

In protest of the Federal Government's immigration policies, the governors of Texas and Arizona have been sending busses of families and individuals from migrant detention centers to Union Station in D.C. According to Governor Abbott's office, Texas alone has sent more than 6,100 people to Union Station since April of this year. After a grueling 30 plus hour bus ride, families are dropped off with nothing more than what they can carry in their hands and their hopes for a better future. The bus then simply drives away without any regard to what happens next for its passengers. Local volunteers and their non-profits have been working tirelessly to meet the busses, advocate on behalf of, and care for these individuals. Without such generosity, these families would immediately find themselves on the streets with few resources to locate shelter, food, or the myriad of other basic needs that arise.

As an educational community that strives to confront injustice and to recognize our shared humanity across any number of labeled differences, I am asking those who would be interested to do what we can to help these families and individuals. I have reached out to the Migrant Solidarity Network which is a collection of 20 local non—profits that have organized under a single umbrella to assist those arriving at Union Station. The list below represents their greatest needs currently. I have also included the link to their information page which includes other needs from their amazon wish list.

<http://linktr.ee/dctxsolidarity22>

Current wish list includes:

- Gently Used Men's Clothing: sizes small and medium
- Gently Used Infant and Children's Clothing: all ages and sizes
- Gently Used Sensible Shoes: all sizes and genders (no high heels for example)
- Gently Used Backpacks and Small Suitcases
- Nestle Cerelac
- Baby Supplies
- Unopened Hygiene Products

A collection box for donations will be placed inside the school vestibule for a week starting Monday, Sept. 19, through Friday, Sept. 23. Thank you so much to anyone who is inspired to make a contribution.