

ASYLUM SEEKERS NEED ATHLETIC SHOES



Once again St. Mark's will be collecting athletic shoes (slip-ons and laces) for the folks on the buses coming here from El Paso's Annunciation House.

The ad-hoc group, Albuquerque Asylum Welcome is seeing one bus a week. These travelers are from many countries: Turkey, Cuba, Brazil, and Haiti most recently.

The need is for walking shoes even though most of these people will be heading out in a few days to a sponsor. Usually they travel by plane, but also trains and buses. They stay here in a motel for a few days to get checked for COVID and to make travel arrangements that are typically paid for by their family or friends who are sponsoring them. Each gets a new set of clothes and shoes if available.

Especially needed are men's sizes 7-9, women's sizes 5-9 and children's shoes of all sizes. Don't break the bank. Discount and big box stores are OK. New or slightly used only, please.

It's one small thing a person can do about the chaos in our world right now. Please drop them in the rainbow-colored box near the east door to St. Mark's. Someone will gather them up and take them to Second Presbyterian Church's clothing bank for asylum seekers. If you have questions, please email **Mary Beth Libbey, Pauline Artery or Mary Ellen Elliott** ([email them here](#)). If you would like to help serve meals or guide folks through the airport, **our contact person is Virginia Dickson** ([email here](#)).

Thank you to all who have donated sweatsuits and shoes in the past.