

STANDING WITH IMMIGRANTS A REQUEST FOR SUPPORT



Families marked for deportation are desperate to stay together. We are organizing synagogue and young adult leaders in our Jewish communities to build up an arsenal of resources for them. JCRC, in partnership with the MA Communities Action Network (MCAN), has been organizing clusters of congregations throughout Eastern Massachusetts to respond to the urgent needs of these families – families in our local congregations, families connected to leaders inside our congregations, and families searching wherever they can for a lifeline.

The Greater Boston Jewish community stands firmly with our immigrant neighbors.

We are helping by:

OFFERING SANCTUARY

For families who have run out of options to stay together, some congregations are taking the courageous step of opening their doors as a refuge, supported by additional, nearby congregations. **This requires two volunteers to stay with the family 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until the family is able to safely leave Sanctuary.**

STANDING UP FOR THE UNJUSTLY DETAINED

Our clusters are raising money for bond and connecting individuals to legal resources (undocumented people are not entitled to lawyers). **So far, we have assisted two detained, undocumented immigrants to gain release, and we continue to work to see their cases fully resolved.**



PROVIDING ACCOMPANIMENT AT ICE CHECK-INS AND HEARINGS

We are organizing people to attend check-ins with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), to which undocumented people are terrified to show up. In the last few months, many undocumented individuals have been unexpectedly served with notices of deportation. We work with these individuals and families on strategies to fight deportation and show that they are not alone in their fight.

ADVOCATING FOR THE SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS

Our clusters, as well as many other local Jewish organizations (including ADL, AJC, JALSA, JVS, and JFS), **support the passage of the Safe Communities Act, which would protect civil rights, safety, and well-being of all Massachusetts residents by drawing a clear line between immigration enforcement and public safety.**

Request for your support

THE SERVICE WE CAN PROVIDE HAS LIMITS.

Two phenomenal Latino organizers, Gabriella (Gaby) Chavez and Nestor Pimienta, have been volunteering their time doing the difficult and invaluable work of walking hand-in-hand with the families who have made it into the lives of our community. **Their work is so remarkable, it has been reported in two different articles in the *Boston Globe*.**

With your help, we need to raise \$150,000 to ensure that Gaby and Nestor can continue their work in a full-time capacity. This will allow us, together with our partner, MCAN, to reach more families and greatly expand our lines of communication with immigrant communities, congregations, and organizations.

This work is real now.

It is time to pool all of our resources and all of our strengths together. We ask for your generous support in strengthening our capacity to support these immigrant families, and prove how deep solidarity runs in Massachusetts.



Ways to Give

ONLINE

www.jcrcboston.org/supportimmigrants

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Make payable to JCRC Boston, put "Immigrants" on memo line
Mail to 126 High St, Boston MA 02110

WIRE or STOCK TRANSFER or ISRAEL BOND

Call 617-457-8600 or email info@jcrboston.org

For more information

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