



Many immigrants detained at Stewart Detention Center (SDC) are fathers. Some of them are apprehended by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Southeast and sent to SDC. A large number of individuals at Stewart are asylum seekers detained at the US/Mexico border. When they arrive with their children at the border seeking protection, they are put in detention for weeks, months, even years. They are fighting not only for their lives, but for the lives of their children.

El Refugio is collecting hand-written cards to send to detained immigrants at Stewart Detention Center for Father's Day. We know that for detained fathers, this is an especially difficult time, separated from their children and loved ones. **With your help, we can send a message of solidarity and hope to fathers and help ease their isolation.**

How to Participate

1. Write messages of hope and encouragement on paper or holiday cards.
2. Make multiple cards for dads, in Spanish, English, and French. We also have several people who speak Somali.
3. Refer to the sample messages in this toolkit and/or use your own words.
4. Be creative! Share a poem or a drawing; use color. (Stickers are not allowed)
5. Sign your first name if you like.
6. [Fill out this form](#)
7. Place the cards in a large envelope. Do not write the mailing address on each individual card; we will do that for you.
8. [Make a donation to El Refugio](#) to cover the cost of postage.



A ministry of hospitality and visitation serving immigrants
detained at Stewart Detention Center, their families, and friends.

Mail the large envelope to:

El Refugio Ministry
Father's Day Campaign
PO Box 3996
Decatur, GA 30031

**We are collecting cards for
fathers until Friday, June 8, 2018.**

Sample Messages

ENGLISH

Fathers are the foundations that support us through life
And hold our hands when we encounter strife
But no matter how near or far apart,
Fathers will always be in our heart.

Whether you are a father or have a father, we send you love this Father's Day.
Warmest wishes,
Your Family at El Refugio

SPANISH

Los padres son los cimientos que nos sostienen a través de la vida
Y nos toman de las manos cuando enfrentamos conflictos.
Sin importar cuán cerca o lejos estén,
Los Padres siempre estarán en nuestro corazón.

Si eres padre o tienes padre, te enviamos amor este Día del Padre.
Nuestros más cálidos deseos,
Su familia de El Refugio

FRENCH

Nos pères nous donnent une fondation pour la vie
Ils nous prennent par la main pendant les moments difficiles
Mais peu importe la distance entre les pères et leurs enfants
Nos pères seront toujours dans nos cœurs.

Si vous êtes père ou avez un père, nous vous envoyons tout notre amour pour cette Fête des Pères

Affectueusement,
Votre famille de El Refugio

ALTERNATIVE MESSAGE ENGLISH

Happy Father's Day!
We stand in solidarity with you.
Today we celebrate the love and strength of fathers like you.

ALTERNATIVE MESSAGE SPANISH

¡Feliz día del padre!
Nos solidarizamos usted.
Hoy celebramos el amor y la fuerza de padres como tú.