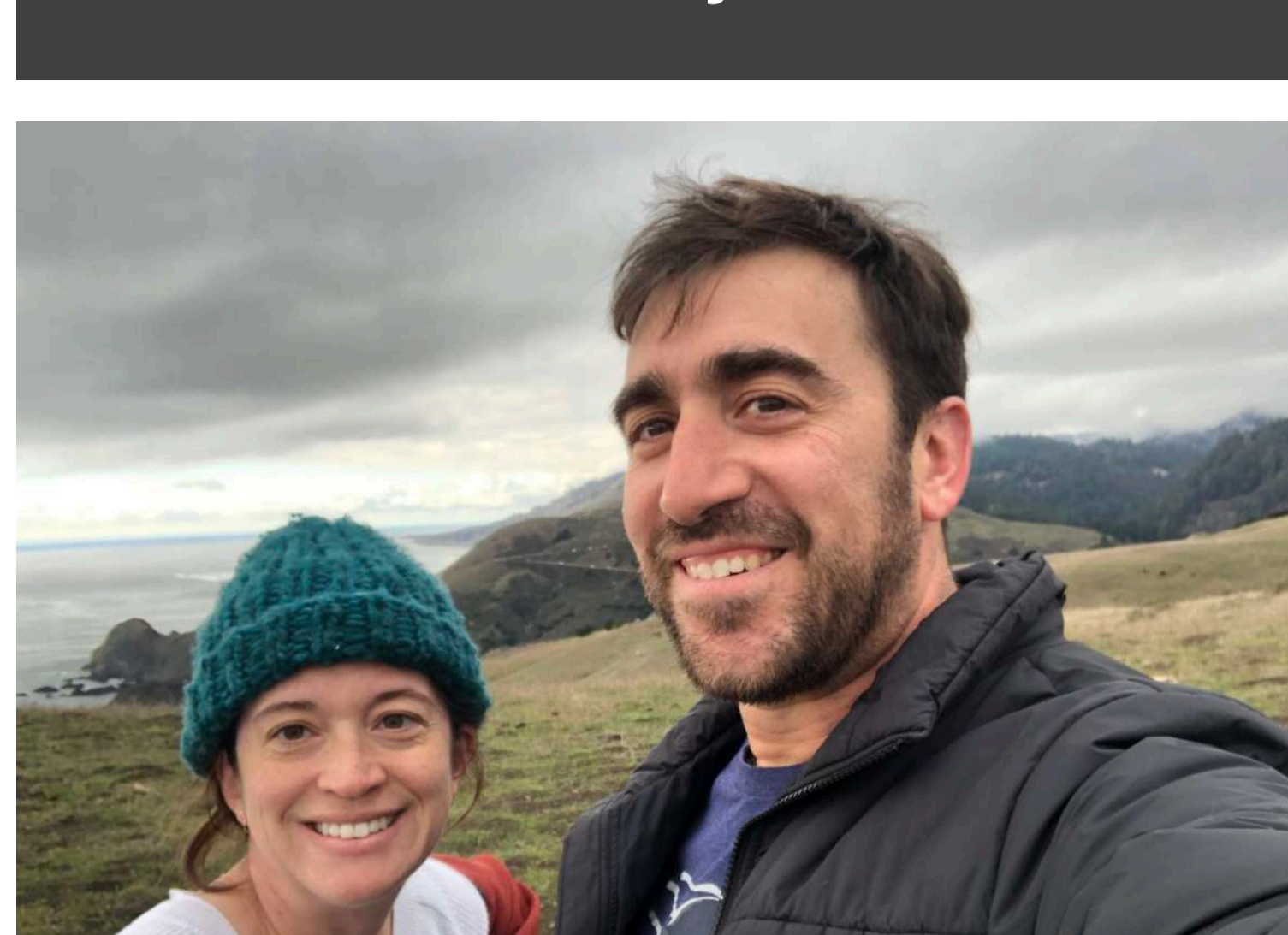
### 2023 Aspiration | Expansion to Tijuana



BYTE has begun outreach in the Tijuana/San Diego border region for a potential pilot and expansion in 2023. BYTE will rely on strong State Department and humanitarian sector partnerships to facilitate entry to this new landscape, with an eye toward local recruitment and team-building. BYTE's intention has always been to scale transnationally in additional border cities and 2023 will be the year of new beginnings!

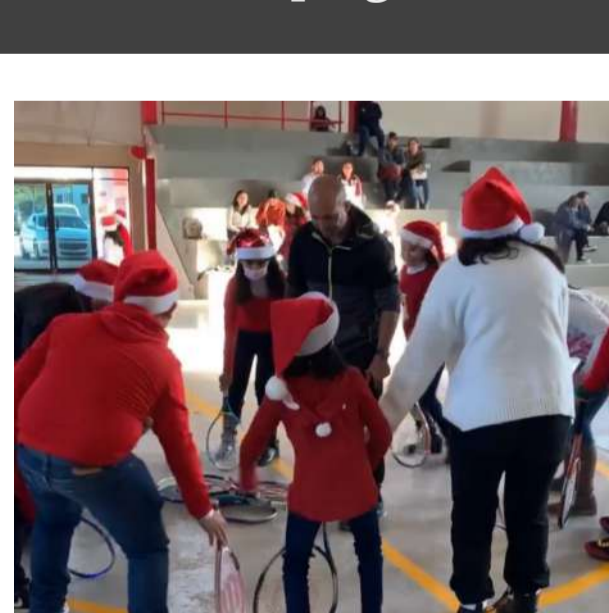
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### BYTE Baby Time!



The BYTE Team is so excited to congratulate BYTE Founders, Charlie Cutler (Executive Director) and Stefanie Tanenhaus on the upcoming birth of their first child. At the close of 2022 not only are we celebrating 8-years of border advocacy and organizational growth, but we also get to welcome the newest member of the BYTE family. Good Luck Charlie and Stef!

We hope you're having a great start to the holiday season. Look out for one more piece to BYTE's end of the year campaign!



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