

NEWSLETTER

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VISITATION COORDINATOR

KATHERINE NIALL, AIDNW visitation coordinator, oversees a great group of volunteers who visit those in the ICE detention center in Tacoma. But, when COVID and its restrictions hit, ICE closed all visitation. This did not stop Katherine from serving those in need. She began the Pen-pal Program and volunteers jumped in and began sending letters and cards to those who requested human contact. AIDNW has a hotline that Katherine answers for people in detention who need phone funds, pen-pals, or visitors. The phone fund, given in \$20 increments, is supported by AIDNW.

At the end of May, when ICE re-opened the detention center for in-person visits, Katherine worked to gear up that program again. Unfortunately the new visitation rules are more complicated than the previous ones. Katherine has worked with her group of volunteers to try to understand the new procedures. She continues to talk to GEO to obtain more understanding. Hopefully the visitation schedule will be easier in the future.

Deborah Cruz, Program Manager of AIDNW commented that "Katherine is one of our most dedicated volunteers. She meets these new challenges with energy and good spirits. We are very lucky to have her." **If you would like to be part of this vibrant and needed group, sign up at our website:**

www.aidnw.org



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK JUNE 2022

Immigrants Served	221
Hospitality House	28
Coats Given Out	30
Welcome backpacks handed out	180
Letters written to detainees	80
Transportation	215
Phone funds to detainees	70
	@\$20 each
Volunteer hours	900



AIDNW Monthly Reports are featured on Radio Tacoma. Tune in to hear both program statistics and action-packed excerpts from nightly Welcome Center reports.

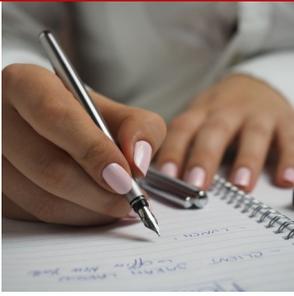
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Awareness is a critical part of the work of AIDNW. Our Speakers Group is currently presenting

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: dcruz@aidnw.org



**SEEKING
GRANTWRITING
HELP**

*Hello All,
I am a member of the Fundraising Committee and am hoping to form a group dedicated to searching and applying for any grants appropriate for AIDNW. Anyone up for a scavenger hunt? Networking contacts to discover possibilities can uncover amazing opportunities. Are you willing to join the hunt?
Perhaps you know of someone, if so, please extend this invitation to them.*

If you are interested please email officevolunteer@aidnw.org, please include your phone number.

*Best Regards,
Sharon Olson*

"Calling all supporters, donor, and volunteers:

AIDNW's Community Outreach Committee is planning an October "Warm Coat Drive". If you personally know a management employee at a socially progressive corporation or company to whom we could reach out with request for coat drive support, please let the committee chair, Patti Kilpatrick know. [pattiaidnw@gmail.com.] The key management positions who could authorize sponsorships or actual coat donations will be in marketing positions, generally with these titles: public relations, community affairs, CSR (office of Corporate Social Responsibility), and sometimes sale promotion. Sample companies are: Starbucks, Amazon, Costco store managers, Patagonia, REI, Outdoor Research, Sierra Trading Post/TJMAXX, Dick's Sporting Goods, Tableau, Microsoft, among others. Thanks for your support to make this immigrant coat drive a



NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

JULY 20, 2022 9.30 AM



**EMAIL :officevolunteer@aidnw.org
to register for the link
GUEST SPEAKER**

**Dr. Yael Schacher, Refugees International
Will speak about Title 42/Asylum at the Border**
Dr. Schacher, is Deputy Director for the Americas and Europe of Refugees International in Washington DC. She is the author of MPP [that's Title 42] as a Microcosm: What's Wrong with Asylum at the Border and How to Fix It



AIDNW IS LOOKING FOR LEADERS!!

Care to join the leadership team? We need you! There is much "behind the scenes" work that is critical to our ability to provide critical services to large numbers of immigrants. We are looking for **additional Board members** and someone to fill our new **Executive Director (paid) position**. To express interest in the Board, please email

governance@aidnw.org, and for the Execu-

