



AIDNW
Advocates For Immigrants in Detention Northwest

NEWSLETTER

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AIDNW Giving Tuesday Campaign 2021

Giving Tuesday is held on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Around the globe people roll up their sleeves to create awareness and raise funds for organizations they love. AIDNW volunteers and staff give so much time, talent, and treasure throughout the year, we are excited to promote Giving Tuesday in support of them as well as the immigrants they serve.

Here are things to know about our campaign:

People can donate on the campaign website—go to aidnw.org, then click on **Extend a Hand Up to Immigrants This Fall**. You will see the joyful picture that inspired the theme.

- People can also donate at aidnw.org or mail a check to: 1915 S. Sheridan Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405.
- Like the AIDNW Facebook page for the latest news.
- Visit our Instagram page ([aidnwtacoma](https://www.instagram.com/aidnwtacoma)) to read inspiring stories from volunteers and staff.

The official online Giving Tuesday date is November 30, 2021. However, we are accepting donations now toward the AIDNW goal of \$30,000.

Thank you, donors, supporters, volunteers and staff. As we extend a hand to one another, we make hope a reality.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

OCTOBER 2021

Immigrants served	93
Hospitality House	13
Hotel Rooms	0
Welcome backpacks handed out	50
Letters written to detainees	60
Transportation	70
Volunteer hours	972

WISH LIST—UPDATED!

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 updated 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**

MEET NEW INTERN STEPHANIE

Hello!

My name is Stephanie, and I am an intern at AIDNW. I am originally from Southern California, but moved here to Tacoma 11 years ago. I am here to stay! I have worked in social services--



--specifically foster care--

for 7 years, and am currently working on my Master's in Social Work. I have finished my course work, and just need to complete an internship and capstone project. Hence, my time at AIDNW! I don't know very much about the US Immigration system, and have enjoyed learning some aspects of that so far. I look forward to discovering more.

For fun, I like to read, be outside, and hang out with my friends. Since Covid began in 2020, my group of friends have done "Fire Friday," where every Friday evening we sit around a bonfire at my friends' home. This has given us a place to hang out, while still remaining fairly distanced. We have rarely been rained out, even during the winter months. While the reason behind this weekly event is less than desirable, I am so thankful for this regular time we have had to grow our friendships and have some social interaction.

I look forward to meeting more people involved in the mission of AIDNW. They provide a great and practical service to those who need it.



Giving Tuesday - a worldwide celebration of generosity - is November 30th. Go to [AIDNW.org](https://aidnw.org) to learn how your dollars and AIDNW volunteers provide hope and help to immigrants.

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

SAVE THE DATE!!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

WELCOME CENTER NEWS -

Care To Join The Fun?

Fall has arrived and winter is fast approaching! Thankfully, we are well prepared at the Welcome Center now with two heavy weather tents, both with a heater and lights. We've also gotten a new laptop for the RV to help facilitate travel planning. It's good to know we're adaptable and ready for whatever comes our way, thanks to a great RV support crew, including Scott and Mark (tents, heat), and Ken for the lights.

Lately, releases from the detention center have been sporadic, with some nights no releases and other nights more than 20! With our recent call for volunteers we've gotten quite a few newbies, such that with volunteers, trainees and released detainees it can be quite busy and hectic, but also festive and rewarding, not to mention crowded in spite of best efforts to maintain distancing.

We are still seeking to add more volunteers, especially Spanish-speakers, to our roster, so if you're interested, please check our website—aidnw.org--where you can find a job description for volunteers and a fillable volunteer application form to fill out. The buzz of activity when detainees are released, and their concomitant joy is a rewarding incentive indeed!

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!