

Abridged US/Mexico Border and Interior Immigrant Aid Organizations

As of May 2023

As policies change for the worse this week, on the Ground Organizations adapt and continue the work of welcoming, feeding, clothing and sheltering those seeking refuge and asylum on both sides of our southern border.

Please contact the organizations of your choice to find out their needs for monetary or in-kind donations or their need for volunteers.

Thanks for your commitment to border justice and human dignity.

~ #Journey4Justice2022 ~ #WelcomeWithDignity ~ #RestoreAsylum



Photos from Tom Cartwright - volunteering in Matamoros and Reynosa, Mexico:

"The feels like temp in Matamoros was 15 that morning. In addition to these camps, there are substantial numbers of unhoused people on the streets in all border towns waiting for an opportunity for asylum."

State/Nationwide

- **ACLU**

<https://www.aclu.org>

Legal defenders of civil liberties.

- **Charity Navigator**

<https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=17770&from=HotTopic-Grouped&fromlistid=330>

Search for Organization ratings.

- **Human Rights First**

<https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/asylum>

Pro bono legal representation program matches good lawyers with asylum-seekers who need help and would not otherwise be able to afford high-quality legal representation.

- **Immigration Advocates**

www.immigrationadvocates.org

In the **Find Help** section you can enter your zip code for information about immigration aid organizations in your area. Also immigration updates and information.

- **Informed Immigrant**

https://www.informedimmigrant.com/service-organization-search/?fbclid=IwAR0VzJgXmo7hxZ3OcnqL364Oug6FB9p_ljhUCfhDXCUPyMvVGetuInLiHAQ

Designed for connecting immigrants with services. Enter zip code to find organizations in your area to support or volunteer.

- **Miles for Migrants**

<https://www.miles4migrants.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/miles4migrants/>

Miles4Migrants uses donated frequent flyer miles (and donated money) to fly refugees to their new homes.

- **RAICES - THE *Refugee AND Immigrant Center FOR Education AND Legal Services***

<https://www.raicestexas.org/>

Nonprofit agency that provides free and low-cost legal services to underserved immigrant children, families, and refugees. With legal services, social programs, bond assistance, and an advocacy team.

- **Project Lifeline - Collaborating for kids**

projectlifeline.us

Project Lifeline upholds the dignity and freedom of undocumented immigrant children through legal and medical partnerships and targeted educational advocacy.

Project Lifeline is currently raising funds to support translation services for children who speak indigenous dialects through secure.givelively.org.

- **Vecina - Keeping Families Together**

Vecina.org

Empowering immigrant justice advocates through mentoring attorneys, educating communities and mobilizing volunteers.

- Vecina recently launched a family reunification project seeking volunteer lawyers, interpreters and administrative support assist with ORR paperwork and communicate with case workers so that the reunification process can move as quickly and smoothly as possible.

- **Grannies Respond / Abuelas Responden, Inc.**

<https://www.granniesrespond.org/>

Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden provides and elicits compassionate and respectful support for asylum seekers and immigrants who are seeking safety and security in the United States.

Volunteers are needed to start a Grannies Respond Overground Railroad Bus Group to help immigrants on the road to their sponsors.

- **Doctors Respond**

<https://www.granniesrespond.org/doctors-respond>

Doctors Respond is a program of [Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden](https://www.granniesrespond.org/), Inc. and is currently seeking volunteers to assist at two organizations: *Global Resource Management* in Matamoros and Reynosa, Mexico, and *Refugee Health Alliance* in Tijuana, Mexico

- **Each.Step.Home.**

<https://eachstephome.org>

Each.Step.Home. is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending the damage caused by cruel and negligent treatment arising from American immigration policy. They support and protect children and families whose mental and physical wellbeing is being threatened by an inhumane immigration system.

Arizona

- **Catholic Community Services/ Casa Alitas**

<https://www.ccs-soaz.org/agencies-ministries/detail/alitas-aid-for-migrant-women-and-children>

The Casa Alitas Program serves migrant families who have left their home countries to escape violence and poverty. We provide care, short-term shelter and help to reunite with family members in the U.S.

- **Cruzando Fronteras**

www.fronteras.azdiocese.org

Assists those gathered on our southern border as they seek safety, a better life and a more secure future.

- **Kino Border Initiative**

<https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/>

Since 2008 Kino Border Initiative has united six Catholic organizations in an effort to be a humanizing presence and to foster bi-national solidarity on the issue of migration on the U. S./Mexico border through direct assistance and accompaniment, education, research and advocacy.

