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## Re: Shelter Move-in From San Diego Rapid Response Network

The <u>San Diego Rapid Response Network</u> (SDRRN), a coalition of human rights, service and faith-based organizations, is in the process of moving its temporary emergency shelter for asylum-seeking families to a County-owned facility.

The shelter provides shelter and support for legal, initially processed asylum-seeking families, who have been released into San Diego by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Since early November, SDRRN has provided critical humanitarian and transportation assistance to nearly 8,900 asylum seekers – all families with young children.

Jewish Family Service of San Diego, a core partner of SDRRN, is paying for the ongoing operation, maintenance and upkeep of the facility, with critical support from the State of California. With this state funding, along with private and individual donations, the County does not bear financial burden by providing the temporary shelter site.

The scope of this issue also requires private support. Individual donations are needed to maintain daily operation of the shelter and to support cross-country travel expenses of the migrant families. Donations of any amount can be made at <u>GoFundMe.com/MigrantReliefSD</u>.

Core SDRRN partners include the ACLU Foundation of San Diego & Imperial Counties, Jewish Family Service of San Diego, SEIU Local 221 and San Diego Organizing Project.

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