

JULY 2020

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ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES

We have lots of yarn, construction paper, and notebooks that have been generously donated. These items are really useful to detainees as they wait out their time in detention. We put these items on our Amazon wish list and within two weeks we had more than 14 boxes of supplies! THANK YOU!!

The detainees have to write a special request for these supplies and our volunteer Mary Clare brings them to the NWDC when the request is approved. Mary Clare is another amazing volunteer who stores these items and goes to the NWDC to fill the approved requests. SHE DESERVES A SPECIAL THANK YOU for taking on this HUGE TASK!

Of course, keeping the communication lines open so that our volunteers know the needs of the detainees is the task of our volunteer Katherine. She is our VISITATION COORDINATOR, and especially during this COVID TIME has done an amazing job of keeping track of those writing to people inside, since visiting is now denied. A HUGE THANK YOU to Katherine for her tireless dedication to the visitation program.

It warms my heart to know how many people actually care. Thank You All!

~ **Deborah Cruz, Program Manager**



Volunteer Aviva created this art work to show our feelings for our guests. She crocheted the flags of the guests' countries and sewed them together.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK	
JUNE 2020	
Immigrants served	36
Stays at the Hospitality House (few hours)	
Welcome backpacks handed out	29
Letters written to detainees	60
Transportation given	10
Volunteer hours	519.25

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

FROM THE FRONT LINES

Our volunteers write reports when they work at the Welcome Center, send letters or cards, or transport someone. Here are a couple of notes from the last several weeks:

FROM A CORRESPONDENT VOLUNTEER

The woman I normally visit with and have since been writing to, seemingly disappeared from the system a few weeks ago. I had written her and got the letter returned to me with a note "Not here." My heart sank and flew at the same time, not knowing if she had been released or if she was deported. No one knew.

I backtracked through my letters and found a group she mentioned she used to volunteer for in Oregon. I emailed them to explain who I was and asked if they knew if she was okay. They forwarded my email to her and she's doing well! She was released and just celebrated her birthday with her family yesterday. The district attorney appealed the judge's decision, though, so her case still isn't over unfortunately.

We are now in touch via email !

FROM A WELCOME CENTER REPORT

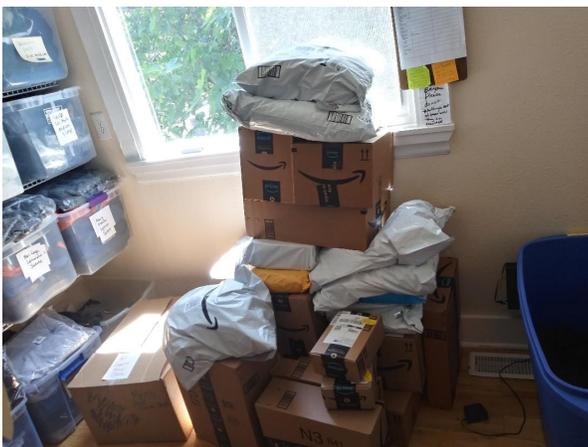
All five of our released guests ended up going to the airport, one driven by a lawyer, two with our PDAN volunteers, and two with a very kind couple from World Relief who just happened to stop by to give us two boxes of masks...

Our guest from Laos had been released on cancellation of removal and went home to Anchorage, Alaska; a Guatemalan man went to his home in Austin, Texas; a Somali man with cancellation of removal went to his wife and kids in Utah; and two men from China--both asylees--left for New York and Los Angeles.

We three Welcome Center volunteers were honored to be able to do this work tonight, greeting people on their release with warmth and respect, and offering the vital services needed to get them on their way.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS !!!

Please continue to check the AMAZON WISH LIST to supply us with the items we are requesting. It has been a BIG HELP during the covid 19 virus!!!



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NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

JULY 15, 2020 9.30 –11 AM

THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING!!

Tim Chen—News from the Board

Deborah Crus—Welcome Center Stats

Anne Recinos –NWIRP—Detention Center Stats

**Tonia Honeycutt—AIDNW BD MEMBER—
ICE RELEASE STATS**

**If you would like to “be at the meeting”
please email: 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/>