

# *An invitation to invest in ...*

## **STRANGERS NO LONGER**



We are a network of Catholics and others who form Circles of Support in our parishes and high schools to respond effectively to Pope Francis' exhortations to treat immigrants as our sisters and brothers. Originally 25 Circles in SE Michigan, we now also work in Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Traverse City.

## **HOW CAN YOU INVEST?**

Purchase an ad/greeting in our April 24 BANQUET AD BOOK

- 1000 copies distributed Sunday, April 24 at our Banquet, Millwright/Carpenters' Union Hall, Warren.
- \$1000 Full-Page \* \$500 Half-Page  
\$250 Quarter-Page \* \$125 Business Card
- Copy: submit camera ready – or send us text: we will produce your ad (and show you the proof). Checks: Strangers No Longer, 19972 Shrewsbury, Det MI 48221. SNL is 501c3 charitable organization.

## **OUR WORK**

Education – We educate in the parishes and congregations about U.S. immigration policy, the effect it is having on real people, and the needs that arise out of U.S. policies.

Direct Support/Accompaniment – We work with families directly in many ways including accompanying immigrant families to court, and providing transportation, translation, and emergency financial support.

Advocacy – We advocate for more humane policies and practices toward immigrants at local, state, and national levels – e.g., Drivers' Licenses for Immigrants.

# OUR PROJECTS

- 25 Parish-based Circles of Support in SE Michigan: leadership development, community building.
- 6 Immigrant Women (“MUJERES”) Circles of Support (40+ women): fellowship, leadership development, emotional and spiritual growth – Ann Arbor, Downriver, Pontiac, Detroit, Traverse City.
- Saginaw Diocese, Traverse City, Grand Rapids Diocese, N-Macomb Vicariate: Statewide Health Promoters COVID outreach to farmworkers, essential workers on COVID.
- Youth Leadership Project planning “Climate Driven Migration” High School Conference April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Michigan Congressional Delegation: our Rapid Response Team regularly engages elected officials on immigration policy – thanks to our partnership with Alianza Americas.
- Our “Families in Crisis” campaign supports immigrants during COVID through accompaniment and financial support.
- Monthly Newsletter (1300+ distribution), Facebook page, updates on educational events and emergencies.
- 15 State Reps – our parishes (+ Michigan Catholic Conference) met with them on ***Drivers’ Licenses for Immigrants***.
- Partners with County Gov’t “Welcoming” Officials: Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, St. Claire, Washtenaw, Detroit.
- Education Task Force webinars on US immigration policy, Catholic Social Teaching, current affairs in Michigan and US.
- Presentations in parishes and high schools by immigrants – why they left their home, the journey, their lives and struggle here.

# SOURCES OF FUNDING

- Circle and parish contributions (or dues)
- Banquet Ad Book and ticket sales
- Individual donations and investments
- Catholic Foundation of Michigan
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Alianza Americas - transnational network of immigrant-led organizations

*We hear the call of our Scriptures and Catholic Social Teaching to love and do justice and to honor the dignity of every human being and the sacredness of all creation. As immigrants and non-immigrants, we learn from each other, support each other and advocate for humane policies. We all receive more than we give.*