



You can bring joy and hope to immigrants in detention by writing and decorating holiday cards in English and Spanish.

El Refugio is collecting hand-written holiday cards to send to detained immigrants at Stewart Detention Center. We know that detained immigrants face many challenges, especially the uncertainty of not knowing if or when they will be free and reunited with loved ones. With your help, we can send a message of hope and comfort to those who are isolated in detention, far from friends and family during the holidays.

## How to Participate

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1. Write messages of hope and encouragement on a card.
2. You can make multiple cards for our friends detained at Stewart, in Spanish and English.
3. Refer to the sample messages in this toolkit and/or use your own words.
4. Be creative! Share a poem or a drawing; use color. (Stickers, glitter **or other items that have adhesive** are not allowed).
5. Sign your first name if you would like.
6. Put each individual card or letter in an envelope. Do not write the mailing address on each individual card; we will do that for you. Make a small mark or clear division of cards in different languages.
7. Add a stamp to each envelope.
8. Place the cards in a large envelope.
9. Mail the large envelope to: El Refugio Ministry "Message of Hope and Solidarity" PO Box 3996 Decatur, GA 30031.
10. Please send us your full name and email address. Please print the contact spreadsheet and make sure to send it to us along with the cards.
11. Please make sure you mail the cards to us no later than December 12.

We also invite you to donate to El Refugio to support our work. Go to this link to donate:

<http://elrefugiostewart.org/support-el-refugio/>

## Sample messages

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### English

*Dear friend,  
Greetings from (city/state). My name is (first name).*

*In this holiday season, I want to let you know that you are not alone and forgotten. It is difficult for me to understand all the challenges you face in detention but I stand in solidarity with you, your family, and all immigrants who are facing detention and deportation.*

*I want to send you a sincere and warm holiday greeting. Please keep hope alive!*

*Many blessings.*

### Spanish

*Querido amigo,  
Saludos desde (ciudad / estado). Mi nombre es (primer nombre).*

*En esta temporada navideña, quiero hacerle saber que no está solo y olvidado. Es difícil para mí entender todos los desafíos que enfrenta en detención, pero me solidarizo con usted, su familia y todos los inmigrantes que enfrentan detención y deportación.*

*Quiero enviarle un sincero y cálido saludo en esta temporada navideña. ¡Mantenga viva la esperanza!*

*Muchas bendiciones.*



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## Contact sheet

Please fill out this form and return it to the address below along with your cards by December 12, 2018. If you do this with a group friends or church members, please make sure to send us all their information too.

Full name	Group/Congregation	Email address