

SANTA FE
DREAMERS
PROJECT



**“BUILD A
LONGER
TABLE,
NOT A
HIGHER
FENCE.”**

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It has been quite a year. Whether running over a hundred legal clinics, creating inventive services in rural communities, working to liberate transgender women in prison, planning border projects, doing legal accompaniment on the caravan, organizing divestment campaigns from private prisons, or recruiting and training sponsors for asylum seekers, our team has been working hard to develop innovative services to promote the success, the safety, and the liberty of immigrants and refugees here in the Southwest. Our government has presented obstacles we never could have imagined and many days we have felt defeat and despair. But we have also experienced the unmatched joys of being side by side with our clients when they win an asylum case, take their first breath outside detention, open their envelope with their first green card, or hold their hand up to take the Oath of Allegiance at a naturalization ceremony. These moments keep us going and give us the faith we need to face the challenges of our times. We are so proud to present to you the accomplishments of our incredible team, the collaborative work we do with our partners, and stories of our clients whose success your generosity has supported. As we move into the new year and continue to persist as fearlessly and creatively as we can, please know that we are grateful for your support, encouragement, donations, and friendship every step of the way. Thank you for believing in our work and in our clients' futures in this country. We are thrilled to be part of their stories and we hope you are too.

Sincerely,



Allegra Love
Executive Director



Matt Baca
Board President



MISSION

Santa Fe Dreamers Project provides free legal services to immigrants & refugees in New Mexico & West Texas for the purpose of economic and community development, educational attainment, family unity, & liberation from detention.

Our vision began with the simple premise that immigrants make us stronger. We believe that when we provide free legal services to immigrants in our communities, services designed to address the barriers that vulnerable people face in accessing lawyers, that we can help provide our neighbors with tools to thrive in the U.S. Whether through educational attainment, economic empowerment, or raising a healthy family, their success creates a critical narrative to support positive policy change in our country. Now that immigrants and refugees are under daily assault from the Trump administration, we have strengthened that vision to include the presumption that, in the case of people who come to this country seeking protection and a better life, the values of family unity and freedom from detention must be paramount to our political and economic concerns. We believe that only by first protecting these norms of humanity will the U.S. develop modern immigration policies that reflect our history as a nation of immigrants and the needs of a rapidly changing global population.

OVERVIEW

THIS IS SANTA FE DREAMERS PROJECT



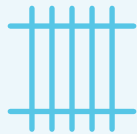
OFFICES

Santa Fe
Albuquerque & El Paso



RURAL PROJECTS

Valencia County
Taos County



ICE PRISONS SERVED

Milan, Chaparral & Estancia, NM
El Paso & Sierra Blanca, TX



8

Lawyers

3

DOJ reps

DEPARTMENTS

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

DEFERRED ACTION CASES

U-VISA CASES

VAWA CASES

GREEN CARD CASES

NATURALIZATION CASES

RURAL LEGAL CLINICS

SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE CASES

WALK-IN CONSULTATION CLINICS



TEAM DEFENSE

REPRESENTATION OF TRANSGENDER
WOMEN IN CIBOLA COUNTY

SAFE PLACE ASYLUM CLINIC

NON-DETAINED DEPORTATION CASES
IN EL PASO

SPONSORSHIP RELEASE PROGRAM

CARAVAN ACCOMPANIMENT

EL PASO

LGBTQ DETENTION DEFENSE

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

EL PASO IMMIGRATION
COLLABORATIVE (EPIC)

SUPPORT FOR TRANSGENDER
ASYLUM SEEKERS IN MEXICO

438

DACA CASES

30

NATURALIZATION CASES

35

GREEN CARD CASES

60

U-VISA/VAWA CASES

60

SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE CASES

50

MISCELLANEOUS CASES

673 clients represented

90

DACA CLINICS



10

RURAL CLINICS



100

LEGAL CLINICS

CITIZENSHIP

One incredible tool we have to protect individuals, their families, and our community at large, is to help put our clients on the path to U.S. citizenship. For many, the first, critical step is applying for a green card and legal permanent residence. Currently, SFDP is the only legal services organization in the state that provides free green card services. For those clients who already have their legal permanent residence, we provide free representation so they can naturalize and become U.S. citizens and enjoy full participation in civic life in the U.S.



“WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR SANTA FE DREAMERS PROJECT HELPING US GET OUR CITIZENSHIP. WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR 51 YEARS, AND IT MEANT A LOT TO US THAT KERRY MADE SURE THAT WE HAD OUR SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TOGETHER. CITIZENSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO US BECAUSE IT GIVES US SECURITY. WE DON'T HAVE TO GO AROUND WORRYING THAT WE CAN BE DEPORTED AT ANY TIME, AND THAT'S IMPORTANT AT OUR AGE. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO VOTING TOGETHER - WE REGISTERED TO VOTE THE SAME DAY AT OUR SWEARING IN CEREMONY.”

-PEDRO & REYNALDA

“THE SANTA FE DREAMERS PROJECT HELPED ME THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS AND WERE THERE WITH ME UNTIL I COMPLETED MY DREAM OF BECOMING A CITIZEN! BEING A CITIZEN IS A BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT - NOW I HAVE A VOICE THROUGH MY VOTE.”

-CINDY



RURAL PROGRAMS

Bringing legal services to places where immigration lawyers do not work has always been at the heart of Santa Fe Dreamers Project's mission. This year we continued our services to Taos and Valencia Counties, with a big focus on helping people who had been victims of violence through the U-Visa process. Our rural programs are only possible because of strong partnerships with community service organizations on the ground and the dedication of our community programs staff who understand the importance of showing up and building trust to reach some of the most vulnerable folks in our state.



“Research shows that 52% of advocates work with immigrant survivors who drop charges because of fear. Working with Santa Fe Dreamers Project has given our survivors peace of mind and easy access to an immigration attorney. Thanks to this rural project, Valencia Shelter Services has seen an increase in immigrant survivors wanting to engage in the system.”

-BRISSA SOTELO, VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATOR/FORENSIC INTERVIEWER, VALENCIA SHELTER SERVICES



“OUR TAOS COMMUNITY HAS BENEFITED TREMENDOUSLY FROM THE GENEROUS WORK OF SFDP. THANKS TO THEM, OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK WAYS TO OBTAIN LEGAL STATUS IN THE U.S. AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHANCES THEY HAVE TO SUCCEED.”

-JOSE GONZALEZ, PROGRAM DIRECTOR SANTUARIO DEL CORAZON LAS CUMBRES COMMUNITY SERVICES

SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE PROGRAM

Our Special Immigrant Juvenile Program focuses on protecting the most vulnerable among us from deportation. When children face abuse, abandonment, or neglect, it is critical that their trauma is not further compounded by deportation to a place where their lives may be at risk.



“The fact that in this political climate, there is still a legal process that can formally recognize an immigrant child’s abandonment, abuse or neglect by a parent or parents and on that basis, put the child on a path to a green card and citizenship in the U.S. is undoubtedly life-changing for many. It is an extremely powerful tool to have as a lawyer, and it pulls me back from the brink of burnout when it works. After surviving so much hardship to get to this point, an approval decision is often a life or death turning point for the most vulnerable youth, who now have a bright future in the U.S. to plan for.”