- **No More Deaths - No Más Muertes**

<http://www.notmoredeaths.org>

Provides humanitarian aid, search and rescue operations, and legal aid to migrants, refugees and residents of southern Arizona and Northern Mexico. Our mission is to end suffering and death in the borderlands.

- **Ajo Samaritans**

<http://ajosamaritans.org>

a group of people providing humanitarian aid in the US/Mexico borderlands

(The Ajo Humanitarian Aid Office)

- **Tucson Samaritans - Los Samaritanos**

<http://tucsonsamartians.org>

Mission: To save lives in the southern Arizona Desert

- **The Green Valley/Sahuarita Samaritans**

<https://www.gvs-samaritans.org>

an organization comprising people of conscience who offer humanitarian aid to migrants in Arizona

- **Salvavision**

<http://www.salvavision.org>

Fighting for migrants to have basic human rights. A Tucson based non-profit org with a focus on providing aid and support to asylum seekers, migrants and returnees.

- **Voices from the Border**

<http://www.mightycause.com>

based in Patagonia, Az – serves migrants and refugees in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico through housing support, medical care and direct humanitarian aid.

- **AZ-CA Humanitarian Coalition - Yuma**

<https://www.facebook.com/azcahumanitariancoalition/>

provides humanitarian assistance to families and individuals

Current Need: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/kf9yku-fernando>

- **Frontera de Cristo**

<http://www.fronteradecristo.org>

a Presbyterian border ministry working with churches and secular organizations on both sides of the border in the sister cities of Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora to extend welcome and support to migrants and the surrounding community.

California

- **Al Otro Lado**

<http://www.alotrolado.org>

Al Otro Lado provides holistic legal and humanitarian support to refugees, deportees, and other migrants in the US and Tijuana through a multidisciplinary, client-centered, harm reduction-based practice.

Current Need: If you speak Spanish, and love to fill out forms, (virtually) completing title 42 exceptions.

This will help those waiting in Mexico gain entry if possible:

Please reach out to: Casey 917-930-1287

Calexico

- **Border Kindness**

<https://borderkindness.org/>

Border Kindness provides migrants, refugees, and the displaced with comprehensive services that include food, shelter, clothing and medical care. Our programs are designed to identify, protect and nurture the most vulnerable – including women, children, elderly and families

- **Minority Humanitarian Foundation**

<https://minorityhumanitarianfoundation.org>

Minority Humanitarian Foundation provides humanitarian response to the issues facing asylum-seekers and refugees.

San Diego

- **Bridge of Love Across the Border**

<https://www.bridge-of-love-across-the-border.com/>

b.aliciagutierrez@yahoo.com (619) 646-4611

- Bridge of Love Across the Border is made up of 100% Volunteer Grassroots Human Rights Activists who accept and send donations across the border to support migrants/refugees seeking refuge and asylum.

- **Contra Viento Y Marea Comedor Tijuana**

<https://www.contravientoymareatj.com>

Provides housing in Tijuana, kitchen serving meals, detention support

New Mexico

Deming (homebase)

- **Border Partners**

<https://www.borderpartners.org>

Border Partners sparks change on the U.S. – Mexico Border in Palomas (MX) by empowering residents of the border community to improve their access to food, shelter, clean water, health services, education and economic security.

Las Cruces

- **Border Servant Corps**

<https://www.borderservantcorps.org/>

Border Servant Corps promotes and demonstrates justice, kindness, and humility and focuses on humanitarian aid.

Matamoros, MX

- **One Mission Ministries**

<http://www.onemissionministries.org/index.html>

Churches and humanitarians from Brownsville providing blankets, coats and meals through One Mission Ministries

- **The Sidewalk School for Children Asylum Seekers**

https://www.facebook.com/thesidewalkschool/about/?ref=page_internal

The Sidewalk School is collaborating with other NGOs to build and run a respite center for asylum seekers in Matamoros, Mexico.

Reynosa, MX

- **Casa Del Migrante**

<http://www.casadelmigrantereynosa.org>

Offers a dignified and safe place to migrants who pass through the city of Reynosa, providing them with free basic services during their stay (food, clothing, personal hygiene items, phone calls, medical and psychological care, and more.

- **Casa del Migrante Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe A. C.**

<http://www.casadelmigrantereynosa.org>

- **Kaleo Immigrant Center -**

<http://www.kaleointernational.org>

providing a refuge that meets basic needs for safety and shelter.

- **Global Resource Medicine**

<https://global-response.org/>

“...an agile crisis response team delivering emergency care on the front lines.”

- **Solidarity Engineering**

<http://www.Solidarityengineering.org>

provides community-driven, public health-focused engineering for people in crisis

- **Ministerio Senda de Vida**

<https://www.ministeriosendadevida.com/>

providing food, housing and ministry

Texas

- **Texas Border Collaboration Network**

<https://www.facebook.com/FronterizadeTexas/>

works to get resources to needed places across Texas.

