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HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS SUCCESS



Donors came through during our short Hope for the Holidays campaign and gave nearly \$7,000 to gift each detained person in the NW ICE Processing (detention) Center \$20 in commissary funds. AIDNW volunteers wrote 108 Christmas cards containing the money orders, and these were delivered to the detention center on December 21st. The Warden worked with ICE to get them to the detainees before Christmas. We continue to write money orders as we get and verify names of people who have not received them. With the Commissary funds they can buy instant noodle cups, soap, shampoo and more. A total of 81 donation checks were received, from churches and individuals. We've received some wonderful thank you letters. One said:

"Thank you for the help. We are people who have no one to help us... Many thanks for your attention and support. God bless you. "



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK DECEMBER 2021

Immigrants Served	223
Hospitality House	33
Coats Given Out	203
Welcome backpacks handed out	120
Letters written to detainees	188
Transportation	220
Volunteer hours	1133

AIDNW WISH LIST

With the dramatic increase in people being released at the WELCOME CENTER, also comes the need for more items to help them. Please see our list on our website:

aidnw.org

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**

GIVING TUESDAY

The 2021 Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign netted over \$23,000. We did not reach our campaign goal of \$30,000, however, adding in the very successful “Give Hope for the Holiday” campaign, AIDNW did very well last Fall. Raising funds for operational expenses is always hard, but if as organization we do not provide for operational expenses, the “*rubber meets the road*” activities cannot succeed or occur.

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

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

JANUARY 19, 2022 9.30 AM

Please plan to join us Wednesday January 19th from 9:30 – 11:00 am for our first Community Meeting of the new year. **Guest speaker NWIRP Staff Attorney Julie Braker** will address some of the legal and policy issues affecting immigrant detainees, such as the recent legal action by the Washington State Attorney General on paying the minimum wage to detainees who perform sanitation and food service work, as well as the Return to Mexico and Title 42 policies. The meeting will be held online through Zoom. Please send an email to: officevolunteer@aidnw.org if you would like to attend.

Want to help spread the word about AIDNW???

We need folks to help our Marketing and Communications teams work to put the AIDNW message in front of as many eyes as possible. Getting out the word about what we do and designing fundraising campaigns provide vital support to the organization. We are looking for people to serve on one of two committees: **Marketing and Communications** and **Fundraising**. The teams meet once a month, sometimes there are email flourishes in between. We work to get our message on as many social media platforms as often as we can.

Want to be an “AIDNW INFLUENCER”? Contact us at

<https://aidnw.org/get-involved/>

go to the bottom of the page, fill out an application and get ready to let the world know about the wonderful work AIDNW does!!!

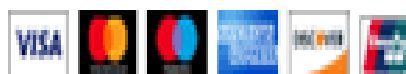
AN INVITATION

From Tim Chen, Board Chair

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 adrenalin 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

KATHERINE KEEPS US IN THE KNOW!

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



Karma Payments

