

A List of Non-Profits Providing the Most Benefit to Immigrants at Our Southern Border

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

When the government has the power to deny legal rights and due process to one vulnerable group, everyone's rights are at risk. The ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project is dedicated to expanding and enforcing the civil liberties and civil rights of immigrants and to combating public and private discrimination against them.

Using targeted impact litigation, advocacy, and public outreach, the ACLU protects the rights and liberties of immigrants. For more than 25 years, the ACLU has been at the forefront of almost every major legal struggle on behalf of immigrants' rights, focusing on challenging laws that deny immigrants access to the courts, impose indefinite and mandatory detention, and discriminate on the basis of nationality. In addition, we have challenged constitutional abuses that arise from immigration enforcement at the federal, state, and local levels, including anti-immigrant "show me your papers" laws at the state level and unconstitutional enforcement tactics by the federal government and local agencies.

<https://www.aclu.org>

<https://www.aclu.org/blog/immigrants-rights/how-help-families-border-right-now?fbclid=IwAR0zW1P3hYHMIri3KELEivtAOCnBealizi-c4wrZMagWhMPHsJ4fQcohUmU>

American Friends Service Committee

Defending Immigrant rights is one of five (5) key issues supported by the American Friends Service committee. U.S. immigration policy should protect human rights—for everyone. AFSC directly supports immigrant and refugee communities across the U.S. while advocating in Washington, D.C., for humane policy reform. One of two initiatives in that category focuses on Immigrant Detention and Deportation. Every year, the U.S. deports over 300,000 people and imprisons an estimated 400,000 individuals in immigrant detention facilities across the country, costing taxpayers over \$2 billion annually.

AFSC works to stop detention and deportation, which tears families apart and harm all of our communities. Joining with immigrant-led efforts across the U.S., we advocate for fair and humane immigration policies that welcome and respect the dignity of all people.

<https://www.afsc.org/key-issues>

<https://www.afsc.org/give>

Annunciation House

In a Gospel spirit of service and solidarity, we accompany the migrant, refugee, and economically vulnerable peoples of the border region through hospitality, advocacy, and education. We place ourselves among these poor so as to live our faith and transform our understanding of what constitutes more just relationships between peoples, countries, and economies.

From its beginnings, Annunciation House has sought to serve the poorest of the poor in our El Paso-Juarez border community. Over the years, we've come to understand that many of the most vulnerable are people from south of the border, who can't receive services from most established social agencies. They can be identified by their undocumented immigration status and the poverty, injustice, and oppression that are so much a part of their reality. These migrants and refugees have become the primary constituency of Annunciation House.

<https://annunciationhouse.org>

<https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=Uxzil4hT4oLdmt6WPna0XqwEgo8BhwB2uMdS-JGFWXOIWMWLWkL7Wa8D-5m6Xnhr9wrYG&country.x=US&locale.x=US>

Asylum Seekers Advocacy Project

The Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) sees a future where the United States welcomes individuals who come to our borders fleeing violence. We work alongside asylum seekers to make this vision a reality. Our model has three components: online community support, emergency legal aid, and nationwide systemic reform. We represent individuals who have arrived at the Mexico-U.S. border to seek asylum, regardless of where they are currently located. ASAP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

<https://asylumadvocacy.org>

Border Angels

Border Angels is a non-profit organization that is dependent on volunteers. We advocate for human rights, humane immigration reform, and social justice. This work is done in an attempt to reduce the number of fatalities along the US-Mexico border by educating and assisting the communities on both sides of the border. Services include free immigration and employee rights consultation, educational programs, water drops in the desert, day labor outreach, and Caravans of Love to Tijuana to support and aid migrants that are in need.

<https://www.borderangels.org/caravan-of-love.html>

Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley

The Humanitarian Crisis Relief was an effort which began last summer due to the influx of immigrants crossing the border who didn't have an adequate place to rest. Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley (CCRGV) with the help of the Sacred Heart Church, the City of McAllen, as well as volunteers and donations, opened its doors to the Respite center, located at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in McAllen, Texas. The center provides a place for the countless men, women, children, and infant refugees to rest, have a warm meal, a shower, and change into clean clothing as well as receive medicine and other supplies, before continuing onto their journey. As of August 2015, we have assisted over 23,000 individuals.

<http://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/Home.aspx>

http://sacredheartchurch-mcallen.org/immigrant-assistance/general-information/?fbclid=IwAR2hcMz_I5IjUVIPL27Vdsj7wrrWXyA7IazkWNqzBkBg70pK86IfyQIZgLY

HIAS

HIAS recently celebrated 130 years of helping refugees escape persecution and resettle in safety; reuniting families who have been separated; and helping them build new lives in safety and freedom. HIAS continues to resettle the most vulnerable refugees of all faiths and ethnicities from all over the world. We facilitate the application process for the most vulnerable refugees who can be resettled in countries around the world. In the U.S. we work with local social service organizations around the country to welcome refugees and help them integrate into their communities and build new lives.

<https://www.hias.org/history>

<https://www.hias.org/how-take-action-asylum-seekers?fbclid=IwAR1xmbX9yNV-OhsVA2hdoWbBEU68H5Uxoz8BMBsK9XNA7tROdvG2srtJWXU>

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation.

As we celebrate the centennial of our ministry in 2020, we reaffirm our Christ-led commitment to compassionately serve and learn from vulnerable people around the world. We continue to answer God's call, focusing our work in five strategic areas of service.

