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On behalf of the AIDNW fundraising committee and leadership team, **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers and supporters who helped make this year's Give Big fundraiser a success! **With your help we raised a total of \$21,951** - surpassing our goal and ensuring we will be able to continue to provide services to immigrants in and around the NW ICE Center sustainably in the months ahead.

We want to give a special shout-out to those who reached out to friends and family to spread the word about this need. Fundraisers are not just about finances but also about raising awareness. Over half of our donations came from first-time donors - which means a lot of people have now heard of AIDNW and the need in our community for the first time! While it's harder to quantify this impact, know that your efforts to share our story with others have planted seeds for people to continue thinking about how to support immigrants in our region and across the country.

Your personal commitment to this organization is priceless. Thank you for all you do to encourage and support this vital work.



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK	
MAY 2021	
Immigrants served	39
Hospitality House	0
Stays at Hotel	7
Welcome backpacks handed out	15
Letters written to detainees	64
Transportation	23
Volunteer hours	537.25
Host Home	0

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH :
TEACHING OUR FUTURE LEADERS**

One of World Relief partner churches, Chapel Hill in Gig Harbor ,brought a group of 10 students on the 13th and another group on the 14th to the Welcome Center for a brief presentation of what we do there. Betty, Terry, Aviva and Janet gave them a tour of the R.V., only letting 2 in at a time and spoke to them for about 20 minutes. They had lots of questions. The church donated backpacks filled with various essentials and some gift cards

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: **EMAIL: dcruz@aidnw.org**



**AIDNW VOLUNTEERS ROCK!!!
(From a WELCOME CENTER REPORT)**

We had **11** releases yesterday! All but one between 5:45 and 6:30. None speaking English! **It took a team - and I am so grateful to everyone.** First of all, to ICE for giving Deborah heads-up; then to **Deborah** for letting **Jan** and I know early, to **Jan**, with her level-headedness in the midst of chaos, to **Beverly** for coming on short notice and doing transport, to **Terry** who came when things got a little crazy and helped us make the right decisions, to our new **volunteer Joe**, who showed up and stuck around to the end helping with the logistics and driving, to **John, the other volunteer**, who drove a bunch of folks to the airport, to **Donna** who came and did inventory, and to **Gail Watters** for bringing chips and throwing a pre-release party. **And to all those that support AIDNW with donations, making this work possible - thank you!- Aviva**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

KATHERINE KEEPS US IN THE KNOW!

FFI SPRING QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER:

<https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=47f01ecca8604f3c91c07fdd7&id=8a84014c1e>

MOTHER JONES: HISTORY OF IMMIGRATION:

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2021/04/the-original-sin-of-americas->



THIS MONTH'S BOOK CLUB MEETS JUNE 24, 5PM

America Street by Ibi Zobí

email Katherine at niallenbooks@gmail.com

to get the Zoom link

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

Guest Speaker will be

Stephanie Murray,

detention center post release coordinator for **World Relief**. 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

<https://aidnw.org/how-to-donate/>