



## **Rio Grande Borderland Ministries Second-line shelter for asylum seekers**

Located at the Center for Borderland Ministries at the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande - St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, El Paso, Texas

Proposed dates Feb. 28 - March 2 and March 21-23

### **Description of program and needs**

Rio Grande Borderland Ministries (RGBM) is excited to be partnering with Annunciation House to open a second-line shelter at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in El Paso, Texas. We are partnering with the Annunciation House shelter network to provide temporary housing for people seeking asylum. These people are released by Border Patrol and as they prepare to travel to the destination of their sponsor the shelter network has been providing housing. The shelter network also offers support by calling sponsors and advising them of the status of those seeking asylum. Shelters provide a welcoming to our immigrant communities with dignity. Giving them the space they need to continue their journey. In this space they have a place to sleep, receive meals, comfort, love and safety. Please keep us in your prayers as we answer God's call to welcome our immigrant sisters and brothers with dignity!

### **THE NEEDS:**

- Men's, women's, children's socks and underwear. Underwear and bra sizes needed: small, medium and large.
- Medicine: cold/flu medicine, cough drops, medicine for upset stomachs for all ages, adult, child and infant
- Women's sanitary pads/tampons
- Baby pampers all sizes, baby formula, baby bottles
- Hygiene products: travel size: toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, soap, shampoo, shavers, deodorant
- Hand sanitizer, nail clippers
- Bottled water, juices. snacks(bags of individual cookies, fruit, cereal, etc.)
- Paper goods, plates, bowls, forks, spoons, napkins, sandwich bags
- Travel packs with snacks, juice, and ready to eat tuna packs(or something similar) , something they can take on their trip. This is a great opportunity for

groups who want to make a contribution by building these packs together and putting them into large tote bags or backpacks

- Warm meals pre-prepared for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.
- Volunteers - responsibilities include:
  - To help test for COVID(Mondays during the day)
  - To do intake(get info and call sponsor for travel arrangements).
  - Help welcome and orientate people to the structure of the place(showers, bathroom & rooms, community guidelines, and next steps for travel.

***All volunteers will need to do a background check and finish the safeguarding training provided by the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande***