Over the past year, families fleeing life-threatening violence and persecution in their home countries have faced a barrage of controversial new challenges and barriers to seeking asylum protection in the United States. When federal government began releasing asylum-seeking migrants onto San Diego streets without warning or resources, the San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN) acted quickly and compassionately to provide temporary shelter and services.

In a year’s time, the SDRRN Migrant Family Shelter provided humanitarian aid to more than 18,000 people exercising their human and legal right to seek asylum protection in the U.S. (November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019). To document their arrivals and first experiences in U.S. custody, SDSU/CCRE and ACLUF-SDIC carried out 350 surveys and 64 in-depth interviews. **We will share their challenges, experiences and stories with you on December 10.**