Resist the assault on immigrants’ lives today

Dear friends of No More Deaths,

Throughout this year, you have been steadfast in your support for humanitarian aid on the Mexico–US border. We celebrate your solidarity, which is a critical piece of the resistance to the Trump administration’s racist, colonialist, and anti-immigrant policies.

A DIFFICULT YEAR
Across the country, we are witnessing attacks on immigrants, people of color, the poor, women, LGBTQI people, and all whose lives intersect across these identities. In southern Arizona, we continue to witness the deadly consequences of more than twenty years of border militarization and mass deportation. Emboldened by the new administration, the Border Patrol raided our humanitarian-aid camp this summer, arresting undocumented migrants who were receiving medical attention during a heat wave. Law enforcement continues to threaten the right to lifesaving water, food, and medical aid.

MORE US RESIDENTS TARGETED
As ICE raids target undocumented communities across the country, we see more and more US residents in shelters in northern Mexico and on the migrant trails, attempting to return to their lives and families here. Our legal clinic, run by undocumented Tucson residents, is devising creative strategies to stop deportations and keep families united.

YOUR HELP IS VITAL
We are in deep gratitude for your care and commitment during these times, and we are honored to share with you, in these pages, our accomplishments over the last year. Please consider a year-end gift to No More Deaths.

In solidarity,
The No More Deaths community

You can donate by check or online. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Make checks payable to “UUCT/No More Deaths.” Mail them to PO Box 40782, Tucson, AZ 85717.

To donate online, please visit our website at nomoredeaths.org and select “Donate.”

Please consider setting up a recurring donation, so that we can rely on your support.

No More Deaths gratefully accepts stocks, bonds, endowed gifts, and bequests. We also welcome your ideas for fundraising opportunities.

Please contact us at (520) 333-5699 or fundraising@nomoredeaths.org.
Our work, by the numbers

As we close out the year, we honor the work done by hundreds of No More Deaths volunteers. Their efforts, made possible by your donations, reach many thousands of migrants, refugees, and undocumented community members. In the last year, volunteers:

► Placed 21,412 gallons of water on migrant trails in southern Arizona’s desert, covering a 2,500-square-mile area

► Helped 300 recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (known as DACA) file their renewal before the October 5 cut-off date

► Helped about 1,500 people recover $250,000 from their jail accounts after being deported to Mexico with uncashable checks

► Helped more than 600 Tucson residents complete the naturalization process to become citizens; 90 percent qualified for a waiver of the $700 fee

► Launched an emergency-legal-representation project for undocumented Tucson residents, providing official legal representation to 2,200 people and operating a 24-7 response line for those stopped by the Border Patrol or other law enforcement

► Provided information to 416 callers via our help line for lost border crossers and their families

► Provided 3,972 phone calls to migrants and recent deportees in northern Mexico, who contacted family members in 12 different countries

► Brought our findings on how Border Patrol apprehension methods endanger people’s lives on a five-college speaking tour around the US, and prepared our 6th report, on destruction of humanitarian aid by enforcement agents, for early 2018 release

► Trained more than 200 new volunteers, from all over the US and abroad, to help with our work, including 105 who came to assist with desert humanitarian aid

From top left: truck repairs; Mexico phone service; hiking remote highlands; marking gallons; full load of water; documenting a case
The day DACA died: Keep Tucson Together stands against threats to immigrants

No More Deaths was born thirteen years ago to aid vulnerable people migrating across the deadly Arizona desert. As this core mission continues and expands, NMD has reached out its arms to help people after deportation and document the abuses they have experienced. In Tucson, one NMD working group helps immigrants living in the US who risk deportation and/or detention every time they leave their homes.

UNDER A DARK SHADOW
Keep Tucson Together, founded in 2011 to stop deportations, convened its weekly legal clinic last October 5 at Pueblo High School under a dark shadow: “This is the day DACA died,” attorney Margo Cowan said while getting ready in the cafeteria. It was the last day for young people to renew their two-year work permits after President Trump ended the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

“There’s a lot of fear,” said volunteer Zulima Martínez. She serves on a committee that prepares paperwork that may convince a judge to cancel a removal order and close a resident’s deportation case.

VOLUNTEER AND DREAMER
“They (DACA recipients, often called Dreamers) and their parents form an integral part of this country,” volunteer Mical Alvarado Díaz told dozens of people present. “To end DACA would be a tragedy.” Their parents brought Mical and her brother to the US with-
No More Deaths was founded in 2004 in Tucson, Arizona. Our mission is to end the death and suffering of migrants on the US–Mexico border by mobilizing people of conscience to uphold fundamental human rights. Our work includes providing aid in the desert, providing aid in Mexico, documenting and denouncing abuse, searching for the disappeared, helping get belongings back, running a biweekly legal clinic for undocumented community members, and alliances with border communities. We are a ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson. To contact us, call (520) 333-5699 or visit our website nomoredeaths.org.

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