SHARING THE JOURNEY

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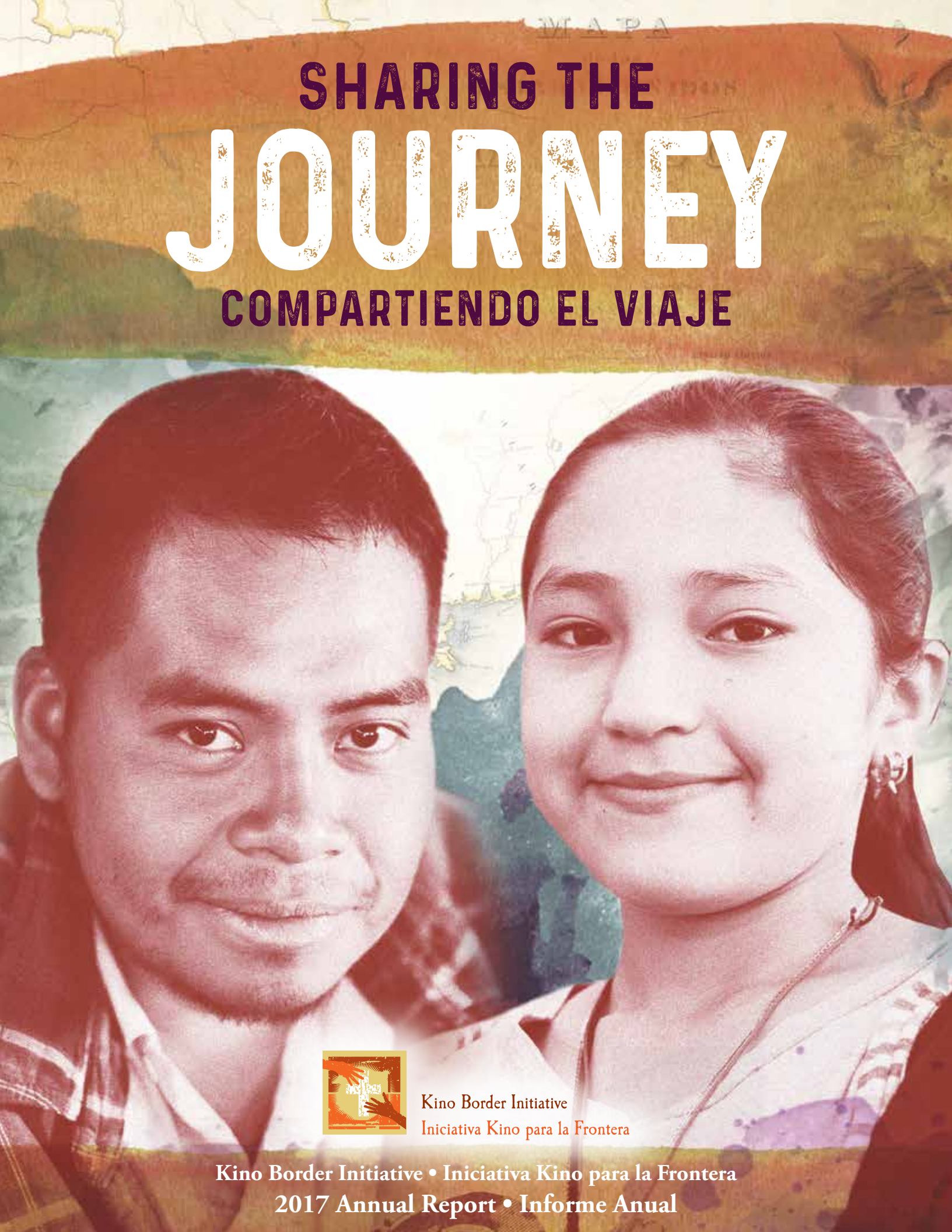

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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE KINO BORDER INITIATIVE,

Accompaniment—being with those in need through prayer, support, advocacy, and service—lies at the foundation of the Kino Border Initiative. It directs each step we take alongside our migrant brothers and sisters, and follows the principles of encounter expressed in Pope Francis's recently initiated "Share the Journey" campaign as well as his encompassing message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees—to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants and refugees in our midst.

This past year, the KBI has continued our journey of encounter and accompaniment in a host of ways, with the help of our donors, volunteers and partners. Through our programs, we served 40,659 meals, sheltered 360 people, supplied first aid to 4,024, hosted 56 immersion trips and 104 KBI visits, and presented 98 talks about the migrant experience and immigration policy. We expanded our services to include volunteer visits to the Eloy Detention Center in southern Arizona, to 83 people in total, providing companionship to those detained and listening to their stories at a time when they are traumatized, vulnerable, and far from family. With the Florence Project, we introduced our legal fellow program, offering legal representation to asylum seekers. The Kino Teens, our committed youth emissaries, took part in the second annual Walking in Mercy Youth Summit and Leadership Days. And our staff was busier than ever, participating in meetings, panels, and conferences throughout the U.S. and Mexico, and as far as Berlin, Germany.

