



Coalición de Derechos Humanos

Ningún Ser Humano es Illegal!~~~No Human Being is Illegal!

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Our Mission

Coalición de Derechos Humanos is a grassroots organization that promotes respect for human/civil rights and fights the militarization of the Southern Border region, discrimination, and human rights abuses by federal, state, and local law enforcement officials affecting U.S. and non-U.S. citizens alike.



Sixth Annual Corazón de Justicia Awards Dinner

On February 27, 2009, Derechos Humanos hosted the Sixth Annual Corazón de Justicia Awards. It was a powerful evening, celebrating and honoring the volunteers and organizers who were selected by their peers to have shown to possess a "heart of justice."

The Corazón de Justicia Awards are a wonderful opportunity not only to join together and acknowledge the vital work of grassroots warriors, but to see how connected the social justice movement is in Tucson.



Consuelo Aguilar, recipient of the Corazón de Justicia Award in the area of Youth, lost her courageous battle with cancer on February 17, 2009.

See page 3 for the complete list of the 2009 recipients

THANKS Union Community Fund of Arizona and CWA Local 7026!



Isabel Garcia and CWA Local 7026 President, Jose Ortiz.

Derechos Humanos recently received a grant from Union Community Fund of Arizona on behalf of CWA Local 7026 in support of our programs that educate and advocate for worker's rights. These

much needed funds have assisted us in developing and printing educational materials (flyers, booklets, etc) in English and Spanish, run Public Service Announcements on local Spanish language radio stations, and work to build support from the local legal community who assist workers in recouping earned wages, workman's compensation claims, remedies to discriminatory practices and other human rights abuses.

**Our meetings are held
every Thursday
5:30pm-6:45pm
Sam Lena Library
(1607 S. 6th Avenue)
Meetings are free and
open to the community.**

Derechos Humanos invites you to a weekly

Community Vigil



**Every Thursday
at 7:00 pm**

El Tiradito Shrine
(on Main St, between
Simpson & Cushing Street)

Join us as we remember our sisters and brothers who perish or are lost in the desert every day, and discuss the growing concerns over U.S. Immigration and border policies.

**What's happening with
immigration reform?**

Community Forum on Immigration*

**26 September 2009
9:00am - 3:00pm**

Las Cazuelitas Event Center

1365 W. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ

What is happening with immigration reform?

What are the obstacles to an immigration reform?

Why so many detentions and raids in the community?

Why so many deaths of migrants?

Why the increase in militarization of communities?

Get informed! Don't be fooled!

We invite you to a discussion with national and local leaders about immigration reform proposals, the impact on our communities, and how to demand true reform.

*The forum will be in Spanish, with English interpretation available

*For more information,
call Derechos Humanos at: 520.770.1373*

Exciting News



Look for Derechos Humanos on Sun Tran!!

Starting this October through December 2009, Derechos Humanos will be advertising our Abuse Clinic on more than 117 Sun Tran buses. Every week we document abuse cases ranging from labor violations, landlord and housing issues, and discrimination by law enforcement. So, to keep true to our mission in promoting respect for human/civil rights for all, we are spreading our message far and wide!

Día de los Muertos Pilgrimage

Saturday, October 31, 2009
8:30am

St. John's Church to
San Xavier Mission

We invite all people of conscience to walk this symbolic 8-mile distance with us to honor the men, women and children who have died needlessly on our borders.

Support Our Work!

Make a Monthly or One Time Pledge Today!!!

Contribute monthly or make a one time pledge and feel good knowing that you are helping us not only keep our doors opened, but to expand much needed programs that educate and support our community. Pledge \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more today.

Abuse Clinic Pledge

- * Will support our Abuse Clinic held twice a week in our office, where volunteers, interns and staff keep the office open late to document and assist community members with labor abuses, discrimination issues, and law enforcement abuse.

