

Migrant Resource Center Ongoing Operations

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<u>Goal</u>

Provide services and welcoming environment for traveling asylum seekers so their stay is safe, short, and compassionate

Background

- Influx of migrants traveling through San Antonio
- Focus: basic services, public health, supporting nonprofits
- City departments and nonprofit partners providing:
 - Welcoming
 - Food
 - Shelter
 - Travel assistance
 - Medical triage & services



Who are they?

Families with children, seeking asylum

Released by Border Patrol with Notice to Appear

Legally allowed to Travel

Passing through San Antonio en route to host city

Majority from: Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, D. R. Congo, Angola, Haiti

Asylum Seeker Pathways

Refugee Resettlement Process Permission Granted Before Entry

Affirmative Asylum Process With Visa

"Arriving Asylum Seekers" Requests Asylum at the Border





Operational Response



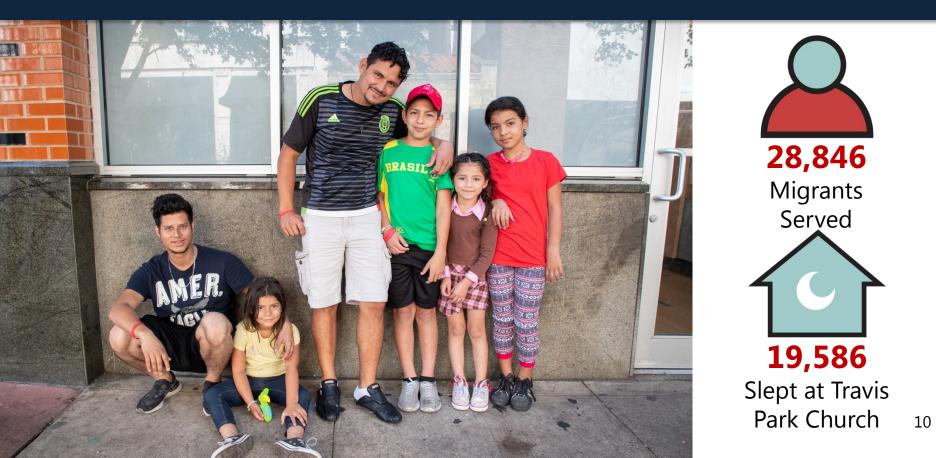
Primary Partners



City Department Operations Partners

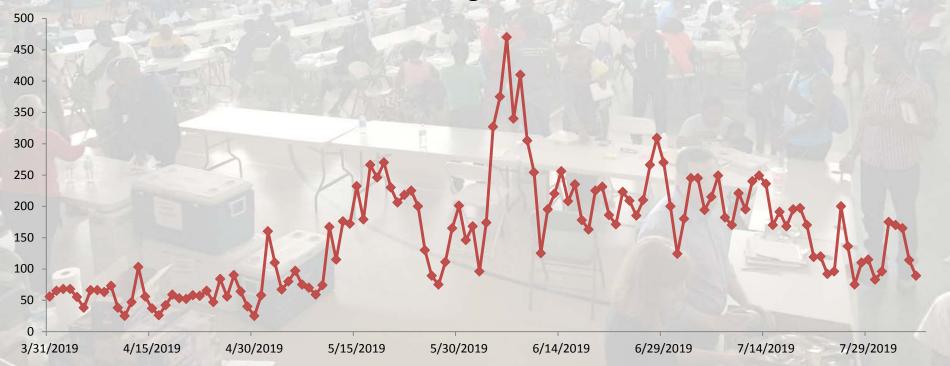


Number Served



Nightly Census

100-500 migrants served daily at MRC 19,586 Sheltered Overnight since March 30, 2019



Meals Served





Medical Assessments





COSA Mission in Action





1,085

City Staff Number Worked



City Staff Hours Worked

13% City civilian workforce participation

COSA Mission in Action

Human Services	Finance	Solid Waste Management
Library	ITSD	SA Metro Health District
Convention Facilities	Parks and Recreation	City Attorney
Human Resources	Pre K 4 SA	Animal Care Services
Customer Service/311	City Manager	GPA
World Heritage Office	Economic Dev	BESD
Neighborhood & Housing	Historic Preservation	Risk Management
CCDO	Development Services	Aviation
Mayor and Council	Office of Innovation	Arts and Culture
Office of Equity	Office of Sustainability	

COSA Mission in Action

400 N ST MARY'S STREET, 78205 (ACROSS FROM THE GREYHOUND BUS STATION)

Community Response





521 Community Volunteers Number Worked



12,890

Community Volunteers Hours Worked

Community Response



Community Response



Operational Challenges



City Expenses to date



Direct Expenditures

Catholic Charities and Food Bank (General Fund contingency)	\$141,000
Center Expenses (janitorial, building maintenance, laundry service, administrative supplies)	\$155,633
Total Direct Expenditures by City* (as of Aug. 5, 2019)	\$296,633

*Does not include the cost of City staff either volunteering or being deployed to the response.

Partner Expenses to date







\$211,558
\$337,633
\$33,465
\$582,656

*Excludes \$141,000 funding from City

Pursuit of Federal Reimbursement





- \$30 million included in emergency appropriation
- \$25 reserved for border states
- Administered by Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program
- Food and shelter expenses prioritized for reimbursement

Fecha 6/4/2019

Jamas oluidor esta Fecha entre miedos alegrias lugrimas. Logramos llegar a san Antonio con tristeza al Saber no poder Viajar cuondo encontramos una tinda persona de noble corazón esperanza los trajo a un tindo jugar donde es mejor que Cosa es una alegria poder saber que en un país tan grande hay personas. que estan pensondo en nosatros tos

EM: grantes

No somos malos ne asemos paño sola buscamas un futuro Para nuestros Hijos.

> Dios Les bendiga siempre. atodas estas personas tan lindas

> > Jeoua es mi postor y nada me fattaro

Salmo 23

I will never forget this date between fears and tears of joy. We managed to get to San Antonio, sadly knowing that we could not travel, when we found a nice person of noble heart.

They brought us to a nice place where it's better than home. It's a joy to know that in such a big country there are people who are thinking of us immigrants.

We are not bad, we do no harm. We are only looking for a future for our children. God bless all these beautiful people. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack." -Psalm 23

Honduras We are immigrants

Honduras



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