As the Holy Father has reminded us, "Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart." To "share the journey" is a gift and a responsibility. We undertake this work with our hearts and eyes open, our hands ready, and our spirits moved by the need we see every day. While our mission is multi-faceted, our message to those we serve is simple: You are not alone, you are my neighbor, brother, sister, friend. Thank you for journeying with us.

In gratitude,
Rev. Sean Carroll, S.J.
Executive Director

QUERIDOS AMIGOS DE LA INICIATIVA KINO PARA LA FRONTERA,

El acompañamiento – a través de la oración, apoyo, incidencia, y servicio – es parte fundamental de la Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera (KBI). Dirige cada paso que damos junto a nuestros hermanos y hermanas migrantes, siguiendo los principios de encuentro expresados en la reciente campaña "Compartiendo el Viaje" del Papa Francisco, al igual que en su mensaje abarcador del Dia Mundial de los Migrantes y Refugiados – de acoger, proteger, promover, e integrar a los migrantes y refugiados.

Este ultimo año, la Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera ha continuado su trayecto de encuentro y acompañamiento de diferentes formas, con la ayuda de nuestros donantes, voluntarios, y colaboradores. A través de nuestro programa servimos 40,659 comidas, albergamos a 360 personas, y ofrecimos 4,024 servicios de primeros auxilios. También recibimos 56 viajes de inserción y 104 visitas a KBI, y dimos 98 presentaciones sobre la experiencia de los migrantes y las políticas de inmigración. Expandimos nuestros servicios para incluir visitas de voluntarios al Centro de Detención Eloy en el sur de Arizona, visitando a 83 personas en total, ofreciéndoles acompañamiento a los detenidos y escuchando sus historias en momentos que se encuentran traumatizados, vulnerables y lejos de sus familias. Junto al Proyecto Florence, introducimos nuestro programa de asistencia legal para ofrecer representación legal a personas que solicitan asilo. Nuestros Jóvenes de Kino, emisarios juveniles comprometidos, participaron en la Segunda Cumbre Anual Caminando en Misericordia y Días de Liderazgo. Nuestro equipo también estuvo más ocupado que nunca, participando en reuniones, comités, y conferencias a través de los EE.UU, México, y Alemania.

Como nos recuerda el Santo Padre, "Ayudémonos unos a otros. Esto es lo que nos enseña Jesús. Esto es lo que yo hago y lo hago desde el corazón". Poder "compartir el viaje" es un regalo y una responsabilidad. Nosotros emprendemos este trabajo con nuestros corazones y ojos abiertos, nuestras manos preparadas y nuestro espíritu motivado por la necesidad que vemos todos los días. Nuestra misión es multifacética y con un mensaje simple para el que servimos : No estás solo, eres mi prójimo, hermano, hermana, amigo, amiga. Gracias por caminar con nosotros.

Con gratitud,
Padre Sean Carroll, S.J.
Director Ejecutivo

OUR MISSION

To promote US/Mexico border and immigration policies that affirm the dignity of the human person and a spirit of bi-national solidarity through:

- **Direct humanitarian assistance and accompaniment with migrants.**
- **Social and pastoral education with communities on both sides of the border.**
- **Participation in collaborative networks that engage in research and advocacy to transform local, regional, and national immigration policies.**

OUR VISION

Humane, just, workable migration between the U.S. and Mexico.

OUR VALUES

HUMAN DIGNITY

- Every migrant has a name and a story.
- Personalizing the migrant experience encourages us to respond with respect and humanity to their physical, spiritual, emotional and psychological needs.

COMPASSION

- We believe that our work with migrants requires patience, listening, empathy and caring.
- We believe that direct experience with the suffering of migrants has the ability to change the hearts and minds of people.
- We believe that education is critical to creating empathy for the migrant experience.

BI-NATIONALITY

- We strive to include representatives of both the U.S. and Mexico in all our decision-making processes.
- We strive to engender a spirit of cross-border solidarity while respecting differences of culture, beliefs, and ideology.
- We strive to provide information and support in the language with which people are most comfortable.

FAITH-BASED

- We affirm that Christ is present in everyone—migrants, helpers, neighbors, and government.
- We affirm that Catholic social teaching supports the right of the individual to migrate to create a better life.
- We affirm that preservation of life and care of people is fundamental to our faith.
- We affirm that our mission flows from our Catholic faith but is inclusive and non-proselytizing.
- We affirm that there is a spiritual dimension to the crisis of deportation that we are uniquely positioned to address.

COLLABORATION

- We believe that we are stronger and more effective when we collaborate… individually, with other organizations, across the churches, and with government organizations.
- We believe that collaboration is something we do together creatively and responsibly with humility.

JUSTICE

- We strive to engage and support communities in the struggle for more just migration policies.
- We strive to collaboratively discern and strategically denounce human rights violations.
- We strive to engage in research and advocacy analysis that promotes human rights.

NUESTROS VALORES

LA DIGNIDAD DE LA HUMANA

- Creemos que cada migrante tiene un nombre y una historia.
- Creemos que la personalización de la experiencia del migrante nos anima a responder con respeto y humanidad a sus necesidades físicas, espirituales, emocionales y psicológicas.