-TESS WILKES, ATTORNEY

ANNUAL REPORT CIBOLA COUNTY

140
 TRANSGENDER WOMEN
 SFDP HELPED RELEASE
 FROM PRISON

25,000
 MILES DRIVEN THIS YEAR FOR WEEKLY VISITS
 FROM SFDP STAFF TO THE CIBOLA COUNTY
 TRANSGENDER UNIT

WIN RATES

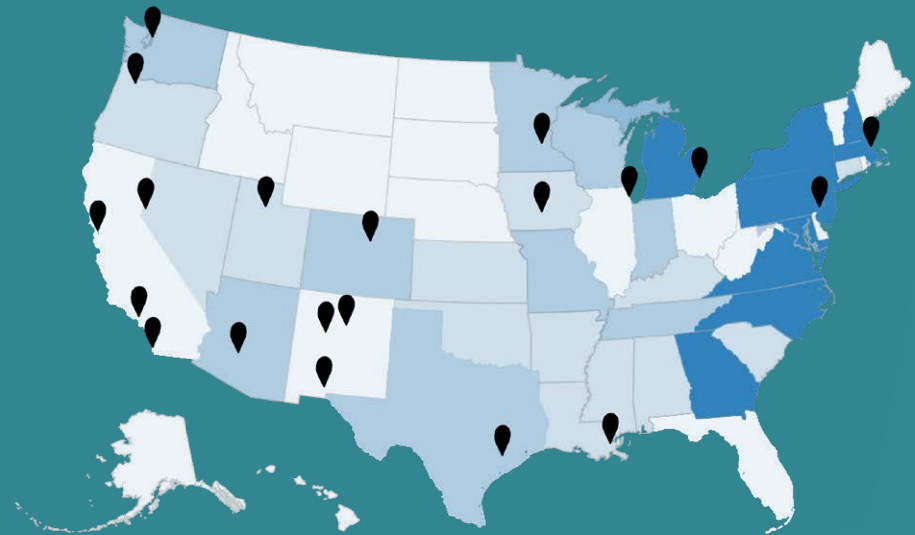
92%
 ASYLUM WIN RATE

98%
 BOND WIN RATE

85%
 PAROLE WIN RATE

LOCATIONS WOMEN HAVE BEEN PLACED WITH

SPONSORS AFTER LEAVING JAIL



CITIES

BAY AREA
 LOS ANGELES
 SAN DIEGO
 PORTLAND
 SEATTLE

RENO
 SALT LAKE CITY
 PHOENIX
 LAS CRUCES
 ALBUQUERQUE

SANTA FE
 CHICAGO
 DENVER
 DETROIT
 DES MOINES

HOUSTON
 NEW ORLEANS
 PHILADELPHIA
 BOSTON
 TWIN CITIES

STATES

GA ★ NC ★ VA ★ DC ★ MD ★ NJ ★ PA ★ MA ★ NH ★ NY ★ MI

SPONSORSHIP/RELEASE PROGRAM

Santa Fe Dreamers Project helped over 180 transgender women get released from several immigration detention facilities this year. One challenging aspect of our release program is that many women do not have family or friends in the United States who can sponsor them with their housing and their legal cases and provide the support needed for their first year in the U.S. Santa Fe Dreamers Project has recruited and trained sponsors in over 30 communities all over the United States. When a woman is released from prison, she comes to an apartment in Albuquerque run by SFDP staff, and through a coordinated effort with volunteers, we support her while she rests and gets organized and is brought to her new home to live with her sponsor. Additionally, we raised \$50,000 this year to start a revolving fund for women who can't possibly pay the cost of their bonds to leave prison.



“I was detained at Cibola for about 5 months. Thank God I won asylum. Since then I have been running the apartment. My job is to receive the trans women when they are released from Cibola. We provide food, a place for them to stay when they leave detention while they get organized to take the next step. Freedom from detention is a great blessing for each and every one of the trans women, because the simple fact that you are outside, breathing fresh air and eating a good meal is something very beautiful. I try to make them feel at home and help them with everything I can so that all their needs are met.”

-JOHELY



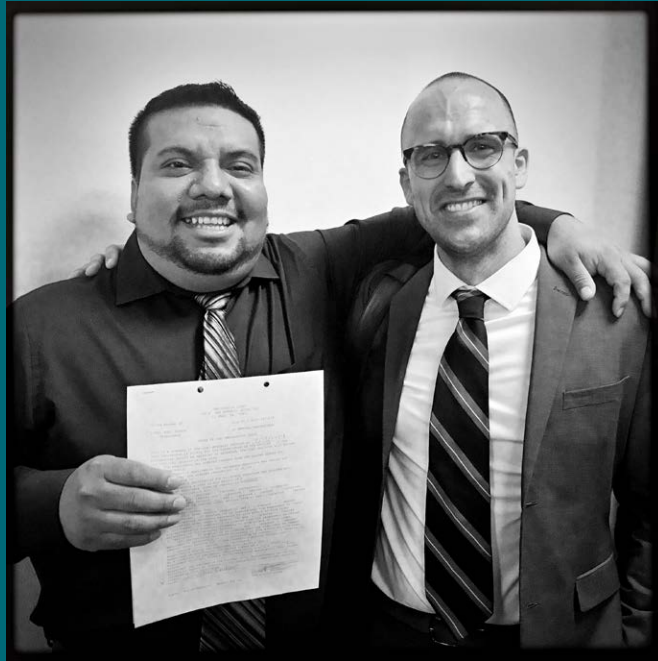
“I was just released from detention. I was detained for two years. Being released was complete joy. I have no words to explain it. When they told me that I would be free, I didn't believe it. I have worked for many years defending the rights of my community from so many abuses that we suffer, as trans women, and as members of the LGBTQ community. We suffer a lot of violence, a lot of discrimination. In my country, the government violates our rights and that is why I decided to immigrate. I never thought that I would face so much suffering by being detained for so long.

