

20for 20: Together for Immigrants' Rights

2020 is a watershed year. As a community, we are contending with the coronavirus pandemic and the deeply-rooted systemic oppression all around us. Now is the time for collective action. Join CAIR Coalition as we work to ensure that all immigrants detained in the DC area - whether detained at the border or at a protest - have the information, resources, and representation they need to navigate the complicated immigration system.

Let's show up for each other. Join team #20for20 by contributing \$20/month for the rest of 2020!

Then, invite your friends and family! We can all be #togetherforimmigrantsrights.

What is CAIR Coalition?

Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition is the only non-profit organization in the Capital region with a legal services program focused on immigrants who are <u>detained</u>.



Legal Services



Social Services



In 2019, CAIR Coalition represented 365 clients in their immigration proceedings, including over 80 cases with unaccompanied or separated children.

What is the impact of #20for20?

Right now, team #20for20 has 75 members. Together, these 75 team members contribute just over \$1,500 each month. Already, that is enough to:



Represent on adult in their bond hearing, so they can leave detention, or



Provide grocery support to 20 families, or



Represent one child in prolonged detention, so they can reunite with an adult.

Every. Single. Month. That's the magic of #20for20: CAIR Coalition can work sustainably month after month, meeting the most urgent needs of that moment without fear!

If 25 more people join #20for20, CAIR Coalition could take on an additional trial each month!





Joining Team #20for20!

How do I join team #20for20?

Visit www.caircoalition.org/20for20 to read more and to sign up!

Can I include my family and friends?

Yes! Consider sending an e-mail, tweeting, or posting on Facebook encouraging people to join us! Here is some sample language:

Dear friend,

Before the Remain in Mexico policy and COVID-19, this number was more like 55,000.

As we are all struggling to contend with the coronavirus pandemic and deeply-rooted systemic injustice all around us, more than 25,000 adults & children are detained by the immigration system without access to proper medical care or legal services.

Now is the time for collective action! That's why this morning, I joined CAIR Coalition's #20for20 campaign by signing up to give \$20/month, but you could give any amount per month. What's important is that it's recurring so that through this crisis and beyond, CAIR Coalition can represent folks (to get them out of jail), offer social services (once they get out of jail), and fight for broad change (by suing the government).

Please consider joining me! Let's stand #togetherforimmigrantsrights.



Friends, will anyone match me as a #20for20 donor to CAIR Coalition??

More than 25,000 adults & children are detained by the immigration system right now. CAIR Coalition fights every day to get people out of detention, connect them to social services, and implement SWEEPING change across the region!

I joined #20for20 by signing up to give \$20/month. Please consider matching me and jumping in as well!



Found an new, sustainable way to support immigrants' rights! CAIR Coalition's #20for20, \$20/month for the rest of 2020. Join me?!



CAIR Coalition represents immigrants whether they were detained at the border or at a protest. I'm giving \$20/month! Who can match me? #20for20 #togetherforimmigrantsrights





Why #20for20?: The Facts & Figures

How many people are detained in the DC area?

- On average, there are roughly 2,000 immigrant children & adults detained by the immigration system in 10 detention centers in the DC area.
 (Due to the Remain in Mexico policy and COVID-19, that number is more like 1,000 right now.)
- Only 14% of detained immigrants have access to legal counsel in their removal proceedings.



- Detained immigrants are 11 times as likely to pursue relief when represented by legal counsel, as opposed to accepting a deportation unknowingly or due to hopelessness.
- In 2019, CAIR Coalition represented 365 clients in immigration court, including 80 separated or unaccompanied children.

What's happening due to COVID-19?

- In packed dorms & cells, there is no capacity for social distancing.
- Clients report they have symptoms such as fevers of 105 degrees, coughing, and loss of taste and are not receiving adequate medical care.
- In Farmville Detention Center in Virginia, roughly 90% of all the people detained there tested positive for COVID-19.
- The government is still not accepting humanitarian release requests, so the only way to get released from detention is to win bond in court.



Since March, CAIR Coalition has represented 44 people in bond hearings.
33 of those 44 people are now out of detention, safely sheltering in place at home!