COMPASIÓN

- Creemos que nuestro trabajo con migrantes requiere paciencia, una disposición a escuchar, empatía y compasión.
- Creemos que experiencia directa con el sufrimiento de los y las migrantes puede cambiar los corazones y mentalidades de la gente.
- Creemos que la educación es importante para crear empatía por la experiencia del migrante.

BINACIONALIDAD

- Nos esforzamos por incluir a representantes de los Estados Unidos y México en los procesos que se organizan para hacer decisiones.
- Nos esforzamos por engendrar un espíritu de solidaridad a través de la frontera.
- Nos esforzamos por proporcionar información y apoyo en el idioma con el que se siente más cómodo/a.

EN BASE A LA FE

- Afirmamos que Cristo está presente en cada persona – migrantes, ayudantes, vecinos/as y el gobierno.
- Afirmamos que la doctrina social de la Iglesia Católica apoya el derecho de una persona a migrar para crear una vida mejor.
- Afirmamos que la preservación de la vida y la atención a la gente fundamenta a nuestra fe.
- Afirmamos que nuestra misión fluye de nuestra fe Católica pero es inclusive y no cae en proselitismo.
- Afirmamos que hay una dimensión spiritual respecto de la crisis de deportación y tenemos mucha capacidad para dirigirnos a esa crisis.

COLABORACIÓN

- Creemos que somos una organización más fuerte y eficaz cuando colaboramos…con individuos, con organizaciones, con otras Iglesias y con el gobierno.
- Creemos que colaboración es algo que realizamos juntos/as con creatividad, con humildad y responsablemente.

JUSTICIA

- Nos esforzamos por relacionarnos con y apoyar a las comunidades para realizar políticas de migración más justas.
- Nos esforzamos por discernir en colaboración con otras personas y denunciar estratégicamente las violaciones de los derechos humanos.
- Nos esforzamos por participar en investigación e incidencia que promueven los derechos humanos.

NUESTRA MISIÓN

Promover políticas migratorias y en las fronteras de EE.UU/México que respeten la dignidad de las personas y una cultura de solidaridad binacional mediante:

- **La ayuda humanitaria directa y el acompañamiento a los y las migrantes.**
- **La educación social y pastoral en las comunidades de ambos lados de la frontera.**
- **La participación en redes de colaboración en la investigación e incidencia para la transformación de políticas migratorias locales, regionales, y nacionales.**

NUESTRA VISIÓN

Migración humanitaria, justa, viable entre los Estados Unidos y México.

2017 SERVICES / SERVICIOS 2017

40,659
Meals Served in the Comedor
Comidas servidas en el Comedor

4,024
First Aid
Primeros Auxilios

98
Educational Presentations
Presentaciones Educacionales

83
Migrants Visited in Detention
Migrantes en detención que fueron visitados

56
Immersion Experiences Hosted
Experiencias de Inserción Acogidas

360
Women & Children Sheltered
Mujeres & Niños Albergados

12
Schools with Kino Teens Groups
Escuelas con grupos de Adolescentes Kino

104
Border Visits Hosted
Visitas Realizadas

86
Migrants provided legal orientations
Migrantes que recibieron orientación legal

27
Asylum seekers oriented to the process
Solicitantes de asilo que fueron orientados en el proceso

10
Legal cases represented
Casos legales representados

KINO BORDER INITIATIVE [KBI]

Legal Entity in U.S.

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS **KBI 2017 SUPPORT**	• Grants & Contributions **$800,568** • Fundraising Events **$189,317** • Educational Program income **$75,025** • Investment Income **$54,211** • Product Sales **$3,049** • In-Kind Contributions **$52,399** • Net Assets Released from Restriction **$267,571**	TOTAL **$1,442,141**
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS **KBI 2017 EXPENSES**	• Direct Program Services **$663,833** • Support Services **$181,203** • Fundraising **$22,155**	TOTAL **$867,191**

2017 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera (IKF) is the fiduciary and legal entity in Mexico responsible for receiving and spending funds for our work in Mexico. These funds are accounted for independently of the funds raised and spent in the United States per the laws of both countries where we work. Both the KBI and IKF financials are reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Kino Border Initiative.

PANORAMA FINANCIERO 2017

Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera (IKF) es la entidad fiduciaria y legal en México responsable de recibir y gastar los fondos para nuestra labor en México. Estos fondos se contabilizan de manera independiente de los fondos recaudados y gastados en los Estados Unidos por las leyes de ambos países en donde trabajamos. Los datos financieros tanto de KBI y IKF son revisados por la Junta Directiva de Kino Border Initiative.

INICIATIVA KINO, A.C.