I dream big and hope to God that I will fulfill my dreams. I will keep fighting for protection for my community until the last day I am on this earth, despite any obstacles that come my way. With all of your help, I will achieve it.”

-ALEJANDRA

NON-DETAINED DEPORTATION CASES IN EL PASO

As our expertise in removal defense grows, our team has increased their capacity to help longtime residents of the US who face removal in the El Paso Immigration Court. These cases are critical because they help members of our community remain in Santa Fe thriving and united with their children.



"I FEEL LIKE I AM PART OF THIS COMMUNITY BECAUSE MY CHILDREN WERE BORN HERE, I GOT MARRIED HERE, AND HAVE BEEN LIVING HERE FOR ALMOST 19 YEARS. I HAVE LIVED IN THE US FOR LONGER THAN I LIVED IN MY HOME COUNTRY. IT IS VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF FACING POTENTIAL DEPORTATION. I DO NOT WISH IT ON ANYONE WHO LOVES THEIR FAMILY AND THEIR CHILDREN. THIS IS A NIGHTMARE. WE TOLD US ALL ALONG THAT WE WERE GOING TO WIN THE CASE, HE ALWAYS GAVE US THE HOPE WE NEEDED. THE EXPERIENCE OF WORKING WITH HIM WAS WONDERFUL. KNOWING THAT I HAVE THIS PROTECTION IS SO HELPFUL. IT MEANS I CAN BE WITH MY FAMILY, WE CAN BE TOGETHER."

-AARON

"THIS WAS A VERY DIFFICULT PROCESS FOR US. 14 MONTHS OF LIVING IN FEAR AND NOT KNOWING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN THE NEXT DAY. IT WAS ESPECIALLY HARD TO SEE MY CHILDREN SUFFERING. I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO GROW UP WITHOUT THEIR DAD, BECAUSE I KNOW HOW MUCH THAT WOULD AFFECT THEM. THANK GOD AND SANTA FE DREAMERS PROJECT FOR SUPPORTING US."

-MARCELA (AARON'S WIFE)

"Aaron has dedicated his life to providing guidance and support to all those around him, including those marginalized by our society. He has raised a beautiful and thriving family who have made themselves an integral part of our Santa Fe community. Simultaneously, Aaron has dedicated himself to a path of reflection and self-betterment. He and his family are an example to all of us -- of how to work hard in support of our loved ones, how to better care for one another, how to strive for self-improvement yet still dedicate your life to something bigger than yourself. With vulnerability and grace, he petitioned one of the most notoriously aggressive and anti-immigrant courts in the country for one of the most rarely granted forms of relief our system offers. It was an honor be there alongside him."

-WES BROCKWAY, AARON'S ATTORNEY



EL PASO

OUR GOALS

Reunite separated families
Represent LGBTQ folks in their asylum hearings
Lead the El Paso Immigration Collaborative, which brings remote representation to 3,700 asylum seekers detained in the El Paso ICE jurisdiction

OUR PARTNERS

Hope Border Institute
Las Americas Advocacy Center
ACLU Border Project
Catholic Charities of Southern NM
Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Project
Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee

