

AIDNW office : 1915 S Sheridan Ave Tacoma, WA 98405



Meet Grace

Grace has been a resident at our Hospitality House since October. AIDNW has been able to provide her with housing, clothing, food, and use of a laptop. When asked about her experience, Grace replied, “AIDNW helps me with everything I need—I lack nothing.” She said that Program Manager Deborah Cruz has been especially helpful, but wanted to thank everyone at AIDNW. “[Volunteers] Annie, Steve and Beverly have all helped me. They are friendly, lovely people.”

AIDNW helped Grace enroll in a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) program. She has passed the written portion of the program, finished the required clinical work at a nursing home in Tacoma, and has now been hired!

Congratulations Grace!



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YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK January 2021

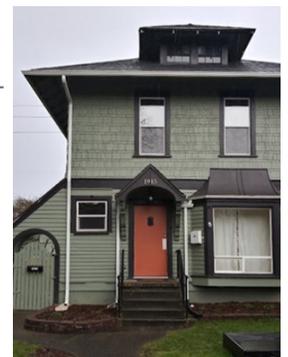
- Immigrants served-12
- Hospitality House-4
- Stays at hotel-1
- Backpacks given out-9
- Letters written to detainees-75
- Transportation given-2
- Total volunteer hours-449.25

Giving Tuesday Final Count

The total dollar amount given during the campaign, which ran from November 9 to December 9, was \$35,832, which includes \$7260 in monthly contributions pledged for 2021. Thank you to all of our supporters!

Hospitality House news

Before COVID, Hospitality House was able to offer overnight housing to many traveling immigrants. COVID has made that impossible but we have met the challenge by accepting a few longer-term guests once they've had negative COVID test results. There are three guests now, from Nigeria (including Grace--see left) and Chile, and we are anticipating a fourth later this month.





Volunteer Spotlight

Betty Devereux has been with AIDNW since 2014 and has been instrumental in the impact of the organization. She first became involved as a Welcome Center volunteer through local Dominican Sisters and she attributes both the powerful experiences she's had with released detainees and the camaraderie with co-volunteers as

some of her *raison d'être* for doing this work for so many years. Betty also serves as a Speakers Bureau volunteer, sharing with community groups what goes on in the detention center and how one can get involved. She has also been involved in the Detention Lottery presentations that authentically represent what it's like to fight against deportation in court. On top of all of this, you're probably unaware that she is the one who normally puts together these Newsletters we get to enjoy. This month we have had to make do without her as she has a broken wrist!

For all the work you do here, we want to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Betty Devereux!

Presentations available

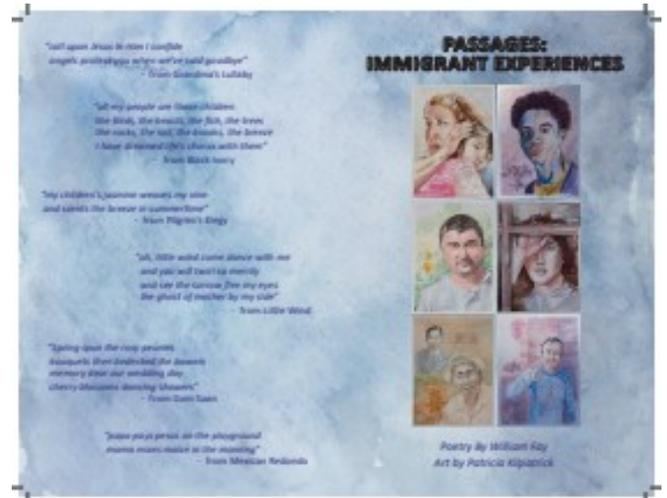
Do you know a group that is interested in learning more about immigration, detention, the NW ICE Processing Center or the work of AIDNW? Awareness is a critical part of the work of AIDNW and we are happy to provide Zoom sessions to religious, community or school groups. If you are interested please contact Program Manager Deborah Cruz at dcruz@aidnw.org

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Book group discussion

February 25

A group of AIDNW volunteers will be discussing "Passages: Immigrant Experiences," a book of poetry and watercolors that details six immigrant experiences. You are welcome to join in the discussion of the 44 page book, which is available by donation to AIDNW. The artist and poet will be on hand for the February 25th Zoom discussion. If you are interested, please email Katherine Niall niallenbooks@gmail.com and include your mailing address.



Community Meeting

February 17th

9:30 – 11:00 a.m

The topic is " Everything you always wanted to know about the AIDNW Board but were afraid to ask". If you would like to attend, please email officevolunteer@aidnw.org .

A link will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

CHANGES TO OUR COVID 19 PROCEDURES

We continue to follow safety guidelines and the latest changes to our programs be found on our website:

aidnw.org

Please check there as well for our updated wishlist too!