



AMERICAN GATEWAYS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A Letter from Co-Executive Director Rebecca Lightsey

As always, the legal immigration landscape is changing, and American Gateways is responding! This last month, we have been working with more Haitians - some are those who recently arrived and others have been here for a few months or more. Many Haitians are eligible for Temporary Protected Status. With our partners Casa Marianella and the Pro Bono Clinic at the University of Texas Law School, we just helped several Haitians apply for TPS, to gain legal status and the ability to work. We are also seeing a number of Haitians detained at the detention center we serve and are educating them on their legal rights.

We are also seeing more Afghan refugees arriving in Central Texas. With our partners, we are helping these folks understand their legal rights in the US and the process to reunite with their families.

Co-Executive Director Edna Yang Speaks Out Against Abbott's 10-Point Border Plan

Edna Yang spoke with Spectrum News 1 about Governor Greg Abbott's 10-point border plan for the Texas-Mexico border. While the legality of the so-called "Remain in Mexico" policy remains in question, she believes it has not been effective in deterring people from coming to the U.S.

"It has denied people access to the justice system. It has set up horrific and horrendous standards of living and conditions for people who are fleeing persecution and harm," Yang told Capital Tonight. "It created a situation that helped to increase the backlog that we see in the courts, and increase some of the problems that we've seen at the border." Watch the news clip [here](#).

Hear from Marian and Ignacio About American Gateways' Impact

Marian and Ignacio fled Venezuela in 2016 after they were persecuted by pro-government forces. Initially hesitant about the role of non-profits in the US, Marian did not want help. However, after speaking with lawyers in the San Antonio office, American Gateways helped the couple apply for asylum in 2017. Hear more about the impact of AG services by watching their [video](#).

First In-Person Naturalization Clinic Since the Pandemic Started - and Second One on the Way!

San Antonio held its first in-person naturalization clinic since before the pandemic on October 16th. With 25 people in attendance, our team helped individuals and families apply for citizenship. The next one will be on November 13th, from 9am-2pm. If you're interested in volunteering, reach out to Sarahi at sarahic@americangateways.org

Pave the Way for Immigrant Justice Success

We surpassed our fundraising goal for our annual fundraising event! This fundraiser provides the financial support that allow us to remain flexible and meet emerging community needs for immigrants in Central Texas. Thank you to our friends and allies for investing in our work. Watch the recording of the event [on YouTube](#), and if you haven't had the chance to donate yet, you can still donate [here](#).



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