- **Interfaith Welcome Coalition**

<https://interfaithwelcomecoalition.org/>

meeting the changing needs of asylum seekers, refugees, and at-risk immigrants in collaboration with others

Brownsville

- **Angry Tias and Abuelas in Brownsville**

<https://www.angrytiasandabuelas.com/?fbclid=IwAR2KdxFpXsrfYYx4LVy5tivPF3DJ7cYim9ipL6WhBVvEdXdk8f-c0luYtn4>
<https://www.facebook.com/angrytiasandabuelas/>

The Angry Tias and Abuelas' mission is to provide basic necessities for health and safety and support for human dignity and justice to individuals and families seeking asylum at our borders and as they embark on their journeys to designated destinations in the U.S.

- **Catholic Charities Brownsville and San Juan TX**

<https://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/HumanitarianRespiteCenter.shtml>

955 W. Price Rd. , Brownsville, TX 78520

phone: 956-541-0220 Sr. Norma Pimentel - 956-702-4088

Charitable branch of the Diocese of Brownsville. Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley has projects that provide assistance to the poor and most vulnerable population in our community.

- **Good Neighbor Settlement House**

<https://www.goodneighborsh.org>

1254 E Tyler St, Brownsville, TX 78520 956-542-2368

Offers respite care for refugees released locally by US immigration authorities to pursue their asylum cases in the United States. Refugees get help with travel logistics, local transportation, and communicating with their families. We provide snacks, hygiene kits, appropriate clothing, showers, home cooked meals, and a place to sleep overnight if needed.

- **Team Brownsville**

<https://www.teambrownsville.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/TeamBrownsville/>

Team Brownsville helps families and individuals legally seeking asylum in the United States. The team adapts to the conditions on the ground and has offered a variety of programs to assist asylum seekers, especially those living in the encampment in Matamoros and those who arrive at the bus station in Brownsville. We provide food, water, shelter, and basic necessities. We support a variety of legal, medical, and other services for this vulnerable population.

Del Rio

- **The Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition**

<https://www.vvbhcoalition.com/>

The Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition is a group of local citizens and agencies that have united to develop an efficient way to transition refugees to their destinations upon release of federal custody through a unified and coordinated effort.

They are currently working with Haitian migrants under the bridge in Del Rio and are in need of just about everything, money, clothing, food, prayers, and volunteers.

Eagle Pass

- **Mission Border Hope**

<https://www.missionborderhome.org>

provides a safe haven for arriving CDP processed families to Maverick County, TX

El Paso

- **Annunciation House**

<https://annunciationhouse.org/>

Annunciation House is a volunteer organization that offers hospitality to migrants, immigrants, and refugees in the border region of El Paso, Texas. Provides shelter, clothing, food, and other basic necessities for migrants, mostly from Mexico and Central America. Participates in advocacy and education around immigration issues

and seeks to be a voice for justice and compassion, especially on behalf of the most marginalized of our society. Rooted in Catholic social justice teaching, the volunteers of Annunciation House live simply and in community, in the same houses as the guests we serve.

(SalaamFoundation.org collecting donations for Annunciation house and providing food services.

- **Casa Camelita**

https://www.instagram.com/casa_carmelita/?hl=en

A radical community space and resource center supporting learning, organizing and bi-national mutual aid efforts in Ciudad Juárez and El Paso.

- **Rosa Help**

+1 (915) 801-7478

Meeting Current Needs in El Paso: Providing meals for those released by CBP in El Paso with no place to go.

- **CLE Shelter (stellas)**

karina@haznosvaler.com / 915-497-7196

Meeting Current Needs in El Paso: Karina Breceda, Executive Director, has created Amazon and Walmart wish lists for items needed. She also has Venmo for direct donations (@Hazos-Valer.)

The Uber gift cards listed on Amazon are to transport those displaced at the bus station to the airport.

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2MBISOMPB1VPL...>

<https://www.walmart.com/.../b4bc543b-8f25-46b0-b250...>

- **Keepers Kitchen**

Kerry - 11416 ED MERRINS DR, EL PASO, TX 79936

Meeting Current Needs in El Paso: Providing meals. Monetary donations for food (checks accepted) local volunteers to transport meals.

Laredo

- **Catholic Charities Diocese of Laredo**

<https://www.dioceseoflaredo.org/catholic-charities-dicese-laredo>

“We assist immigrant families and individuals released from immigration detention centers or who find themselves in our community and are in need of assistance.”