

DERECHOS HUMANOS

Tucson, AZ

Want to help keep the Coalición de Derechos Humanos' Missing Migrant Hotline open 24/7 when it is most needed, during the hottest months of the year? Looking for new ways to support Derechos' contribution to the struggle against state violence and racism along the border with your friends, comrades, accomplices, family members, neighbors, and coworkers? **Just throw a party!** Here's how to do it:

Invitations

Since this is a fundraising party, think of people who might empathize with this cause and be more likely to donate. These people could include:

- Family
- Friends
- Co-workers
- Neighbors
- Individuals who are interested in migration issues
- Students
- Activists
- Religious community
- Members of related organizations in which you are also involved
- People who work closely with recent migrants



Although you can't go wrong with good old-fashioned paper invitations sent through the mail, online options can be a lot cheaper and easier. Creating a Facebook event for your party and inviting all your friends is quick, easy, and eliminates the need for you to obtain mailing or email addresses. However, if you'd like a bit more of a personal touch, e-vites are a modern spin on old-fashioned courtesy. Here are some of our favorite e-vite templates:

http://www.evite.com/event/create?template=kindnessconfettigeneral&event_type=charity_fundraisers&c=charity_fundraisers&ctrk=charity_fundraisers

http://www.evite.com/event/create?template=aquachevron&event_type=charity_fundraisers&c=charity_fundraisers&ctrk=charity_fundraisers

http://www.evite.com/event/create?template=icecreamsocial&event_type=charity_fundraisers&c=charity_fundraisers&ctrk=charity_fundraisers

http://www.evite.com/event/create?template=invitationcard&event_type=charity_fundraisers&c=charity_fundraisers&ctrk=charity_fundraisers

http://www.evite.com/event/create?template=bluegeo&event_type=charity_fundraisers&c=charity_fundraisers&ctrk=charity_fundraisers

Party Ideas

Next, you'll want to decide what kind of party you'd like to throw. Some fun ideas could be:

- Potluck
- Picnic
- Ice cream social
- 50/50 raffle (or 25/75, if you're feeling generous)



- Bingo
- Giving party together with another organization(s)
- Dinner party
- Cocktails
- Trivia night (make it Derechos themed!)
- Casino style



OPTIONAL: Getting Extra Support

- a. Ask local businesses if they would be willing to provide monetary donations or gifts such as printing, door prizes, other giveaways, drinks, food, and more. If they would prefer not to donate, ask if they would display your party flyer/invitation at their stores instead. In return, you can list their business name or logo in your event invitation or in a list of sponsors.

Important Information

Once the party gets started, here's some information to include:



What is Derechos Humanos?

"Derechos Humanos is a grassroots organization that promotes the human and civil rights of all migrants regardless of their immigration status. Consequently, we fight the militarization of our southern border home and combat the discrimination and human rights abuses of both our citizen and non-citizen brothers and sisters. In the context of an increasingly militarized border and the criminalization of immigration, Derechos Humanos works to empower those most directly impacted to create change and promote justice, challenging the borders that seek to divide us."

What is the Missing Migrant Project?

"The Missing Migrant Project is an effort to help families locate loved ones who go missing while crossing the border. To directly respond to the urgency of missing person calls we have a hotline where our staff and volunteers respond to three types of calls: Migrants lost in detention, Migrants lost in the desert, and those who died while crossing. As a trusted community resource, Derechos Humanos first began to receive calls 15 years ago. Since that time, the project has expanded and formalized collaborations with other groups working on missing migrant cases."



What else does Derechos Humanos do?

"Derechos Humanos also has "Know Your Rights" presentations and workshops to raise awareness about the problems of border and law enforcement abuses, and facilitate the empowerment of community to assert their rights. We encourage individuals to protect themselves by becoming informed of their legal rights and how to document and report law enforcement abuses. We work to raise public awareness about the problems of abuse, recruit and train volunteer legal rights "promoters" to provide ongoing rights education in their communities, and establish an advocacy network."

This information can be found in our brochure (found [here in English](#) and [here in Spanish](#)), so be sure to have a few of these handy for your party. You can also screen our brief video (found [here](#)) at your party to raise awareness.

Call to Action

Now that your guests know what Derechos Humanos is, it's time for your call to action. Why fundraise now? What exactly would the money be supporting? Why is this important?

- We're fundraising now in preparation for the most critical time of the year for Derechos Humanos. As the weather gets hotter, more and more calls flood the Missing Migrant Hotline. Your money would be supporting a seasonal push to keep the hotline open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to keep up with the volume of calls. Your money will help us reach more people and communicate with more families. Point out the most hard-hitting statistics from the brochure to emphasize how important this project is.



Get involved!

Make Derechos Humanos accessible to your guests by putting them in contact with us or showing them ways to get involved:

- Join our email listserv (either through our [online form](#), or in an Excel spreadsheet you can later email to us at coalicion@derechoshumanosaz.net)
- Come to our weekly meetings! We meet Thursdays from 5:30-6:45 PM in the Sam Lena Library. All meetings are free and open to the public.
- Shoot us an email at coalicion@derechoshumanosaz.net or drop by our office at 225 E. 26th St. to find out how you can help

- Check out [available volunteer positions](#)
- Keep an eye on our [calendar](#) for upcoming events!

Thank You!

Last but not least, be sure to thank your guests for their time and/or donations! Traditional thank you notes are a great option, but if you're short on time, check out some of these email thank you cards:

<https://www.punchbowl.com/ecards/d/international-thanks>

<https://www.punchbowl.com/ecards/d/thanks-sun-flower>

<https://www.punchbowl.com/ecards/d/thank-you-headline>



Finally, thank YOU so much for your efforts and interest in supporting Derechos Humanos!

The donations and awareness raised at your party will keep our hotline connected, our organization up and running, and our members working towards a more humane future. Donations can be dropped off at our office at 225 E. 26th St, or can be mailed to:



Derechos Humanos
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Thanks again for all that you do, and enjoy your summer!

In solidarity,

La Coalición de Derechos Humanos