SFDP OFFICE opened in El Paso this year

2 Attorneys employed

3 IMMIGRATION COURTS SERVED

El Paso Processing Center, Otero & El Paso Immigration Court

3 ICE PRISONS SERVED

Otero County, El Paso Processing Center & West Texas

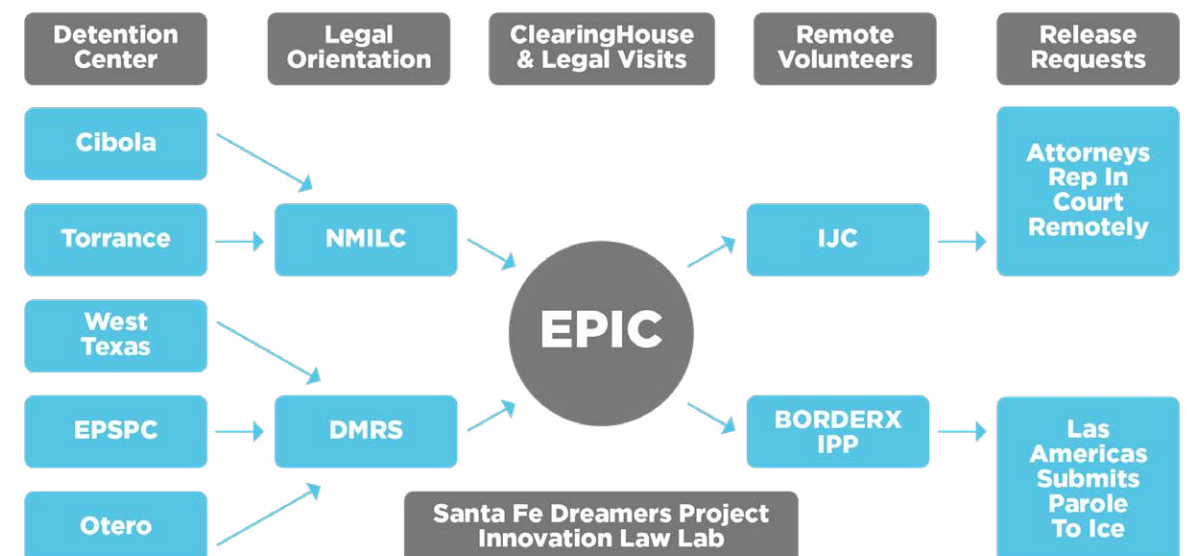
SUPPORT

for transgender women in migration in Mexico

EL PASO IMMIGRATION COLLABORATIVE

EPIC is a massive collaborative legal project designed to bring legal representation to thousands of detained asylum seekers in the El Paso ICE jurisdiction and bring systemic change to bear on the dehumanizing detention and court practices that are the norm in the region. In 2019, local organizations and nationwide partners came together to form El Paso Immigration Collaborative (EPIC) in response to the injustices at the southern border. The collective of organizations consist of 5 local grassroots legal projects: Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center; Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services; Santa Fe Dreamers Project; New Mexico Immigrant Law Center; and Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico. Joining the group nationally were Innovation Law Lab, the Immigrant Justice Campaign, and Curran, Berger, and Kludt, a private immigration law firm. The idea was to come together and address the staggering issues of representing detained individuals in El Paso's ICE detention system with a creative, collaborative approach that leverages the work, wisdom, and experience of local organizations with the strategies being deployed at a national level.

The El Paso ICE jurisdiction, comprised of New Mexico and West Texas, covers one of the largest geographic areas for ICE enforcement in the United States, has an estimated 3,700 detention beds, and is notorious for being one of the most deadly places for asylum seekers to be detained. There are staggering violations of due process and one of the lowest asylum approval rates in the nation at just 3%. EPIC was founded in this landscape and with the belief that **through coordinated, data-driven services that draw on help from remote volunteers and pro bono attorneys, EPIC can change the ecosystem of courts and detention centers to make El Paso a place where people can be released from detention and where meritorious asylum claims can win.** As ICE is systematic in its detention and deportation of asylum seekers, EPIC is equally systematic in their defense. Another way of thinking about EPIC is using technology, lawyers, and love to dismantle the immigration detention industrial complex on the border.





“I left Cuba with the love of my life. We left because of a lack of freedom, an inability of being able to express yourself as you are, because of the discrimination. We left looking for a place that values justice and freedom, and that respects individuality. My first experience in the US was 3 months in immigrant detention. I escaped discrimination at home and ended up experiencing even more in detention.

The way they treat you is designed to make you feel trapped, to lose hope. I am someone who is very aware of the circumstances in which I find myself and I understood the nature of that place. They did not steal my hope. Freedom is in your mind. Regardless of how long we are subject to abuse, we have to know that we are free in our minds.”

