

RAICES: What is next? Updates and Invitations.

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Dear Tina,

I sit here writing this email having just checked the fundraising totals. Honestly, I copied them from the screen into a Word document to add commas because I couldn't quite process the digits. You have been more generous than we could have imagined. [Thank you seems fundamentally inadequate to express what this means.](#)

If you are new to our work, welcome. RAICES was founded over 30 years ago as [part of the Sanctuary movement in South Texas](#), a movement in [which we are still engaged](#). We have grown from a scrappy 4 person office 10 years ago to have offices across Texas.

We are the **only immigration non profit in the country** that serves detained kids, detained families and detained adults and continues to serve people after release through our community immigration programs.

We have been here [demanding accountability for the actions of ICE](#), [paying bonds](#), [serving unaccompanied minors in temporary shelters](#), [representing families](#), and [providing shelter](#).

We don't just say the law is unjust, [we fight back](#). [We speak out](#).

We do what needs to be done.

I write this to you in the early morning hours when it's still dark, when my two small children are briefly quiet as they sleep. Soon, they will stumble out for morning snuggles and the day begins.

I will squeeze them tight and think of all the parents sitting in detention centers whose arms ache for their babies. I will hold them and think of the [horrifying recording of children crying for their parents](#).

And I know that we will do what needs to be done to reunite these families.

I'm going to be honest. This fundraising so far exceeds our expectations that our original plan needed to change. Wednesday at 1:30PM CST we will host a webinar to launch our plans for spending these funds. You can register by [clicking here](#).

We've been hearing a lot, "But what else can I do?" Thursday at 2PM CST we will host a second webinar for people interested in joining a nationwide network of practical support volunteers. You can register by [clicking here](#).

You have trusted us. You decided, out of all the things you could do with your dollars, to support our work.

Our solemn promise to you is that we will earn that trust by being transparent with what we're doing, how we're spending the dollars, and who we are serving. These are the first of many calls we will offer to keep you informed about our work and invite you to get involved.

Welcome. I look forward to working with you, to fighting beside you, and to committing everyday that we will not let injustice stand.

In solidarity,

Jenny Hixon
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