MEET THE BOARD!

THIS MONTH: BILL LLOYD

I volunteer at the Welcome Center a few days per month, and have recently been chosen to serve on the board of directors as well. Serving at the Welcome Center is one of the most rewarding experiences I know. The released immigrants are so grateful and tell of the most astounding journeys to get here. What a privilege to serve such absolutely deserving folks!

¡Gracias! Gracias! Thank you! DANKE!

MEET JESUS AND HIS FAMILY!

Jesus was detained on Christmas day 2017 and released October 31st, 2019. He is the father of 5 and is still waiting for his work permit. His wife works but struggles to support them. A local group will be sponsoring this family for the Holiday Season.

AIDNW monthly service statistics

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Why keep the “ICE NW Processing Center” here.

Many volunteer with AIDNW because we see the treatment of Immigrants as neither just nor fair. Some groups want this detention center closed. AIDNW believes that detention centers will be part of the US policies for the foreseeable future. We believe having this center in a metropolitan area is advantageous for those detained. Here, there are many support services—spiritual, physical, legal—that the detainees can access. Tacoma is a welcoming community and AIDNW is grateful for the community wide support we are able to channel to these folks.

Having a working relationship with the staff gives us the advantage of being able to keep abreast of conditions inside the institution. Upon release, immigrants are close to major transportation, and are often back with their families by the next day.

We are aware of instances where detention centers were built 30 or 40 miles from the nearest small town. People detained there have no access to services, and fare far worse than the folks detained here in Tacoma.

THANK YOU to everyone who voted for AIDNW in the BECU “People’s Choice Award.”

We are excited to announce that AIDNW, Advocates for Immigrants in Detention, was honored to receive the BECU Peoples Choice Award, an award granted by BECU to non-profits making a difference in their community. From an original 800 applicants, AIDNW was selected as one of 18 semi-finalists. In November, BECU “got out the vote” and the Peoples Choice Award was determined by that outcome. According to a BECU staff member, AIDNW garnered the highest number of votes in the history of this award. We are so thankful that BECU, you, and our greater community believe in and support welcoming immigrants to our country.

AIDNW Wish List

LOCAL grocery gift cards/groceries
Men’s warm coats/sweaters /sweatshirts S,M,L
DUFFEL BAGS/ Small Carry On Suitcases
Donations accepted at Hospitality House T&TH 11-2 1915 S Sheridan Ave. Tacoma
Contact officevolunteer@aidnw.org for more info on current needs
Visit our website www.aidnw.org for a link to our AMAZON WISH LIST

Want to learn more?

Awareness is a critical part of the work of AIDNW. Our Speakers Group presents to Churches, Synagogues, Temples, Mosques, Service Clubs, and others who might be interested in learning about immigration, detention, the Northwest ICE Processing Center and the work of AIDNW. If you would like a presentation please contact:

EMAIL : info@aidnw.org

https://aidnw.org/how-to-donate/

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER 21 5-10PM
NIGHT MARKET @ ALMA MATER
1322 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma

Community Roundtable Meeting
January 15th, 2020  9:30 – 11AM
St.Leo’s Parish  710 So 13th St Tacoma

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS
January 18, 2020  10 am -12
Peace Lutheran Church  10 am -12 pm