



WMSD RESPONSE TO THE ONGOING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AT THE U.S. SOUTHERN BORDER

The humanitarian crisis at the U.S. southern border continues. Since our earlier response to tear gas being used on asylum-seekers (many of which included women and children), this administration continues to violate human rights and defy international and United States laws that are in place to protect those who wish to claim asylum.

Women's March San Diego believes that the practice of detaining innocent migrants, asylum-seekers, and families while they await adjudication is an inhumane, ineffective, and un-American approach to U.S. immigration policy. These actions lead to overcrowded and unsafe facilities, inadequate access to medical care, trauma, and even death. Moreover, the ongoing government shutdown (which, as of January 12th, is the longest federal funding lapse in recorded US history) is a ripple effect that illustrates this administration's deliberate willingness to manufacture crises rather than uphold its Constitutional obligation to work toward an equal and just society that protects and supports migrants and citizens alike.

Women's March San Diego reaffirms its objections to the treatment of those seeking refuge in our country. Our objection is rooted in the Women's March San Diego Unity Principles. We believe that Women's Rights are Human Rights and Human Rights are Women's Rights, and we believe in immigrant and refugee rights regardless of status or country of origin. Immigrant rights are rooted in the promise of America's call for huddled masses yearning to breathe free. We believe migration is a human right and that no human being is illegal. We understand that women and children are among the most vulnerable of refugees and our moral obligation is to speak for those without voice.



What you can do NOW:

Call Your Rep: Connect with your representatives to voice your support for the immigrant community and those seeking asylum in the U.S. Hold your elected officials accountable in providing safe and swift solutions to this crisis.

Donate: The San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN) stands ready to respond to the needs of vulnerable immigrants and their families – advocating for their safety, providing emergency assistance, and coordinating free and low-cost legal representation to defend against family separation and unjust deportation. Other ways to support include the Migrant Family Shelter GoFundMe, Travel Fund, or Amazon wish list.

Get Involved: For volunteer opportunities with the San Diego Rapid Response Network, please contact the SDRNN Network Coordinator, Sandra Alvarado, at salvarado@rapidresponsesd.org.

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