



AMERICAN GATEWAYS

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A letter from Edna Yang, Co-Executive Director

Happy Thanksgiving! We were grateful to hear the news about [Title 42 being struck down](#) by US District Court Judge Sullivan. From its inception, Title 42 was based on disingenuous public health rationales and tired old racist tropes that associated immigrants and disease. The program effectively denied the more than 1.8 millions individuals and families fleeing violence and persecution the ability to seek asylum in the U.S. as is their right under federal and international law.

This decision only further highlights the need for comprehensive immigration reform. Our current system is broken - no one can argue with that. We need permanent and sensible changes to our outdated immigration laws to ensure that the dignity and human rights of immigrants are recognized.

As always our staff continues to provide the necessary information, advocacy, and representation needed to all of the communities we serve. Our goal is to give some help – some hope – to every immigrant who comes to our door, because everyone deserves to understand the law, know how to follow it, and gain legal representation, if needed. Everyone deserves access to justice, and everyone deserves to have their humanity recognized and be treated with dignity.

We are grateful to each of you for your support and commitment to justice. We hope you enjoy the holiday and are able to share it with those you love.



Please join us for our virtual immigrant justice event

We invite you to join our **VIRTUAL** Immigrant Justice event on Thursday 12/1 at 5:30PM CT. We will be giving updates on our work, sharing impact stories from clients, and extending an invitation to partner with us. [Register for our free virtual event here!](#)

American Gateways Staff Retreat

After two years of virtual staff retreats, our team was excited to gather again in-person to share about our work in our three offices and our upcoming goals and aspirations as an organization!



This month we also celebrate some work anniversaries. We have the best TEAM! Congratulations to the following team members for their years of dedication, leadership and advocacy of our clients!

[Natalia Drelichman](#), Co-Director of Programs & Operations - 13 years
[Maureen Mercado](#), Screening, Intake and Referral Specialist - 4 years
[Leslie Parra](#), Staff Attorney - 1 year

If you want to support our work with clients, and provide access to justice to immigrants, we welcome your donation. Your partnership allows us to provide critical legal services to those who need it most.

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