-MAYTE



LGBTQ DETENTION DEFENSE

“I represent folks at all stages of their removal proceedings and most of my clients are detained. The average denial rate for asylum seekers in El Paso is at least 95%, so it’s really difficult to win asylum here. I tend to focus mostly on queer cases. It is such a hostile jurisdiction and a lot of them don’t have representation. I figured if they could have some legal assistance, they could maybe be successful even in El Paso.

My favorite part of this work is working with my clients. I really love my clients and I love being able to connect with them in a way that lets them know that I understand maybe more than most people where they are coming from. I’m able to help them navigate a system that is really confusing and can be really overwhelming.

I worked with a lesbian couple from Cuba who were detained and helped them get bond. It was great to see them released. I had never seen them together. When I would go visit them, I had to see them one by one so it was really nice to finally see them together. It just does not make sense for us to criminalize people for trying to save their lives, but until that happens, there is a lot of need down here in El Paso because we have a lot of asylum seekers.”

-HÉCTOR

“THERE IS A GROUP OF TRANS WOMEN WHO ARE LIVING AT A SHELTER IN JUAREZ FOR TRANS WOMEN AND OTHER FOLKS IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY. EVERY OTHER WEEK OR SO, MYSELF AND A COLLEAGUE OF MINE FROM LAS AMERICAS GO DOWN TO THE SHELTER AND GIVE A CHAT TO THE WOMEN ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS AND WHAT TO EXPECT WITH REGARD TO THE ASYLUM SEEKING PROCESS, SO THAT THEY CAN BE PREPARED.”

-HÉCTOR





“Last December, SFDP notified me that a number of transgender asylum seekers that had just crossed the border would be transferred to South Texas Detention Center, near where I work in San Antonio, Texas. SFDP helped me hit the ground running on helping these trans women because of their experience serving a detained trans unit in New Mexico. They shared information and insight with me. We started the work of assisting these women through release support and representation. The impact has been huge. Twenty women have won their asylum from this group and many more have been released with our assistance. These women now get to live their lives in the U.S. away from the transphobic violence in their country that they were fleeing from. SFDP’s assistance and guidance was essential in getting us to this place.”

-CRISTIAN SÁNCHEZ, EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOW, REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND LEGAL SERVICES (RAICES)

FAMILY SEPARATION

The Trump Administration policy of Zero Tolerance and Family Separation during the summer of 2018 has had lasting effects on the impacted families. With support from the American Immigration Council and Hispanics in Philanthropy, our staff attorney in El Paso worked on a national team to reunite detained parents with their children. The final family that the project served was reunited in May of 2019 after nearly 10 months of separation.

PRIVATE PRISON DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGN

There are three immigration prisons in the State of New Mexico that are run by private corporations that make enormous profits off of them. This year, Santa Fe Dreamers Project initiated a campaign to make New Mexico’s public aware of the atrocities of corporate detention and the divestment strategies that we can use to undermine it’s profit. Anchored by Creative Director Sylvia Johnson’s powerful film, *Refuge(e)*, our divestment campaign has created conversation around power and change in communities across the US and encourages community organizing for better policy in our home state.

COUNSELING PROGRAM

This year, with funding from an inaugural grant from Anchorum/St. Vincent, Santa Fe Dreamers Project was able to hire a bilingual counselor and licensed art therapist to create an in-house counseling program for our clients. Through our legal work we encounter families with fear and trauma and issues that deserve the most compassionate and professional services. Not only does this program offer those services at an agency our clients already trust, but we are also able to help make critical referrals to mental health agencies in our community and create awareness in Santa Fe around the mental health needs of immigrant and refugee families.

SAFE PLACE

SAFE Place is Santa Fe Dreamers Project’s newest community legal clinic. It is developing as a response to the high number of families in Santa Fe who have recently crossed the border seeking refuge and now face the daunting task of presenting a case for political asylum in the notorious El Paso Immigration Court. Not only does SAFE Place aim to provide comprehensive legal support and accompaniment to those families, it also helps identify their non-legal needs and refer them to wraparound services in our community.

DREAMS ON WHEELS

The summer of 2019 saw our mobile law office Dreams on Wheels get the makeover she finally deserves. With the help of some friends from our community, the RV was gutted, some structural repairs were made, and the inside was completely refurbished to be a state of the art immigration law office. We are rolling into 2020 with this brand new tool to reach more remote communities and bring services to places where there are no immigration attorneys.