Legal Entity in Mexico

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS **IKF INCOME**	• Transfer from KBI **$137,510** • Donations from the General Public **$23,995** • In-Kind Donations (Goods & Services) **$81,603**	TOTAL **$243,108**
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS **IKF EXPENSES**	• Space & Utilities **$10,031** • Travel **$2,096** • Administrative Expenses **$19,202** • In-kind Groceries and Supplies **$86,376** • Migrant Aid Supplies **$5,870** • Personnel **$99,986** • Other Expenses **$10,256**	TOTAL **$233,817**

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:
KINO TEENS
SHARE, ACCOMPANY AND DEFEND

The Kino Teens is a network of high school youth groups that provide students across the country the opportunity to accompany deported migrants, participate in educational activities with an emphasis on understanding the stories of migrants and the complex issue of migration, and to defend migrant rights through advocacy.

Kino Teens activities are organized around the principles of Share, Accompany & Defend.

ENFOQUE DEL PROGRAMA:
LOS JOVENES DE KINO
COMPARTIR, ACOMPAÑAR Y DEFENDER

Los Jóvenes de Kino es una red de grupos juveniles que les da la oportunidad a jóvenes de todo el país para poder acompañar a migrantes deportados, participar en actividades educacionales que se enfocan en entender las historias de los migrantes y los problemas complejos de la migración, y defender los derechos de los migrantes a través de la incidencia.

Las actividades de los Jóvenes de Kino se organizan alrededor de los principios de Compartir, Acompañar y Defender.

SHARE/COMPARTIR

Help humanize the reality of migration listening to and sharing the stories of migrants wherever they live.

Ayudar a humanizar la realidad de la migración, escuchando y compartiendo las historias de los migrantes donde sea que vivan.

ACOMPANY/ ACOMPAÑAR

Come alongside migrants in their journeys by being present with them in conversation, community, and prayer.

Acompañar a los migrantes en su trayecto al estar presente con ellos en conversaciones, comunidad, y oración.

DEFEND/DEFENDER

Defend the rights of migrants by advocating for more humane, just, and workable migration policies locally and nationally.

Defender los derechos de los migrantes incidiendo a nivel local y nacional por políticas migratorias más humanas, justas, y viables.

KINO TEENS ACTIVITIES
ACTIVIDADES DE LOS JOVENES DE KINO

- *Lourdes Catholic (Nogales)*
- *Salpointe (Tucson)*
- *San Miguel (Tucson)*
- *St. Augustine (Tucson)*
- *Brophy (Phoenix)*
- *Notre Dame (Phoenix)*
- *Loyola (Los Angeles)*
- *Sacred Heart (Atherton)*
- *St. Ignatius (San Francisco)*
- *Jesuit High (Portland)*
- *St. Ignatius (Chicago)*
- *St. Ignatius (Cleveland)*

IN 2017, KINO TEENS CLUBS ...

- Engaged in advocacy letter writing
- Met with and made phone calls to elected officials
- Participated in activities with migrants in their local community
- Wrote letters to migrants held in detention centers
- Presented community information sessions
- Sent representatives to participate in Walking in Mercy Youth Summit

Founded in 2009 at Lourdes Catholic School in Nogales, Arizona, there are now over 250 students from 12 schools with active Kino Teens clubs or clubs affiliated with the Kino Teens network.

EN EL 2017, EL CLUB DE LOS JÓVENES DE KINO...

- Incidieron escribiendo cartas a sus representantes
- Llamaron a representantes electos y se reunieron con ellos
- Participaron en actividades con migrantes en sus comunidades locales
- Escribieron cartas para los migrantes en centros de detención
- Presentaron sesiones comunitarias de información
- Enviaron representantes para participar en la Caminando en Misericordia: Encuentro Juvenil

Fundados en el 2009 en el Colegio Católico Lourdes en Nogales, Arizona, hoy en dia existen más de 250 estudiantes de 12 escuelas diferentes, con grupos estudiantiles de los jóvenes de Kino o clubes afiliados a la red de los Jóvenes de Kino.

TESTIMONIALS/TESTIMONIOS

"Through Kino Teens, I've unveiled the realities of our broken immigration system. But most importantly, I formed part of a community that provides strength for the marginalized, and works to rebuild our system."

"A través de los Jóvenes de Kino, he podido develar la realidad de nuestro inservible sistema de inmigración. He podido ser parte de una comunidad que le da fuerza a los marginados y que trabaja para reconstruir nuestro sistema".

- Alejandra Natera -
St. Ignatius College Prep, Chicago Illinois

"The most important skill I have gained from being a Kino Teen is the ability to prevent myself from judging someone prematurely. Every human being has a story."

"La herramienta mas importante que he obtenido a través de los Jóvenes de Kino es la habilidad para evitar juzgar a alguien prematuramente. Todo ser humano tiene una historia".

- Cesar Perez -
Lourdes Catholic School, Nogales, Arizona

THE BOND OF BROTHERS: JORGE AND FELIPE

To choose to leave everything you know, to make a new life in a new country, to risk a perilous journey and an uncertain future—people opt for such a drastic course only under the most dire circumstances. When Jorge and Felipe left their home state of Guerrero, Mexico, they did so under threat of death from a violent criminal organization with a far-reaching national network. Relying on local law enforcement for protection or moving to another Mexican city were not options. Despite their fears and the dangers of the camino, they decided to strike out for the United States, over 1,500 miles away, and take their chances on applying for asylum.

