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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!!!

 and Fox Island United Church of Christ  
Present



*THE DETENTION LOTTERY*

Written by Margaret O'Donnell

February 8, 2020 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Fox Island United Church of Christ

726 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fox Island WA

Free admission with donation to AIDNW

(Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest)

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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!**

**YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK  
DECEMBER 2019**

Immigrants released from detention	<b>68</b>
Overnight stays at the hospitality house	<b>24</b>
Welcome backpacks handed out	<b>55</b>
Detention Center visits	<b>45</b>
Transportation given	<b>35</b>
Volunteer hours	<b>594.5</b>

**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](mailto:info@aidnw.org)**





## 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.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:officevolunteer@aidnw.org)**

**for more info on current needs**

**Visit our website [www.aidnw.org](http://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

**FEBRUARY 8TH 2020 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

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