

## About the San Diego Rapid Response Network

The San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN) is a coalition of human rights, service and faith organizations, attorneys, civic leaders and volunteers that monitors increased immigration enforcement activities in San Diego County and humanitarian issues at the border. Core partners include ACLU Foundation of San Diego & Imperial Counties, Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFS), SEIU Local 221 and San Diego Organizing Project.

**Together, we ensure that no one stands alone in our community.**

SDRRN has responded to the humanitarian “crisis” created by the Trump administration’s immigration policies that dismantled our nation’s long history of welcoming immigrants – resulting in a bottleneck of tens of thousands of vulnerable people on the United States’ southern border. Asylum seekers are consistently metered, waiting months for their first opportunity to present at a port of entry to state their need for protection.

SDRRN and JFS have worked alongside the 65-plus organizations of the California Welcoming Task Force in anticipation of policy changes and will continue to make public health the priority for our community, staff and asylum-seeking individuals.

## San Diego Rapid Response Network Migrant Shelter Services

Since October 2018, when the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) began releasing hundreds of migrant families onto San Diego’s streets without warning and without following travel process protocols, SDRRN stood up an emergency respite shelter to provide humanitarian aid for asylum seekers.

SDRRN Migrant Shelter Services has assisted more than 24,000 people – mostly women and children – who would’ve otherwise been dumped by federal authorities in San Diego without food, shelter, transportation or resources. Shelter services are operated by Jewish Family Service of San Diego.

**Since the pandemic, services for asylum seekers released by the government have transitioned from a congregate shelter to individual hotel rooms, in coordination with the State of California, UCSD Health and County of San Diego Public Health.** SDRRN Migrant Shelter Services continues to provide case management, travel and financial assistance and legal support. Asylum seekers and immigrants receive COVID-19 testing in the Mexico and U.S., health screenings and quarantine in hotel rooms before travel, following all public health guidelines.

**These asylum-seeking families are in the U.S. lawfully to exercise their legal, human right to seek protection from violence and persecution in their home countries.**

## SDRRN Commitment Statement

**The San Diego Rapid Response Network stands at the ready to support asylum seekers and immigrants as federal policy changes and needs arise.**

## Support for SDRRN

**SDRRN is grateful to the State of California, County of San Diego and City of San Diego, as well as private funding/community support, for their support and commitment to welcoming asylum seekers in our region.**

- On February 25, 2021, the California Department of Finance announced that up to \$28 million will be made available, on an as-needed basis, for additional support of the State’s Rapid Response Fund. Of that amount, \$6.2 million is intended to support the work of JFS for SDRRN Migrant Shelter Services
- Private philanthropic support

## Ways for the Community to Support

**Funds are desperately needed to maintain vital operations of hybrid shelter services and to support cross-country travel expenses of migrant families.**

Donations of any amount can be made at [rapidresponsesd.org](https://rapidresponsesd.org). Visit [jfssd.org](https://jfssd.org) for available job positions and in-person volunteer opportunities to support this work.