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August 18th PROGRAM: The Journey of Women Asylum Seekers

Our guest speakers will be Treedy Chapa and Sandy Enders with the Interfaith Welcome Coalition. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

JULY and AUGUST SPECIAL PROJECT:

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School supplies or \$\$\$

Checks are made to Communities in Schools and monetary donations will be accepted at the meeting. Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.

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A Few JOYCE Words

It is hard to contain the outrage I have been feeling since the President of our country has authorized or allowed (whichever he says occurred) children from babies to teenagers to be taken from their parents - all because their parents had been so desperate to protect their children from the violence of their homelands that they had sought refuge in the United States. But, that was not indignity enough - they sent the children throughout this country and their parents into incarceration. And some were sent back to their home countries without their children.

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So, given this record of inhumane treatment, it should not surprise us that no plans were in place to reunite children with their parents. And, when they were ordered to reunite them, they managed to unite many of them, but they ended up with over 500 children for whom they could find no parents. When ordered by the judge to find the parents of these children, the government officials very generously suggested having the ACLU search for these parents. The judge then made it clear that this responsibility remained with the government.

While visiting my friend, Felicia Morales, recently, she showed us a letter written by a cousin who is also a minister. I include portions of it because it so clearly shows how troubling this issue is to so many and what they propose to do to change it.

“This letter is sent to you out of concern about the direction our country is taking. As you are well aware, we are losing credibility and the reputation we once had as the country who set an example to the rest of the world.

The latest, the separation of children from their immigrant parents, has hit a raw nerve. These children and their parents have been traumatized twice. First, making the long and treacherous journey from their countries, where they have already experienced indescribable suffering, and second, arriving in this country only to be rejected and the children taken from their parents.

"In the book "To Do Justice" by Marjorie J. Thompson, she mentions a quote she found in a tea box that says, "People can be divided into three groups: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened."

He goes on to encourage all of us to be involved in the first group. To work together to make things happen and, while he concentrates solely on working for the Beto O'Rourke campaign, I would encourage you to support all Democrats. Not only do we need to elect O'Rourke, we need to elect 3 Democratic congressman - re-elect Joaquin Castro and help all we can to elect the Democratic candidates in Dist. 21 (Joseph Kopser) and 23 (Gina Ortiz-Jones).

We need not only to work to elect those at the top of the ticket. We also have a large number of new Democratic legislators and judges. Wherever there is a Democrat on the ticket, we need to do all we can to support them.

It is time to start turning this country around. We must lay the groundwork to rid this country of Trump and his influence so that we may begin again to see the United States we believe in.

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IMPORTANT DATES

August 18	Northwest Democrats meeting
August 27	School begins
September 3	Labor Day Holiday
September 21	Northwest Democrats meeting