

The following was shared by the ABQ intake team who received last week our first group of asylum seekers since January 2023:

"The families were from Guatemala (the most), Venezuela, and Ecuador (the least). Gratefully, all families had a destination. An Ecuadorian family had been separated when all people were ordered off a bus in Mexico and the father was kept behind to assure that a \$10,000 ransom was paid. The mother and two little girls were frantic as they had been separated for nearly a month. The father made it to El Paso, borrowed a phone to call his wife, caught a bus to ABQ, and had a joyful reunion with his wife and two little girls. That reunion is a huge pay day for all of us."

Donate Your Time Doing Intake

Upon the arrival of each bus to ABQ, volunteers help arrange travel for asylum seekers for the next step of their journey and make sure travelers are clothed and fed.

Donate Your Time at the Airport

Airport escorts assist asylum seekers through TSA and to their gates.

Buses are (tentatively) scheduled to arrive on the days below. [Please sign up for the dates/times you are available to escort at the airport.](#) (It's okay if you are unsure about later dates. I will send out reminders if we don't have enough people signed up.)

Thursday, September 28

Thursday, October 26

Thursday, November 9

Thursday, November 30

Thursday, December 14

Donate Your Time and/or Items at the Donation Center

The donation center at St. Therese has resumed its hours as listed below. They are currently in need of the items listed (*no size XL anything, please*):

St. Therese Catholic Church Donation Center

3424 Fourth St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107

Hours: Monday and Wednesdays 4 to 6 pm and Saturday 10 to noon

Winter jackets for children and adults

Lap blankets

Baseball caps

Mens sweatpants w/pockets

Mens long sleeve t shirts and sweatshirts

New Underwear and socks all ages

Like-new tennis shoes for all ages

Cases of water

Squeeze applesauce

Single package cookies

Single package chips -no fire

Single pack chocolate candy

Sunglasses

Size 4 pull-ups boys and girls
Hot wheels

Monetary Donations

St. Therese continues to receive and administer funds for AASW. Upon the arrival of last week's bus, we purchased several tickets for individuals in need, and we will likely need to do so in the future. When providing a monetary donation to St. Therese, please be sure to include "**asylum seeker**" on the memo line of your check.

Contact:

If you are interested in being an **airport escort**, please reply to me at this email: cristyn.elder@gmail.com

If you are interested in **volunteering at the donation center or doing intake**, please contact Jane Braithwaite: janebraithwaite@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your support of asylum seekers.