

AIDNW Board Chair Tim Chen's Annual Report 2019

As the 2020 Chairman of the Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest Board of Directors, it is my privilege to offer a brief summary of the 2019 AIDNW activities. The year 2019 was marked by many program accomplishments:

- AIDNW Visitation Program volunteers visited over **116 detainees** on a one-to-one basis in the Northwest ICE Processing Center in Tacoma, Washington. Each detainee is visited at least twice a month, sometimes more. Total volunteer visits were well over 600 for the year.
- The Welcome Center RV outside the Northwest ICE Processing Center welcomed and assisted **1,327 immigrants** released by the Department of Justice immigration courts. The released immigrants were assisted with clothing, backpacks, and travel planning to their final destination in the USA. Immigrants were from **69 countries**. The greatest numbers in descending order were from India, Cuba, Mexico, and Cameroon.
- The AIDNW Hospitality house provided **1,979 days** of free temporary housing to **260 individuals** needing accommodations from one night to a few weeks.

In 2019, over 200 active volunteers from the Greater Puget Sound Region contributed to the work of AIDNW an average of 750 hours per month or over 9,000 hours total.

The year 2019 was also marked by important financial accomplishments:

- AIDNW raised over \$100,000 to purchase a RV replacement. The capital funds were provided by several foundations and generous donations from many individuals.
- By popular vote, AIDNW won the Boeing Employee Credit Union (BECU) People Helping People Award.

These accomplishments were achieved with the leadership of Bill Tudor, Chairman 2019 Board of Directors, the 2019 Board of Directors, dedicated volunteers and the hard-working and dedicated AIDNW Program Manager.

2020 will offer AIDNW new challenges as Federal Immigration policies continue to change. The continued financial support of your organization is critical to the operation of AIDNW. AIDNW is financed 100% through donations from private organizations and individuals.

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Timothy Chen
Chairman, 2020 AIDNW Board of Directors