TWICE CROSSING THE BORDER, TWICE DEPORTED

Last year, Jorge (23) and Felipe (16) crossed the U.S.–Mexico border twice. Twice they explicitly expressed fear about returning to their home country. Twice U.S. Border Patrol agents failed to take their testimonies into account or refer them to an asylum officer, recommending relocation within Mexico instead. And twice the brothers were deported. Still, Jorge was aware of his rights and skeptical of their treatment. After their spirit-crushing experience, the brothers' tenacity and courage did not waver, and their deep fraternal bond gave them the strength to persevere. But they needed advice, support, and the opportunity to try again.

Ms. Rocío Castañeda, KBI's Legal Fellow with the Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project.

ACCOMPANIMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Navigating the intricacies of U.S. immigration law and the asylum process is a complicated endeavor. When the brothers arrived at the KBI *comedor*, they received nourishing meals and companionship, and also accurate information about their prospects and asylum procedures. The KBI filed a complaint on their behalf with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for unlawfully deporting them when they expressed fear of returning to Mexico. Soon after, the KBI accompanied Jorge and Felipe to the DeConcini Port of Entry where they presented themselves as asylum seekers. This time, the officers listened, and on their third attempt, they were finally allowed to seek asylum.

DETAINED, SEPARATED, REUNITED

From there their paths distressingly diverged, with Jorge detained in an Arizona facility for over six months and Felipe sent to a children's detention center in Florida. Like inadequate asylum screening, forced family separation is a persistent problem in the immigration system, adding to feelings of isolation and vulnerability. Meanwhile, the KBI sought and obtained pro bono attorneys from the Florence Project to represent each of the brothers, a near-necessary requirement for a positive outcome but often unaffordable.

Through a process called reunification, Felipe was released into the custody of his sister in Arizona. Jorge, represented by the newly hired KBI/Florence Project legal fellow at his bond hearing and with a letter of support from Felipe—he called his older brother his "*ángel de guardia*"—was finally released at the minimum bond of $1,500 (which can be as high as $25,000–$35,000).

SEEKING ASYLUM AND A NEW LIFE TOGETHER

Today Jorge and Felipe are living with their sister and brother-in-law, a local business owner and a lawful permanent resident, as they await their asylum hearings. Building on the community ties established by their Arizona-based family, Jorge is active in his local church and hikes nearby trails; Felipe attends high school and is making new friends. Their required paperwork is submitted and now they must wait. Felipe, as a minor with more protections, waits for an interview with an asylum officer while Jorge waits for a hearing before an immigration judge.

The brothers—now residing with family, embraced by community, and free from life-threatening violence—are hopeful, bolstered by the aid and support of the KBI and our partner organizations. Their lawyers will do everything to make that situation permanent, but Jorge and Felipe's story illustrates the great need for accompaniment and advocacy at every stage to protect the rights of asylum seekers and, after the trauma of persecution, violence, and displacement, help them at last to attain better, safer lives.

LEGAL FELLOW PROGRAM: A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH FIRRP

In 2017, the KBI launched a new Legal Fellow partnership with the Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project (FIRRP). Funding from the KBI has secured services of a lawyer from FIRRP to represent men, women and children who receive humanitarian aid at KBI so that they can petition for asylum or other legal remedies to their immigration status. Donations designated for the Legal Fellow Program will ensure that this partnership will continue.

EL LAZO ENTRE HERMANOS: JORGE Y FELIPE

Decidir dejar todo lo que uno conoce, crear una nueva vida en un país nuevo, arriesgar un peligroso viaje y un futuro incierto – las personas eligen decisiones tan drásticas solo bajo las circunstancias más terribles. Cuando Jorge y Felipe dejaron atrás su estado natal de Guerrero, México, lo hicieron bajo amenaza de muerte de una organización criminal con una red de alcance nacional. Depender de las autoridades locales para protección o relocalización a otra ciudad de México no era una opción. A pesar del miedo y el peligro del camino, decidieron irse a los EE.UU., a mas de 1,500 millas de distancia, y probar su suerte solicitando asilo.

DOS VECES CRUZANDO LA FRONTERA, DOS VECES DEPORTADOS

El año pasado, Jorge (23) y Felipe (16) cruzaron la frontera de México – EE.UU. dos veces. Dos veces expresaron explícitamente el miedo que tenían de regresar a su país. Dos veces los agentes de la patrulla fronteriza no tomaron en cuenta sus testimonios, ni los refirieron a un agente de asilo, sino todo lo contrario, les recomendaron relocalizarse en México, y dos veces los hermanos fueron deportados. Sin embargo, Jorge conocía sus derechos y era escéptico del trato que recibieron. Después de esta terrible experiencia, la tenacidad y el coraje de los hermanos no vaciló, y sus lazos fraternales les dio la fuerza para perseverar. Pero necesitaron consejos, apoyo, y la oportunidad para intentarlo una vez más

EL ACOMPAÑAMIENTO MARCA LA DIFERENCIA

Poder navegar la complejidad de las leyes de inmigración de los EE.UU. y el proceso de asilo es bastante complicado. Cuando los hermanos llegaron al comedor de KBI, recibieron comida nutritiva y acompañamiento, al igual que la información adecuada sobre sus expectativas y los procedimientos de asilo. KBI sometió una queja de parte de ellos con el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de los EE.UU. por haberlos deportados ilegalmente después de haber expresado miedo de regresar a México. Poco después, KBI acompañó a Jorge y a Felipe al puerto de entrada DeConcini, donde se presentaron solicitando asilo. En esta oportunidad, los agentes hicieron caso y en su tercer intento les permitieron solicitar asilo.

