



Many immigrants detained at Stewart Detention Center (SDC) are fathers. Some were apprehended by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Southeast and sent to SDC, often after living here and contributing to their communities for many years. Many people at Stewart are asylum seekers who were detained at the U.S./Mexico border.

El Refugio is collecting hand-written cards to send to detained immigrants at Stewart Detention Center for Father's Day. We know that for detained fathers, this is an especially difficult time, separated from their children and loved ones. **With your help, we can send a message of solidarity and hope to fathers and help ease their isolation.**

### 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. **Please add a stamp to each envelope.**
8. Place the cards in a large envelope.
9. Mail the large envelope to: El Refugio Ministry "Father's Day Campaign" PO Box 3996 Decatur, GA 30031.
10. Please send us your full name and email address. Print the contact spreadsheet and make sure to send it to us along with the cards.

We also invite you to donate to El Refugio to support our work. Go to this link to donate: <https://www.elrefugiostewart.org/donate/>

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Father's Day Campaign  
PO Box 3996  
Decatur, GA 30031

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6 IS THE LAST DAY TO MAIL THE FATHER'S DAY CARDS.**

**Sample Messages**

**ENGLISH**

Fathers are the foundations that support us through life and hold our hands when we encounter strife, but no matter how near or far apart, fathers will always be in our heart.

Whether you are a father or have a father, we send you love this Father's Day.

Warmest wishes,  
Your Family at El Refugio

**ALTERNATIVE MESSAGE**

Happy Father's Day!  
We stand in solidarity with you.  
Today we celebrate the love and strength of fathers like you.

**SPANISH**

Los padres son los cimientos que nos sostienen a través de la vida y nos toman de las manos cuando enfrentamos conflictos. Sin importar cuán cerca o lejos estén, los padres siempre estarán en nuestro corazón.

Si eres padre o tienes padre, te enviamos amor este Día del Padre.

Nuestros más cálidos deseos,  
Su familia de El Refugio

**ALTERNATIVE MESSAGE**

¡Feliz día del padre!  
Nos solidarizamos usted.  
Hoy celebramos el amor y la fuerza de padres como tú.

*Contact sheet*



Please fill out this form and return it to the address below along with your cards by June 6, 2019. 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