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Yuri Lee Kuriatnyk and her friends brought a delicious meal to the hospitality house for all to share! Thank you Yuri!!!

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK
DECEMBER 2019

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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

Are you aware of the growing number of detention centers and the overburdened immigration courts? Do you know what actually happens behind closed doors, where judges decide the fates of hundreds of thousands of immigrants every year?

The Detention Lottery is an interactive theater production where audiences get a rare look inside an immigration hearing. During each performance, eight audience members are “arrested” at random and assigned the identifies of immigrants. Detainees follow scripts written by a veteran immigration attorney, who wanted you to know what it’s like for immigrants facing deportation who must defend themselves without an attorney and without preparation.

Experienced immigration attorneys act as ICE agents and as the judge who will determine the detainees’ fates. After the performance, the attorneys will answer audience questions about how the detention process works.

We hope to see you there!

and Fox Island United Church of Christ Present
THE DETENTION LOTTERY
Written by Margarett O’Donnell
February 8, 2020 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Fox Island United Church of Christ
726 6th Avenue, Fox Island WA
Free admission with donation to AIDNW
(Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest)
For more information, please visit the website: aidnw.org
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STORIES FROM THE HOSPITALITY HOUSE GUESTS

Michael was working for international aid groups in Nigeria when he was picked up by the military. He was accused of being in a separatist group and was tortured for weeks. A bribe secured his release, and he fled to a third country, and on to Central America. From there, he traveled to America’s southern border. Along the way, he and other migrants were robbed and beaten.

“I’ll finally be safe,” Michael thought, when he crossed into the U.S. and applied for asylum. Though he entered legally, he was placed in chains with 200 other asylum seekers and put on a plane for Washington State. “Is this America?” he asked himself. Released by ICE in December, he was suspicious of the AIDNW volunteers inviting him into the Welcome Center. Having been robbed before, he hesitated before entering the RV.

“Oh no, not again,” he thought. Instead of a beating, Michael was given warm clothes, food, a place to stay and a phone so he could tell his family he was safe.

He was shocked by the kindness of strangers. “I couldn’t believe it,” he said. “I saw love. I saw compassion in people and in their generosity, and I saw respect for humanity.” At the AIDNW Hospitality House, more volunteers greeted him warmly, offered a safe place to stay and helped Michael reunite with family in Texas. Home with family, he is healing from his physical and mental scars, waiting for his final hearing.

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

AIDNW Calendar of Events

JANUARY 15TH ,2020 9.30-11.00
Community Roundtable Meeting
St.Leo’s Parish  710 So 13th St Tacoma

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MEET THE BOARD !

THIS MONTH : BRIANNA LENTZ

For the better part of a year, I have been volunteering with AIDNW as a visitor in the detention center. I am passionate about reminding the marginalized of their inherent dignity and worth, especially when our broken institutions insist on stripping them of such. The opportunity to sit with immigrants during some of the darkest days of their lives is a humbling experience and a special opportunity for human connection. I’m passionate about the dignifying work of AIDNW and it is an honor to join its Board of Directors.