CARDS THAT TOUCH THE HEART

When you send a card and make a donation, you bring comfort and joy to people detained at SDC, so they feel less alone or forgotten.

2022 Holiday Giving
Our support for and solidarity with people in detention has never been more important. The immigrant community, particularly those facing detention and deportation, have been hit especially hard during the pandemic. The number of people in detention initially declined, but then the number soared. **Releases are down, and deportations are up. People are still being detained for long periods of time, and they continue to report abuse, neglect, and feelings of isolation.**

You can brighten someone's day by sending a holiday card and making a donation toward commissary deposits, which allow people to buy candy, chips, socks, soap, a phone card, or something else they need or want.

Let people at SDC know that they are not forgotten during the holiday season!
STEP ONE
Write a message of solidarity. Refer to the sample messages in this toolkit, and feel free to use your own words. **We need cards in Spanish. Your Spanish does NOT have to be perfect!**

Decorate your card with markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Sign the card with your first name, city, and state. **DO NOT use glitter or stickers. No musical cards.**

STEP TWO
Place your card[s] in unsealed, stamped envelopes. Write the language used on the back of the envelope, leaving the front blank.

Then, place in a larger envelope and mail to:

**EL REFUGIO**
P.O. BOX 1166
DECATUR, GA 30031.

Mail your cards no later than December 10, 2022

El Refugio puts $20 on commissary accounts of people detained at SDC. We invite you to make a donation, so we can continue to making deposits throughout the holiday season. Ways to give:
https://www.gagives.org/story/Zgd05g
Venmo: @ElRefugio

Thank you!
GUERIDO AMIGO,
SALUDOS DESDE (CIUDAD / ESTADO).
MI NOMBRE ES (PRIMER NOMBRE).
EN ESTOS DÍAS FESTIVOS, QUIERO HACERLE SABER QUE NO ESTÁ SOLO NI 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 ENVİARLE UN SINCERO Y CÁLIDO SALUDO EN ESTOS DÍAS FESTIVOS. ¡MANTENGA VIVA LA ESPERANZA!
MUCHAS BENDICIONES.

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 OR FORGOTTEN. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND ALL THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE IN DETENTION. 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.