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“During this difficult time, we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our volunteers, donors and friends,” said Deborah Cruz, AIDNW Program Manager. “AIDNW is so grateful for all of the support we have received in these past few weeks. I know our volunteers and donors are second to none, it was amazing to watch items we specifically requested for this situation come pouring in; as well as monetary donations! “

“Our Volunteers who have specific contact with our guests, whether through the Visitation Program, the PDAN program or the Welcome Center have been outstanding in stepping up to cover for each other,” she said. “We appreciate those who can not participate at this time and we know they are as anxious to get back to volunteering as we are to have them back. Many have picked up other needed tasks, like computer work from home, fundraising, and making masks. Everyone has done an amazing job of adjusting during this time. AIDNW is immensely grateful for all of your efforts!

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GREAT VOLUNTEERS and friends make masks for AIDNW! Thank you!!!

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK MARCH 2020

Immigrants released from detention	62
Overnight stays at the Hospitality House	
Welcome backpacks handed	42
Detention Center visits	43
Transportation given	14

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

Changes to our programs under COVID 19

The AIDNW **Welcome Center** is working outdoors and we are taking all necessary precautions to protect both our volunteers and our guests.

Hospitality House is only accepting people who are released who need to wait a few hours for transportation. No overnight stays are allowed at this time.

PDAN volunteer drivers are busy taking released immigrants to the airport or to hotels for overnight stays before airport travel.

Visits are not allowed inside the Detention Center, but our volunteer visitors continue to connect with detainees by writing letters.

Clothing and other in-kind **donations** are being accepted only through our Amazon Wish list and can no longer be dropped at the house.

Monetary donations are accepted through the mail and the website <https://aidnw.org/how-to-donate/>



NOTES FROM THE INSIDE

Since the virus, we have not been able to visit inside. Many of our Visitation Volunteers have begun writing to their detainees.

Here are a couple of remarks from some of those no longer able to visit.

"I'm a people person and so it is difficult for me to not see my person. I'm not complaining. I do understand the gravity of the situation for us all. That said, letters don't really convey what the expression on a face can. Also, can't give immediate feedback."

"...and then the virus and so all I've been able to do is write my person every week since. "

"I look forward to returning to personal visits. The Virus hit right after C was deported. I wanted to take 3 weeks off to sort of process (and mourn) the loss of our person to person conversations and not just be on to the next person. Well, thanks to the Virus, it'll be awhile. We do what we can in the meantime. I am pragmatic about that. I think the letters must help. I have sent a couple, but have never met the detainee, so it's not the same "



MEET THE BOARD: STEFFANY DURAN

I graduated Cum Laude in 2018 from UWT with a Bachelors in Psychology, and was the chancellor's medalist. While at school I was selected as an RA in a community psychology research team lead by professors Rachel Hershberg and Vanessa De Vertich Woodside. In this we studied the detention, displacement and re-integration of immigrants and refugees in the south sound area. We worked closely with World Relief, Tacoma Community House and AIDNW. I am now a legal advocate at TCH where I continue to help the immigrant and refugee community, specifically crime victims. When the opportunity came up to be on the board of AIDNW I was excited to expand the way I am involved and aiding the immigrant and refugee community. As an immigrant myself, this is an area that I am deeply passionate about and will always have a close connection with. I have two chihuahuas and enjoy spending time with friends, family, and reading.

AIDNW Calendar of Events

NEXT COMMUNITY

MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 5.20.20

9.30 AM

THIS WILL BE ON A ZOOM CALL!!

If you would like to "be at the meeting" please email for instructions : officevolunteer@aidnw.org



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