Interpretation Equipment and other Audio Visual Equipment Pledge

- * Will assist us in purchasing much needed interpretation equipment that will be used for our Community Forums and Consejos. Other Audio Visual Equipment would consist of a digital camera, a projector, three bullhorns, and a portable sound system for community events.

Legal Fund Pledge

- * Will assist us in paying bonds, fines, and other court fees for individuals who need our support-- such as the recent Panda Express workers case.

For more information about our pledge program, please contact Lynda Cruz at 520.770.1373 or cruz@derechoshumanosaz.net.

Did you know?

We offer an internship opportunity through the University of Arizona with the Department of Mexican American Studies and Raza Studies.

Interns can earn college credit while working to create social change in their community.

Interested? Call us for more info!
520.770.1373

Wish List

Letter and legal size white paper

Poster Sized Paper

Multi-Color Paper any size

Manila Envelopes

White Envelopes

Dry Erase Markers

2 pocket folders with or without prongs

Paper Towels

Cleaning Supplies

Ink Cartridges for HP C3150,

HP 7350, HP 6310, and

Cannon i960

Office Max or Staples Gift Cards

Gas Cards Much Appreciated

Monetary and in-kind donations can be dropped off at our office

Monday through Friday

from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

at 631 S 6th Avenue

Tucson, AZ 85705

In-Kind Donations

Help us save money on much needed office supplies by donating them to us! Let us help you host a small or large get together or party and ask guests to bring office supplies or donations for Derechos Humanos.



Panda Express Worker Update

On March 18, 2008, 11 workers of the Panda Express, a local restaurant in Tucson, Arizona, were arrested. Charged with "Aggravated Identity Theft," the workers were denied bond by Prop 100, and most spent at least five months in jail, separated from their children and families.

Eight of the eleven have been returned to their countries of origin, punished for the crime of working to support themselves and their families. Three workers- Marlen, Araceli, and Omar- remain in Tucson, awaiting immigration hearings.

- * On July 21, 2009, a judge ruled against Marlen's petition to stay in the U.S. Her attorney is appealing the decision.
- * On September 15, 2009, a judge ruled against Araceli's petition to stay in the U.S. Her attorney is appealing the decision
- * Omar's court date is set for January 7, 2010.

To find out how you can support the Panda Express Workers, or to make a donation towards their legal fees, please visit <http://www.derechoshumanosaz.net>

Corazón de Justicia story, continued from front page

For one evening, those who struggle for change in various areas come together to recognize the warriors among us, those inspiring individuals who make this vital work possible. As we continue to work for change, it is important that we take the time to recognize and celebrate each other, and the incredible work being done in our community.

2009 Corazón de Justicia Awards Recipients

Area	Recipient	Selecting Organization
African-American	Mary Stoute	Dunbar Coalition
Community Empowerment	Brian Flagg	Derechos Humanos
Environmental	Briggs and Pat Ackert	Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection
Faith-based	Fr. Bill Remmel, SDS	Most Holy Trinity Parish Pax Christi
Human Rights	Mohyeddin Abdulaziz	Derechos Humanos
Immigrant Rights	Panda Express 11	Derechos Humanos
Indigenous	Rodney Palimo	Tucson Indian Center
Labor	Fernando Aguilar	UFCW
LGBT	Michael Mandel	Wingspan
Women's Issues	Marcella Bustos	Battered Immigrant Women's Taskforce
Youth	Consuelo Aguilar	Ethnic Studies

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Calendar of Upcoming Events & Activities

Community Forum about Immigration Reform:
September 29, 2009

Día de los Muertos Pilgrimage
Saturday, October 31, 2009

International Human Rights Day
December 10, 2009

International Day of the Migrant
December 18, 2009

ABUSE CLINIC
Every Tuesday & Friday
5:30-7:00 p.m.
631 S. 6th Avenue

Meet with
us to discuss
your issues
involving:



- * Law Enforcement Abuses (Police, Border Patrol, Sheriff)
- * Labor Abuses
- * Housing Problems
- * Discrimination
- * Vigilante and Hate Group Abuse

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