MEET OUR HOST COORDINATOR: Nixon Tenga

Nixon Tenga has been in this position for 19 months and really enjoys meeting people from all over the world. His duties include welcoming new guests, acquainting them with the house rules and showing them how to use appliances many have never seen before. He helps resolve any conflicts that might arise among folks from different cultures.

“I emphasize that we all have to work together—work as a team—to keep the house in clean working order. I try to model respect for each other,” he said.

Nixon is a lawyer and helps explain guests’ circumstances to them; what their status means. He can help give them the tools they will need to make decisions about their futures.

“Many of these people settle here in Washington and come back to visit. I am gratified that many call me brother.”

**YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK**

**FEBRUARY 2020**

- Immigrants released from detention: 107
- Overnight stays at the hospitality house: 22
- Welcome backpacks handed out: 49
- Detention Center visits: 52
- Transportation given: 24
- Volunteer hours: 662.9

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
CLIENT’S CORNER: Eric Amuji

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Eric Omuaka Amuji. Based on the kind assistance I received from your organization when I came out from the detention center in June 2018, I was deeply touched, ever since then I have been looking for an opportunity to show my gratitude in the best way I can.

On this note, I would like to volunteer to work for your organization for two weeks at my own expense. I do not need any assistance on transportation or feeding and I will be willing to use my vehicle to run errands within the vicinities of Pierce and King counties at my own expense.

Thanks, and hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
Eric Omuaka Amuji

NOTES FROM THE INSIDE

In February AIDNW volunteers visited detainees 52 times. Here is one of those stories:

She has been at the NWDC for 6 months after a harrowing journey from Africa. Her hearing is scheduled for the end of April, but she is hoping to get that moved up. She has seen several women from her country released, so her attitude is pretty positive. She hopes to reunite with family and work toward owning her own restaurant as she did back home.

MEET THE BOARD:

BOB SPANGLER, SECRETARY

Bob Spangler serves as secretary of the AIDNW board. He and his wife, Carol, live on Vashon Island and have been volunteers at the Welcome Center for nearly four years. He has found welcoming and assisting newly released detainees to be among his most rewarding life experiences. His legal education and practice did not involve immigration issues, and he now appreciates how complex a field this is and how essential it is that immigrants receive assistance in reentering life outside detention. He believes that no one who has visited the Welcome Center can leave untouched by the immigrants’ stories and the care that they receive in their first hours of freedom.

BECOME AN AIDNW SUSTAINING DONOR!

$25/mo. pays a month’s internet and phone bill at the WELCOME CENTER
$50/mo. buys a month of water and soda’s for RELEASED IMMIGRANTS
$100/mo. buys a month of snacks

YOU CAN SET UP RECURRING DONATIONS AT aidnw.org OR WITH YOUR BANK

Mr. Amuji wrote:

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Mr. Amuji volunteered at the Hospitality House for two weeks during his vacation!

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

MARCH 18TH  2020  9.30-
11.00
Community Roundtable Meeting
St.Leo’s Parish  710 So 13th St Tacoma

NEXT COMMUNITY
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 5.20.20
April 21st DETENTION LOTTERY @
PANORAMA in Olympia

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