

# Texas Border Sponsorship Forum

*A monthly discussion for anyone considering embarking on the journey of sponsorship.*

**Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00pm – 6:30pm CST**



Becoming a sponsor is the most profound expression of solidarity with those who have fled their home to escape violence and economic hardship. Most people arrive with a family or loved-one to host them. Some people arrive without long-term court accompaniment and housing support. Without refugee status, there are no services available leaving a gap in care at a crucial time.

## **You can change that!**

Congregational mission teams and other community groups are ideal sponsors for people seeking asylum. The sponsorship relationship is both joyful and challenging and can vary from six months to over a year. Mobilizing a team to support the many aspects of sponsorship is straightforward and ensures that

those seeking asylum and the hosts build a strong working relationship.

The Texas Border Sponsorship Forum is a space where groups can explore if they are being called to serve in this way. This month we welcome:

**Andrea Meza**  
**Director of Family Detention Services, RAICES**  
**San Antonio, TX**

*Andrea will guide participants in understanding why sponsorship is so important from an abolitionist perspective. She will share an overview of the ever-changing activities on the border and details about what happens to people in detention. By the end of the session, attendees will better understand why community engagement plays a critical role in ending detention and realizing comprehensive immigration reform.*

Register in advance for the forum [HERE](#).

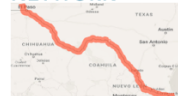
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