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AIDNW NEEDS YOU!!

After many months of very quiet evenings at the WELCOME CENTER, things have picked up **substantially!**

Our volunteers are now greeting and helping 15 to 20 released immigrants a night!!! We are working to double the number of volunteers who serve each evening;. If you can give one or two evenings a month to help folks make connections with family, get some snacks and drinks, maybe a new shirt or coat , AIDNW could use your open heart and willing hands !! If you speak Spanish or another language, we could REALLY use your help!

If you can volunteer to drive our guests to the airport, a hotel or the bus stop a night or two a month, we could use your skills too!

GO HERE

<https://aidnw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/AIDNW-Volunteer-Application-9-2020.pdf>

To fill out an AIDNW VOLUNTEER APPLICATION!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

JUNE 2021

Immigrants served	192
Hospitality House	0
Hotel Rooms	35
Welcome backpacks handed out	89
Letters written to detainees	67
Transportation	95
Volunteer hours	1084.90
Host Home	0

WISH LIST—UPDATED!

With the dramatic increase in people being released at the WELCOME CENTER, also come the need for more items to help them.

Click on this site for the updated wish list.

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/24RV3TX9BJ6KN/ref=cm_wl_huc_view

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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**

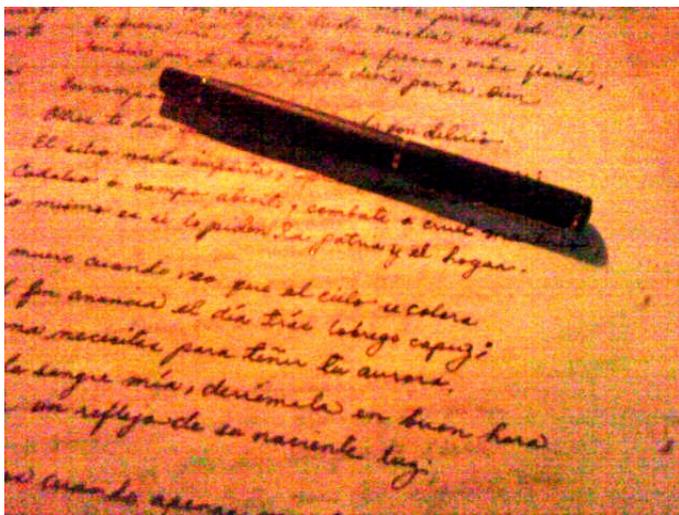
WELCOME OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER!

SHARON OLSON



My first contact with AIDNW was at Peace Lutheran Church when one of your outreach ambassadors gave a presentation about AIDNW. It was an eye opener and motivated me to volunteer.

Currently I am an office volunteer and finance committee member looking forward to being more involved as a board member.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

KATHERINE KEEPS US IN THE KNOW!

Pen pals are needed for immigrants detained in the NW detention center. We have 6 requests, all men, 4 from Mexico, and 2 from Somalia.

Please call or text Katherine at 480/748-0577 if you want a pen pal!



THIS MONTH'S BOOK CLUB MEETS JULY 8, 5PM

No Justice In the Shadows by Alina Das 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.

AUGUST 18, 2021 9.30AM

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

It Takes a Village

Stories from the AIDNW Welcome Center

One Tuesday evening seven people were released from detention. Dedicated AIDNW volunteers were able to reach all of the released immigrants' families to arrange travel for them except for one man from Haiti. He only had one phone number, for a cousin in Maryland. After several attempts, the volunteers were able to reach the cousin, but sadly they had lost their job during COVID and were unable to help with either transportation or a place to stay.

One of the Welcome Center volunteers called Deborah, the Program Manager, to help troubleshoot the situation. After trying to reach Stephanie from World Relief, which is sometimes able to offer host homes, it was decided that an AIDNW volunteer would take the immigrant to a hotel for the night, and to contact another AIDNW PDAN volunteer, Annie, to see if she could go there the next day to help him try to contact another family member to help. He spoke a little English, some Spanish and French. With Annie's Spanish and the help of a second Haitian AIDNW guest there who spoke English well, they managed to find another family member who was willing to take him in, however she was not available to pick him up from the airport until the following Tuesday. The family did not have money to pay for the airline ticket so Deborah purchased the ticket with AIDNW funds, which can be done in cases like this where there is no other option for the immigrant to reach their destination.

Deborah then contacted Stephanie from World Relief to see if she could search for a host home so that our guest didn't have to stay in the hotel alone for four more days, especially as it was over a holiday weekend. Stephanie said that chances were slim that they could find someone but that she would try. Volunteer Annie then booked the room for another night. The next day Stephanie called Deborah with the news that she had found a host home and that they would pick our guest up from the hotel and take him to their home the next day. Not only that but that they would bring him to the airport for his 8 AM flight on Tuesday.