DETENIDOS, SEPARADOS, REUNIDOS

Desde ese momento sus caminos se vieron dolorosamente apartados. Jorge estuvo detenido por más de seis meses en un centro de Arizona, y Felipe fue enviado a un centro de detención para menores en la Florida.

At KBI's comedor, Jorge and Felipe received direct aid, and information about the asylum process as well as legal support.

Tal como las deficientes evaluaciones de asilo, la separación forzosa de familias es un problema persistente en el sistema de inmigración, y contribuye a que las personas se sientan emocionalmente aisladas y vulnerables. Mientras tanto, KBI consiguió abogados voluntarios del Proyecto Florence para representar a cada uno de los hermanos, un requerimiento casi necesario para obtener un resultado positivo, pero el cual mayormente es inasequible.

A través del proceso llamado reunificación, Felipe fue liberado en Arizona bajo la custodia de su hermana. Jorge, quien fue representado en su audiencia por un abogado del programa de asociado legal de KBI - Proyecto Florence, y con una carta de apoyo de su hermano Felipe –a quien llamó su "ángel de la guardia"– finalmente fue liberado con una fianza mínima de $1,500 (la cual puede llegar ser de $25,000 a $35,000)

EN BUSCA DE ASILO Y UNA NUEVA VIDA JUNTOS

Hoy Jorge y Felipe viven con su hermana y cuñado, comerciantes locales y residentes permanentes, mientras esperan la audiencia sobre sus casos de asilo. Trabajando junto a los lazos comunitarios establecidos por su familia en Arizona, Jorge es miembro activo de su iglesia local y le gusta caminar por los senderos cercanos. Felipe asiste al bachiller y está haciendo nuevos amigos. Los documentos necesarios ya han sido sometidos y ahora tienen que esperar. Felipe, quien como menor tiene más protecciones, espera una entrevista con un juez de asilo, mientras que Jorge espera una entrevista con un juez de inmigración.

Los hermanos – viviendo ahora con familia, acogidos por la comunidad y libres de violencia –tienen esperanzas y están fortalecidos con la asistencia y apoyo de KBI y nuestras organizaciones colaboradoras. Sus abogados harán todo lo posible para que esto sea permanente, pero la historia de Jorge y Felipe muestra la gran necesidad del acompañamiento y la incidencia durante cada etapa, para así proteger los derechos de aquellos que solicitan asilo, después del trauma, la persecución, la violencia, y el desplazamiento, y poder ayudarlos a obtener una vida mejor y más segura.

PROGRAMA DE ASOCIADO LEGAL: UNA NUEVA COLABORACION CON FIRRP

En el 2017, KBI lanzó un nuevo programa de asociado legal en colaboración con el Proyecto Florence para los Derechos de Refugiados e Inmigrantes (FIRRP). El financiamiento de KBI asegura los servicios de un abogado de FIRRP para representar a hombres, mujeres, y niños que reciben ayuda humanitaria a través de KBI, y así puedan solicitar asilo u otras vías legales para sus casos de inmigración. Las donaciones asignadas al programa de asociado legal asegurará que esta colaboración continúe.

KBI HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017

JANUARY

- With over 20 other organizations, the KBI drafts a letter to Mexican authorities defending the rights of asylum seekers at the border.

FEBRUARY

- Seventy students from six Arizona high schools attend the Second Annual Walking in Mercy Youth Summit in Tucson, twice the previous year's attendance.
- Joanna Williams visits with KBI partner universities and high schools in St. Louis, Chicago, and Cincinnati.

MARCH

- The Seventh Annual Kino Border Initiative Dinner in Phoenix draws an unprecedented 370 attendees, raising over $175,000.
- At the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington, D.C., the KBI presents findings about obstacles faced by asylum seekers at the U.S.–Mexico border.

APRIL

- The KBI and the Ignatian Solidarity Network host their first Facebook live video conference, "Witness on the Border," featuring updates from the KBI and a migrant testimony.
- Father Pete Neeley, S.J. leads a Lourdes Kino Teens trip to the Bay Area to visit local chapters there.

MAY

- Father Sean Carroll, S.J. receives an honorary doctorate from Fairfield University in Connecticut for his work at KBI.

JUNE

- The KBI hosts the Second Annual Kino Teens Leadership Days, a 5-day advocacy-oriented gathering of 15 students from 10 high schools across the country.
- In Berlin, Germany, Marla Conrad contributes to the drafting of global norms to promote safe and orderly migration.

