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Volunteer Adam visiting with guests at the COVID19 outdoor Welcome Center recently.



**COVID 19 TESTING AT THE Northwest Detention Center**

According to the Tacoma News Tribune, testing for the COVID 19 virus was to have taken place at the Detention Center on Tuesday, June 2.

NWIRP and the ACLU had jointly sued ICE over the treatment and care of detainees who may have the virus. Testing all people in the facility is a first step to containing and maintaining adequate levels of care for those at risk for the virus.

On Tuesday 5 men were released from the detention center and all confirmed they had been tested. They also stated that they were told it would take one week for the results of the test to be known. None of those released that evening knew how or when they might be contacted with the results of their tests.

<b>YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK MAY 2020</b>	
Immigrants served	<b>47</b>
Stays at the Hospitality House (few hours)	<b>3</b>
Welcome backpacks handed out	<b>36</b>
Letters written to detainees	<b>37</b>
Transportation given	<b>22</b>
Volunteer hours	<b>521</b>

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?**



Awareness is a critical part of the work of AIDNW. Our Speakers Group is currently presenting **VIA ZOOM**

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)**

## Meet the Board :

### Len Johnson

I am a life long Washingtonian. I was born in Mt. Vernon, spent most of my youth in Everett, and have lived in Tacoma for most of my adulthood. I am a graduate of the University of Washington. Go Dawgs!

For much of the past 35 years I have been active in outreach ministry primarily as part of the Christ Episcopal Church-Tacoma congregation. I am a member of our church's Community Service Ministry and became aware of AIDNW in conjunction with that ministry.

AIDNW's past Board Chair, Bill Tudor, is also a member of our church's Community Service Ministry. As we learned more about AIDNW our ministry group looked for ways for members of our congregation to become involved as AIDNW volunteers, fundraising, and leadership. We also have provided direct financial support from the church's Community Service Ministry operating budget. My wife, Linda, and I served on AIDNW's first annual fundraiser team in 2017 and also on the second one in 2019. In August 2019, I was elected to the Board. I am a member of the Fundraising and Governance Committees.

### LETTERS, WE SEND LETTERS!!



Katherine Niall, our Visitation Coordinator reports that since we can not physically visit inside the detention center, we are now corresponding with **48** people in detention!

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## AIDNW Calendar of Events

### NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

**JULY 15, 2020 9.30 –11 AM**

**THIS WILL BE A ZOOM CALL!!**

**Guest Speaker will be Board Member Tonia Honeycutt. She will be discussing various release statuses ICE uses to release people from the Detention Center If you would like to "be at the meeting" please email: [officevolunteer@aidnw.org](mailto:officevolunteer@aidnw.org)**

**A LINK WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.**

## 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/>