In 2016, students from 31 schools across the Central Valley had the opportunity to explore renewable energy technology and career pathways through our Solar Futures program. Designed to provide both classroom education and hands-on solar installation experience, Solar Futures is inspiring young minds and preparing them for future careers. For high school senior Darlin Velasco, her school’s partnership with GRID gave her the chance to get hands-on with solar for the very first time. As she learned how to bend conduit, lift panels, and wire inverters at a live GRID solar installation, she discovered skills and a passion she didn’t know she had, illuminating an entirely new career path. “GRID Alternatives taught me something about myself that I did not know, which was that I enjoy working with tools!”

Serving people is what we do!

Situated in the heart of California, GRID Alternatives Central Valley has become part of the community fabric in the 12 counties we serve. 2016 was a year of tremendous growth as we celebrated an increase in our local impacts and developed new and innovative programs and partnerships to serve even more members of our community.

**2016 IMPACTS**

**316**
Households Served

**$12 million**
Lifetime Savings

**24,000 tons**
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Prevented

**821**
Participants Trained

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A PERSONAL MISSION TO SERVE

A U.S. military veteran and Certified Nursing Assistant, Marissa Torres’ lifelong mission is to help people. As an Outreach Coordinator for GRID Central Valley, she serves countless GRID clients, guiding them through the process of getting solar installed on their homes. This past Veteran's Day, rather than take the day off, she and five fellow women veterans came together to install a 3.5 kilowatt solar system for a local family through our Troops to Solar program, which trains U.S. service members for careers in solar. We're proud to work with dedicated veterans like Marissa, helping low-income members of our community save money with solar and make the air we breathe a little cleaner.

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