

## UU LEGISLATIVE DAY – FEBRUARY 15



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### **SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR IMMIGRANTS RELEASED AT GREYHOUND BUS STATIONS FROM IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES IN ARIZONA**

Every day of the week, at any time of day and night, ICE vans from Arizona immigration detention facilities and short term holding facilities pull into bus depots in Phoenix and Tucson and drop off immigrants. Some have won their case, but most are released either on bond or their own recognizance and have been granted permission to remain in the United States while pursuing their cases.

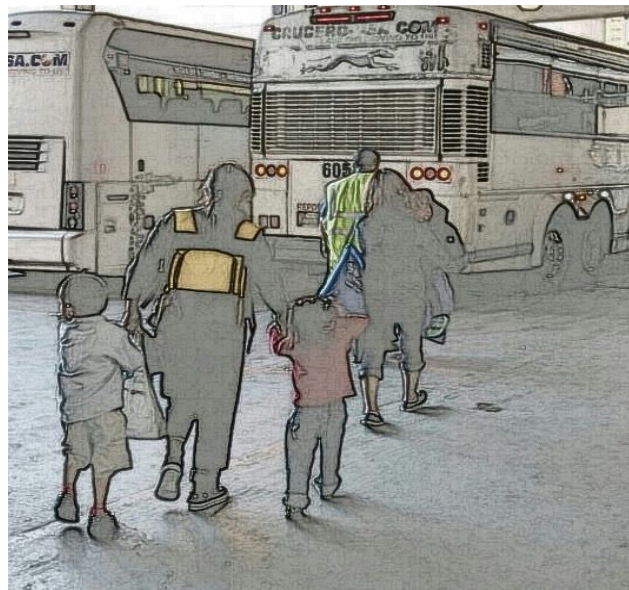
Those released usually have nothing but paper or plastic bags to carry their few clothes and possessions, and are traveling as far away as Atlanta, Georgia, Washington D.C. or New York. They rarely have funds purchase supplies necessary for these 2 to 4 day trips, and may be traveling with children. Few speak English, and depending on their origins, may not speak Spanish either. They rarely have working cell phones or money for payphones, which leaves them unable to finalize travel arrangements or communicate with loved ones.

Volunteers from The Restoration Projects of Phoenix and Tucson monitor depots to provide direct aid and cell phone support to those leaving ICE and Border Patrol custody. Volunteers make their phones available so the families can connect with loved ones and make travel arrangements. Food, water, hygiene items, and backpacks are also offered.

### **CAN YOU HELP? ... YES WE CAN !!**

#### **Suggested items always need replenishing:**

- debit VISA cards in \$25 increments
- backpacks
- jackets/hooded sweatshirts
- shoelaces
- socks (men and women)
- women's underwear (size 5-8)
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste (travel size only)
- deodorant
- lip balm (chapstick)
- sanitary napkins
- diapers (size 3+ preferred)
- formula (soy and regular, individual serving sizes preferred)
- fruit or applesauce cups
- pop tarts or breakfast/granola bars
- snack size nut or trail mix packages
- pedialyte



**Please bring donations to the UUJAZ DATL**