



The [Dallas Hispanic Bar Association](#) continues to strongly condemn the Trump Administration's separation and detention of more than 2,000 children seeking entry into the U.S. along our southern border. Our members have responded to this alarming and unacceptable injustice with compassion, seeking ways in which volunteer attorneys can assist immigrants and their children. The DHBA issues this list of volunteer opportunities, both here in the DFW area and near the border, to assist members who are seeking to help.

DFW Area Volunteer Opportunities

Our local non-profit immigration legal services providers have been assisting immigrant families and unaccompanied children seeking protection from harm for many years. Please consider volunteering your time or your resources locally.

Human Rights Initiative: [Human Rights Initiative](#) provides legal and support services to refugees and immigrants who have suffered human rights abuses. This includes representing immigrants in applications for asylum, special immigrant juvenile status, U visas, and VAWA. HRI also serves a local shelter for unaccompanied minors, where the agency has already seen children separated from their parents. Volunteers (particularly bilingual individuals) are needed to assist with administrative and translation work, and to accept pro bono cases for vulnerable clients, particularly children. Please contact Layne Faulkner at lfaulkner@hrionline.org.

RAICES: [RAICES](#) provides free and low cost legal services to underserved immigrant children, families, and refugees in Texas. The organization has also recently created a National Families Together Hotline to assist families who have been separated in reuniting. The local office needs volunteers, particularly bilingual volunteers, to staff regularly held asylum clinics. Additionally, the local office needs volunteers to assist with the cases of parents and children who have been released at the border and relocated to the Dallas area. Attorneys can take a case pro bono or assist with research or briefing for ongoing RAICES cases. RAICES also has volunteer opportunities with its south Texas offices, which serve the family immigration detention facilities at Karnes and Dilley. Please call 214-295-9554.

Catholic Charities: [Catholic Charities](#) provides free and low cost legal services to immigrants in need of legal representation in wide range of immigration matters. Catholic Charities is currently seeking both non-immigration attorneys (once trained) and immigration attorneys to accept pro bono, limited representation of immigrant detainees in Custody and Bond Redetermination applications. For attorneys with immigration experience, Catholic Charities is also seeking volunteers to accept pro bono cases for removal defense, particularly asylum, in the Dallas Immigration Court. Please contact Lacy de la Garza at ldelagarza@ccdallas.org.



Additional Volunteer Opportunities

The Texas Civil Rights Project is seeking Spanish-speaking attorneys to represent immigrant families at risk of deportation, primarily in South Texas. The Mexican American Legislative Caucus is organizing pro bono attorneys to volunteer with this organization. Potential volunteers can register here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIRgGe5ptothXB-gYI76pDF5tYDL6QJtmzHqcADwPDzMNb5g/viewform?usp=sf_link

The Texas State bar has compiled an excellent list of opportunities for volunteer attorneys in Texas, including several opportunities for attorneys who are able to travel to the border to provide services to immigrant families and unaccompanied children. The list is available at:

<https://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/LawyersGivingBack/Volunteer/default.htm>

Suggested Organizations for Donations

Many attorneys may want to help, but have limited time. Please consider supporting our immigration non-profit organizations in the vital work that they do every day on behalf of vulnerable children and families.

Please consider our local organizations:

Human Rights Initiative: <http://www.hrionline.org/donate/>

RAICES: <https://www.raicestexas.org/#donate>

Catholic Charities: <https://ccdallas.org/donate/>

Texas Civil Rights Project: The TCRP is representing clients at the border who have been separated from their children. <https://texascivilrightsproject.org/action/>

ACLU Immigrant Rights Project: The organization has filed a class action lawsuit against the Trump Administration regarding the separation and detention of children. <https://www.aclu.org/other/fairness-all-work-immigrants-rights-project>

United We Dream: The largest immigrant youth-led advocacy network in the country. <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/uwdnetwork?refcode=uwd-header-onetime&amount=27.00>

Kids in Need of Defense: Provides legal representation for unaccompanied children who enter the US immigration system alone. <https://supportkind.org/>

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid: The organization has been working on family reunification efforts along the border. <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/TexasRioGrandeLegalAid/OnlineDonation.html>