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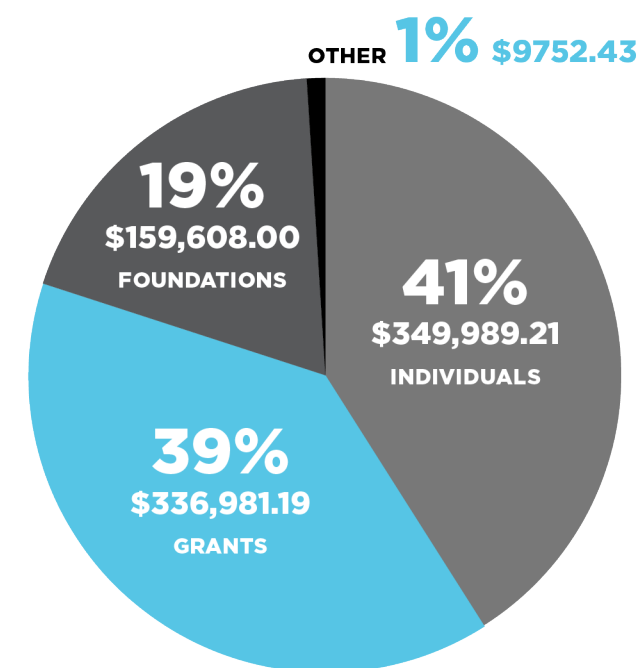
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NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice
City of Santa Fe
Transgender Law Center
Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico
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RAICES
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Presbyterian Medical Services
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NM Legal Aid
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SFPS Office of Student Wellness
Translatin@ Coalition
Santa Fe Faith Coalition
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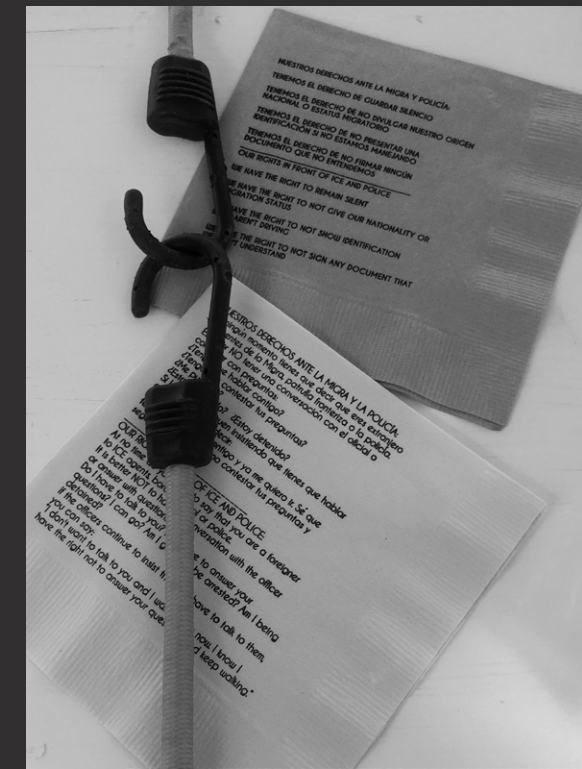
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Hazel Batrechavez is an emerging artist who joined SFDP in 2019 as part of the Santa Fe Art Institute's Story Maps Fellowship program. As Santa Fe Dreamers Project's first artist-in-residence, Hazel collaborated with SFDP staff and clients to gain a deep understanding of our community's immigration issues and develop a community project. La Luchadora is the collaborative project Hazel developed with the Santa Fe Dreamers Project and Paleteria Oasis. She uses a paleta cart to hand out free popsicles while also discreetly handing out Know Your Rights information for immigrants on the napkins provided. La Luchadora creates a space where dialogue and information can be exchanged by subverting the role of the paletera.



A black and white photograph of a border wall. On the left, a dark, vertical-slatted metal fence runs into the distance. In the center, a white rectangular board is mounted on a light-colored, sandy or dusty ground. The words "KEEP GOING" are written on the board in a large, blocky, hand-drawn font. The letters are constructed from thick, dark rope. The background shows a clear sky and a distant horizon line with some structures.

KEEP
GOING

ARTWORK BY HAZEL BATREZCHAVEZ