



# Deportee Program

## Fighting Against Family Separation and the Criminalization of Immigrant Communities

### OVERVIEW

***Thousands of parents of U.S. citizens are deported each day.*** Through Al Otro Lado's Deportee Program, indigent deportees, most of whom lived for decades in the United States, receive free legal screening, medical screening, housing referrals, mental health services, substance abuse counseling, HIV/STI testing, job referrals, and information on how to continue or validate their education in Mexico. Al Otro Lado recruits, trains, and hosts dozens of pro bono attorneys, as well as volunteer doctors, social workers, and others who wish to support the deportee community. Al Otro Lado screens deportees to identify legal, medical, housing, or social service needs of any family members left behind in the United States and connects deportees' family members in Los Angeles to these vital services or make appropriate referrals elsewhere. Wherever possible, our attorneys work to assist deportees who are able to legally return to the United States, or help single deported parents reunite with their U.S. citizen children, who often end up in foster care or homeless.



### The Need

***In 2016, Tijuana received an average of 7,500 deportees per month.*** Almost all of the deportees served by Al Otro Lado were the primary breadwinners for their families in the United States, and many left behind minor U.S. citizen children. These families often experience housing and food instability following a parent's deportation. Many deportees grew up in the United States, and lack the Mexican identity documents necessary to obtain housing, employment, and medical care. Al Otro Lado also frequently encounters individuals who were deported in violation of their due process rights, unceremoniously dumped over the border hours after apprehension without ever having the opportunity to see a judge. Deportees and their families end up traumatized by this sudden separation, and need immediate assistance to ensure their

survival.

### What Your Contribution Will Accomplish

- \$500** Al Otro Lado will provide individual Legal Orientation for five deportees and their families
- \$5,000** Pays for one Deportee Clinic, providing legal orientation for up to 50 deportees
- \$40,000** Pays for one full-time Legal Assistant, drastically increasing program capacity
- \$80,000** Salary + benefits for one full-time Attorney to help deportees return to the U.S. legally

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