



Compassion Coalition

Immigrants and Migrant Workers

“The quality that immigrants and migrant workers bring to our community is a commitment to family and a real value that they bring to the city of Knoxville is a great work ethic.”

~Juanita Winters, Volunteer with Angelic Ministries

Make a Difference through Your Life

- Invite an immigrant family to your house for dinner. Have them bring a favorite dish and make it a cultural experience.
- Make an effort to reach out and help immigrants adjust to American life. Give cultural insights and try to understand their culture.
- Refer people with legal questions about immigration to one of the organizations.
- Connect immigrant families to a congregation. For a list of international churches go to www.compassioncoalition.org.

Make a Difference as a Volunteer

El Puente Knoxville: 865-591-8677, <http://www.elpuenteknoxville.org>

Seeks to come alongside individuals and families, whether that is tutoring a child, helping a parent learn to read in English or Spanish, or helping a family with finances and other life decisions.

- Tutor English-Language Learner (ELL) kids in the public schools.
- Help facilitate a women's Bible study or care for the immigrant children during the study.
- Help folks navigate traffic court and establish accounts with KUB or a bank.
- Provide mentoring in agriculture or business.
- Volunteer to become a bilingual leader within a Spanish-speaking church.
- Families: Spend time with an immigrant family who has children that are the same age.

Make a Difference through Your Church

- Call Compassion Coalition (865-251-1591 x 2) if you are interested in building a cross cultural relationship with a pastor of a Spanish-speaking congregation.
- Provide space at your church for an international congregation. For a list of current international churches go to <http://www.compassioncoalition.org>.

Make a Difference through Prayer

- Pray that the Lord will continue opening doors for the kingdom in the immigrant population.



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- Pray that the Spanish-speaking churches in our area will be built up in the Lord and strengthened toward their mission of reaching the Latinos in East Tennessee.
- Pray that the Church will be united in blessing the city as 'Salt and Light' as we give our lives away through various service opportunities.

How to Learn More

- Join the Latino Task Force (865-951-2364), which is dedicated to linking Hispanics with organizations and business in hopes of unifying to create a stronger community.

Additional organizations that work with immigrants and migrant workers in the Knoxville area:

Community Economic Development Network of East TN: 865-933-9325, <http://cednet.us>
Serves as a network of organizations based in low and moderate-income communities, to promote racial, economic, and social justice and develop effective strategies for addressing issues facing their communities.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of East Tennessee: 865-246-2628, <http://www.hccet.org>
HCCET promotes the start and growth of Hispanic businesses through networking and technical assistance and also serves as a unique link between these businesses and mainstream businesses in this region.

Hispanic Ministry (Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville): 865-637-4769,
<http://www.dioceseofknoxville.org>

Promotes the integral growth of all members of the Hispanic community, creating leadership through organization, formation, and participation. Strives to evangelize in all surroundings, recognize cultural diversity, and improve their quality of life.

Immigrant Legal Clinic (Child & Family Tennessee): 865-216-1416, <http://www.child-family.org>

Helps immigrant victims of domestic and sexual violence to obtain immigration relief.

Latino Ministries (Knoxville District of the United Methodist Church): 865-521-0292
Outreach to Latinos in the Knoxville district.

Latino Task Force (Community Economic Development Network of East Tennessee):
865-951-2364

Dedicated to linking Hispanics with organizations and business in hopes of unifying to create a stronger community.

Legal Aid of East Tennessee: 865-637-0484, <http://www.laet.org>

A publicly funded, non-profit law firm that gives free legal advice to people who cannot



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afford to pay for a lawyer for certain kinds of civil cases. Ensures equal justice for elderly, abused, and low-income people by providing a broad scope of legal assistance and advocacy.

Office of Immigrant Services (Catholic Charities): 865-971-3550, <http://www.ccetn.org>
Provides assistance and guidance to services and resources in health, education, legal matters, financial support and social services to Latinos. Offers assistance with family petitions, adjustments of status, applications, affidavits of support, citizenship, replacement of immigration documents, and English to Spanish document translations.

Tennessee Immigration & Refugee Rights Coalition: 615-833-0384,
<http://www.tnimmigrant.org>

TIRRC is a statewide, immigrant and refugee-led collaboration whose mission is to empower immigrants and refugees throughout Tennessee to develop a unified voice, defend their rights, and create an atmosphere in which they are viewed as positive contributors to the state.