A huge thank you to Colectiva Legal del Pueblo, https://colectivalegal.org/ a non profit organization based in Burien. When they learned of our need for coats (through an email forwarded by one of you) they donated $10,000.00 worth of coats from Costco—and just in time for the large releases we are seeing at the Welcome Center. Without them we would not have had been able to offer coats to everyone released. Nearly every immigrant is released without a coat. A special thanks to Perla Galindo and Miguel Cueva Estrella who contacted AIDNW to ask about our need!

AIDNW Giving Tuesday Campaign 2021

The AIDNW 2021 Giving Tuesday campaign is complete. Thanks to everyone who participated! Donations are still coming in—the final total will be announced in next month’s newsletter. Our hearts overflow with thankfulness.
HOLIDAY HELP FOR PEOPLE DETAINED BY ICE

Help Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest (AIDNW) gather funds to give each detained person in the Northwest ICE Processing Center $20 in commissary funds for the holiday season. Until recently, the facility’s operators paid immigrants to do janitorial and other work in the detention center for just $1/day, which they could use to buy phone time as well as hygiene products and supplemental foods. In late October, a US District Court judge ruled this $1/day practice illegal, leaving the immigrants with no source of income at all. We invite you to ask your church or community organization to join AIDNW as we celebrate the Season of Joy. A contribution from your church or community group of $400-$500 will help AIDNW reach our goal of $5,000 by December 23 so that each detained immigrant has funds to call family during the holidays. Donations by individuals are also welcome!

You can donate by mailing a check to the AIDNW office: 1915 S. Sheridan Ave., Tacoma, WA 98405 by December 23. Please label the donation “Holiday Hope Campaign” in the check memo line. You can also donate through AIDNW website’s Donate Page through December 23:

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

All Holiday Hope funds collected will go specifically to provide $20 to each detained person’s commissary fund. Thank you for spreading the word to make this a Season of Joy and Hope for all the people detained at the NW ICE Processing Center in Tacoma.

KATHERINE KEEPS US IN THE KNOW!

Pen pals are needed for immigrants detained in the NW detention center. We have requests, all men, all Spanish speakers. You need to fill out a volunteer application Please call or text Katherine at 480/748-0577 if you want a pen pal!

From Tim Chen, Board Chair

Care To Join The Fun?

AIDNW seeks new Board members for 2022. AIDNW has experienced significant growth over the last three years, with more to come. Each Board member is actively involved in one or more of the Board’s working Committees, as well as the monthly Board meetings. Though Board members may or may not be able to participate in the adrenaline high of interacting directly with immigrant detainees, the work is critical to the current and future of the AIDNW organization. Please consider serving, or if you have a recommendation to offer, please check with that individual first. Interested candidates should contact the Governance Committee: governance@aidnw.org

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