February/Febrero: *The KBI's Joanna Williams introduces Bishop Kicanas at the Second Annual Walking in Mercy Youth Summit. Photo by Tere Scully.*

March/Marzo: *Joanna offers testimony on Customs and Border Patrol abuses at the IACHR hearing in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.*

April/Abril: *Father Pete Neeley, S.J. addresses the Kino Teens at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco, CA.*

June/Junio: *Leadership Days participants make a list of values, gifts, and needs at the start of the five-day gathering. Photo by Tere Scully.*

JULY

- The KBI and the Jesuits of Canada and the U.S. release "Intake without Oversight: Firsthand Experiences with Customs and Border Protection Complaints Process."
- The KBI and the Hope Border Institute publish an educational comic book, "Migrant: Stories of Hope and Resilience."

AUGUST

- The KBI welcomes its first legal fellow, co-sponsored by the Florence Project, Rocío Castañeda.
- The First Trans-Gay Migrant Caravan marches through Nogales, Sonora, to seek asylum at the border.
- Marla Conrad participates in a conversation about migrant abuses in Mexico and the need for accompaniment at ITESO, the Jesuit university in Guadalajara.

SEPTEMBER

- Father Samuel Lozano de los Santos, S.J. reports on the KBI's work at the Jesuit university in Torreon, Mexico.

OCTOBER

- The KBI receives the Human Rights Award from the Washington Office on Latin America.
- The annual Tucson Fiesta raises nearly $10,000 for the KBI.

NOVEMBER

- Joanna Williams and Father Pete Neeley, S.J. conduct sessions on immigration issues at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Washington, D.C., with Lourdes Kino Teens.

DECEMBER

- The Mexican Patronato raises over $7,800 for the KBI through their annual *boteo* (change drive).
- The KBI fundraising for 2017 totals $1,090,590, with an additional $125,000 for a new shelter, fully funding the legal fellow position for two years and adding 468 new donors.

MOMENTOS CULMINATES DE KBI EN EL 2017

ENERO

- Junto a mas de 20 organizaciones, KBI redacta una carta a las autoridades mexicanas defendiendo el derecho de los inmigrantes que solicitan asilo en la frontera.

FEBRERO

- Setenta estudiantes de seis escuelas de Arizona asisten a la Segundo Encuentro Juvenil: Caminando en Misericordia en Tucson, el doble de asistencia que el año pasado.
- Joanna Williams visita a las universidades y escuelas colaboradoras de KBI en St. Louis, Chicago, y Cincinnati.

MARZO

- La séptima Cena Anual de La Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera en Phoenix tiene la participación sin precedente de 370 personas, recaudando más de $175,000.
- En la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos en Washington, D.C., KBI presenta información sobre los obstáculos que enfrentan los que solicitan asilo en la frontera EE.UU. - México.

ABRIL

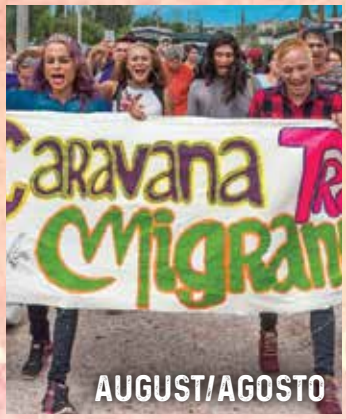
- KBI y la Red de Solidaridad Ignaciana presentan su primera videoconferencia por Facebook, "Testigo en la Frontera", con actualizaciones de KBI y testimonios de migrantes.
- El padre Pete Neeley, S.J. lidera al grupo Lourdes Jóvenes de Kino en un viaje a la región de la Bahía de San Francisco a visitar otras delegaciones locales.

MAYO

- El Padre Sean Carroll, S.J. recibe un doctorado honorario de la Universidad de Fairfield en Connecticut por su labor con KBI.

JUNIO

- KBI presenta la segunda Celebración Anual Días de Liderazgo de los Jóvenes de Kino, reunión de cinco días con 15 estudiantes de 10 escuelas secundarias de todo el país.
- En Berlín, Alemania, Marla Conrad contribuye a la elaboración de normas globales para promover una migración segura y ordenada.



July/Julio: *Migrant: Stories of Hope and Resilience documents a range of migrant experiences.*

August/Agosto: *Transgender and gay asylum seekers march in the First Trans-Gay Migrant Caravan. Photo by Larry Hanelin.*

October/Octubre: *Anchor and Executive Producer of Latino USA on National Public Radio María Hinojosa presents an award from the Washington Office on Latin America to the KBI, accepted by Sister Alicia Guevara Pérez, M.E. and Father Sean Carroll, S.J. Photo courtesy of WOLA.*

JULIO

- KBI y los Jesuitas de EU y Canadá publican "Admisión sin Supervisión: Experiencias personales con el proceso de quejas de Aduanas y Protección de Fronteras"
- KBI y el Instituto de Esperanza Fronteriza publican un libro educacional de historietas llamado: Migrantes: Historias de Esperanza y Resistencia.

