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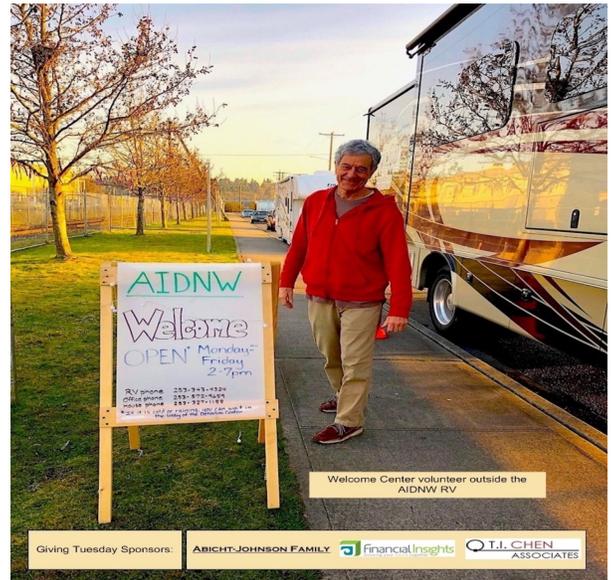
FOR NORTHWEST IMMIGRANTS”

AIDNW’S BIG spring fundraiser runs through MAY 5TH.

ONE MORE DAY!!

Today and tomorrow, May 4th and 5th, are the final days to contribute to this year's spring fundraiser, put on through Give Big Washington. Please consider a contribution at <https://www.givebigwa.org/AIDNW>. Any amount large or small helps us continue to provide essential aid and support to immigrant detainees, released immigrants, and families in the Pacific Northwest!

If you have already contributed or aren't sure if you can give yourself, please share the link above with friends and family and let them know about us. Spreading the word about AIDNW's work is a powerful way to lend support and keeps people thinking about the services needed for immigrants on a daily basis. You can pass along the link via email, Facebook, or any other messaging system that you prefer.



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

APRIL 2021

Immigrants served	8
Hospitality House	3
Stays at Hotel	2
Welcome backpacks handed out	7
Letters written to detainees	50
Transportation	7
Volunteer hours	522.5
Host Home	0

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, Schools 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:

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VACCINATION

By Patti Kilpatrick

AIDNW Visitation Program volunteers and Board members have been advocating for COVID vaccines for detainees with the management of the Northwest ICE Processing Center (formerly the NW Detention Center). The Facility Administrator officially confirmed to us on April 14 that the Washington State Health Department did offer a vaccine clinic on April 2 inside the NWIPC, for both detainees and staff, and that all who chose to receive a vaccine were provided a vaccine card. Since the vaccine is a personal choice, exact numbers could not be provided; however, he confirmed that there was good participation.

AIDNW Board members Bill Lloyd and Patti Kilpatrick, and visitation volunteer Dianne Niemann participated in the March 24 GEO-called Community Relations Meeting. At that time, they requested detainees and staff vaccinations since WA state had just opened shots for prisoners/detainees in congregate settings effective April 1. In addition, they requested that a negative COVID test card be placed in all released detainees belongings upon departure, if that was the case.

When detainees are released, AIDNW volunteers meet them at our Welcome Center RV outside the gate and provide transport to hotels or transportation centers. Thus, also our volunteers will now be further protected. AIDNW, through its dedicated volunteers, continues to support equitable health care for the NWIPC detainees, in collaboration with Tacoma City Council's Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and other regional organizations.

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

Register now for our next COMMUNITY MEETING
If you would like to attend this meetings ,please email
officevolunteer@aidnw.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021

9.30—11.00 AM

A link will be sent out 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—Temporarily Closed.

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

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