- Caring for the lives and futures of uprooted and other vulnerable people.

- Providing water, food and shelter first in times of hunger, disaster and conflict, then education and ways to earn income.
- Working with churches and communities to prevent violence and promote peace and justice.
- Investing in opportunities for young people to serve in Canada, the U.S. and around the world.
- Serving with humility and in partnership to meet local needs with local solutions.

<https://mcc.org/learn/about/mission>

<https://mcc.org/stories/asylum-immigration-detainee-kits-show-love-care?fbclid=IwAR3-shZF9dlzlf4aQkASH1jN2H5AaWD8vyTcxfgN4lm5HOdWVvQXQxGD7Jw>

Migration Action Committee — Pima Monthly Meeting Hospitality Project

The Migration Action Committee of Pima Monthly Meeting of Tucson Arizona has recently launched its' Immigrant Hospitality Project. Friends Rob McLane and Sarah Tarver-Wahlquist have converted their rental property into a house of immigrant hospitality and are in need of support to finance the costs of maintaining their rental property, e.g. property taxes, utility charges, and maintenance and upkeep of property and appliances. They are also in need of support to provide food, clothing and other necessities required for their immigrant guests. Rob and Sarah are in the process of establishing a 501(c)(3) organization to support the hospitality project.

Contributions can be made to PMM by check with project noted in the memo line. Information on the donations page.

<https://www.pmm.life/donate>

No More Deaths / No Mas Muretes

No More Deaths is a humanitarian organization based in southern Arizona. We began in 2004 in the form of a coalition of community and faith groups, dedicated to stepping up efforts to stop the deaths of migrants in the desert and to achieving the enactment of a set of Faith-Based Principles for Immigration Reform. We later developed into an autonomous project. Since 2008 we have been an official ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson.

The mission of No More Deaths is to end death and suffering in the Mexico–US borderlands through civil initiative: people of conscience working openly and in community to uphold fundamental human rights. Our work embraces the Faith-Based Principles for Immigration Reform and focuses on the following themes:

- Direct aid that extends the right to provide humanitarian assistance
- Witnessing and responding
- Consciousness raising
- Global movement building
- Encouraging humane immigration policy

<http://forms.nomoredeaths.org/en/>

<http://forms.nomoredeaths.org/donate-money/>

<http://forms.nomoredeaths.org/donate-supplies-or-vehicles/>

RAICES

Founded in 1986 as the Refugee Aid Project by community activists in South Texas, RAICES has grown to be the largest immigration legal services provider in Texas. With offices in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio, RAICES is a frontline organization in the roiling debate about immigration and immigrants in the world. As an organization that combines expertise developed from the daily practice of immigration law with a deep commitment to advocacy, RAICES is unique among immigration organizations. A diverse staff of 130 attorneys, legal assistants, and support staff provide consultations, direct legal services, representation, assistance and advocacy to communities in Texas and to clients after they leave the state. In 2017, RAICES staff closed 51,000 cases at no cost to the client. Our advocacy and commitment to change are driven by the clients and families we serve every day as our attorneys and legal assistants provide legal advocacy and representation in an immigration system that breaks apart families and leaves millions without pathways to legal status.

<https://www.raicestexas.org/about/>

https://www.raicestexas.org/?fbclid=IwAR28hLVQ0AIH-uloelmJRZ5WfulG3b6yNrJQ4V1_8I0xfkWX6cA1dbIRyN0

To Immigrants With Love

This is an expansive list of non-profits along the border including several noted above in our list. To Immigrants with Love encourages everyone in America to write messages of support and donate to organizations serving the immigrant community. Please donate to organizations supporting immigrant families at the border and share your own note about why you are giving using the hashtag #ToImmigrantsWithLove.

<https://www.toimmigrantswithlove.com>

Local Organizations Discussed Today

ACLAMO

ACLAMO Family Centers, a charitable, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, provides educational programs, social services and access to health and wellness programs to Latinos and other community members to empower them to fully achieve their life potential.

ACLAMO stands for Accion Comunal Latino Americana de Montgomery County, or the Latin American Community Action of Montgomery County. ACLAMO is also derived from the Spanish verb "aclamar," which means "to proclaim, to shout forth." We want our community to know that they, too, can achieve the American Dream of success.

<https://aclamo.org>

CCATE

CCATE's mission is to develop and empower the Latinx community through the promotion of culture, art, work training, and education. In this way, CCATE embraces four key sectors for a successful community. Based on family, student, and faculty interests and talents, we collaboratively design classes in the areas of dramatic and visual arts, media productions, and music. What makes CCATE unique is how through the intersection of our dreams and determination, we collectively create space for individual growth, community engagement and social change.

CCATE is an acronym for Culture, Art, Training and Education, reflecting the holistic philosophy and approach of the organizations.

<https://www.ccate.org>

Immigrant Rights Action of Doylestown

Immigrant Rights Action of Doylestown was founded in March 2017 in response to an ICE raid in our community that apprehended four young restaurant workers. IRAGdA documents ICE activity in the area, support individuals, families & employers impacted by detentions & deportations, and work with recently-arrived asylum-seekers to help them secure legal representation and enroll children in school. There are many ways to support this ongoing work and we warmly encourage community members to get involved.

<http://immigrantrightsaction.org>