



URGENT NEED FOR SPONSORS FOR DETAINED TRANSGENDER ASYLUM SEEKERS

The Santa Fe Dreamers Project (SFDP) & collaborating organizations are seeking parole sponsors for detained, transgender womxn seeking asylum in the U.S. Conditions in Cibola County Detention Center are in abuse of the human rights of asylum seekers & SFDP is petitioning for the release of transgender detainees to sponsors, so they can fight their asylum cases outside of detention.

WHAT IS PAROLE?

Qualifying immigrants can submit a request to be “paroled,” or released, from detention to a parole sponsor. If they are not paroled out, they will have to go through their immigration proceedings while in an immigrant detention center. This could mean indefinite time spent in a prison setting.

WHAT DOES A PAROLE SPONSOR PROVIDE?

- Financial support to the paroled asylum seeker
- A space in their home for them to reside in
- Help them obtain services (health, ESL, etc)
- Provide clothing, toiletries, other necessities
- Community support

WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR?

Individuals, partners or a family with:
Provable stream of income
Lawful permanent residence or U.S. citizenship
No criminal and/or arrest record
A safe, stable home
LGBTQ+ friendly w/understanding of transgender identities
Familiarity with trauma-informed care
Commitment to supporting the compa for the duration of their asylum case (6 mos - year generally)

INTERESTED IN SPONSORING?

Please fill out our sponsor interest form at: <https://goo.gl/forms/5kgftcMpVtG6QKPY2>

QUESTIONS? Contact Transgender Detention Release Specialist, Elaina Vermeulen, at elainavermeulen@gmail.com for more information.