AGOSTO

- KBI le da la bienvenida a su primer asociada legal, copatrocinado por Rocío Castañeda del Proyecto Florence.
- La primera Caravana Migrante Trans-Gay marcha por Nogales, Sonora en busca de asilo en la frontera.
- Marla Conrad participa en una conferencia en ITESO, Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara, sobre los abusos de migrantes en México y la necesidad de acompañamiento.

SEPTIEMBRE

- El Padre Samuel Lozano de los Santos, S.J. da reporte en la Universidad Jesuita de Torreón, México sobre el trabajo de KBI.

OCTUBRE

- KBI recibe el premio de Derechos Humanos de la Oficina de Latinoamérica en Washington.
- La fiesta anual de Tucson recauda casi $10,000 para KBI.

NOVIEMBRE

- Joanna Williams y el Padre Pete Neeley, S.J. dirigen jornadas sobre inmigración junto a los Jóvenes de Kino de Lourdes, en los talleres de justicia de la Familia Ignaciana en Washington, D.C.

DICIEMBRE

- El patronato mexicano recauda mas de $7,800 para KBI a través de su boteo anual.
- La recaudación de fondos de KBI en el 2017 fue un total de $1,090,590, con $125,000 adicional para un nuevo albergue, plena financiación por dos años del programa de asociado legal y 468 nuevos donantes.

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POPE FRANCIS AWARD 2017 HONOREE: FRANK BARRIOS

With a family going back generations in Phoenix, Frank Barrios is steeped in the heritage and culture of the Arizona–Sonora borderlands. His love for the region and its people shows in his lifelong career in water management, his avid explorations of the Grand Canyon and other Arizona wonders, and his later work as a historian, documenting eras and events in his book, Mexicans in Phoenix. But Frank's generosity and service are most evident in his community leadership—he's been active in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix (SVdP) for decades, recently serving as SVdP president, and has enthusiastically backed the KBI from the beginning.

Over the years, Frank has been a KBI "mover and shaker." With others, he rallied SVdP resources to make the annual Phoenix fundraising dinner a reality; he donated his car and trunkloads of backpacks, among many contributions; and, sharing his passion for the KBI's mission, he brought other supporters into the fold. For Frank, the KBI's aid and advocacy programs are "God's work." Deeply grateful for his unyielding and spirited support, the KBI honored Frank for his exceptional dedication at the 2017 Annual Phoenix Dinner with the Pope Francis Award.

GANADOR DEL PREMIO PAPA FRANCISCO 2017: FRANK BARRIOS

Con una familia que lleva varias generaciones, Frank Barrios está inmerso en la herencia y cultura de la región fronteriza de Arizona - Sonora. Su amor por la región y su pueblo se demuestra en su dedicación permanente a la gestión de agua, su ávida exploración del Gran Cañón y otras maravillas de Arizona, y en su más reciente libro como historiador, Mexicanos en Phoenix, donde documenta sobre distintas épocas y eventos.Pero la generosidad y el servicio de Frank se evidencia más aún en las décadas que lleva como líder comunitario en la Sociedad de St. Vincent de Paul en Phoenix (SVdP), ocupando recientemente el cargo de presidente, y en su apoyo apasionado a KBI desde el inicio.

A través de los años, Frank ha sido un promotor influyente de KBI. Junto a otros, ha obtenido recursos de SVdP para hacer la cena anual de recaudación de fondos en Phoenix una realidad; donando su carro y una gran cantidad de mochilas, entre otras contribuciones. También, su dedicación por la misión de KBI ha atraído a mas colaboradores. Para Frank, los programas de ayuda e incidencia de KBI son el trabajo de "Dios". Profundamente agradecidos por su firme y grandioso apoyo, KBI honró a Frank por su dedicación excepcional con el premio Para Francisco en la cena anual de Phoenix 2017.

SHARING THE JOURNEY

Hope is the force that drives the hearts of those who depart, leaving home, their homeland, at times their relatives and families in search of a better life which is worthier of them and their loved ones. And it is also the impulse in the heart of those who welcome: the desire to encounter, to get to know each other, to dialogue....

Hope is the force that drives us "to share the journey", because the journey is made jointly: by those who come to our land, and by us who go towards their heart, to understand them, to understand their culture, their language. It is a joint journey by two parties; but without hope, that journey cannot be made. Brothers and sisters, let us not be afraid of sharing the journey!

Pope Francis
September 17, 2017

COMPARTIENDO EL VIAJE

La esperanza es la fuerza que impulsa el corazón de aquellos que se van, dejando atrás su hogar, su patria, y sus familiares, en busca de una mejor vida que sea mas digna para ellos y sus seres queridos. Es también el impulso del corazón de aquellos que abrazan el deseo de descubrir, de conocerse unos a otros, de dialogar...

La esperanza es la fuerza que nos lleva a "compartir el viaje", porque el viaje se hace juntos: por aquellos que vienen a nuestras tierras y por aquellos que siguen su corazón, para entenderlos, para entender su cultura, su lenguaje. Es un viaje compartido por dos partes, pero sin esperanza ese viaje no se puede realizar. ¡Hermanos y hermanas, no tengamos miedo de compartir el viaje!

Papa Francisco
Septiembre 17, 2017

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