



SOLIDARITY LEGAL FUND

Filling Urgent Gaps in Legal Representation So That No Family Faces Detention Alone

Every day, our immigrant neighbors face a crisis when a loved one, often the main breadwinner, is detained. There is no right to a court-appointed lawyer in immigration court. Legal clinics and pro bono attorneys are overwhelmed. Desperate families often turn to fraudulent immigration consultants who take their money and disappear. Bond and habeas corpus filings are time sensitive, and getting an experienced lawyer quickly can mean the difference between a parent coming home to their children and lengthy imprisonment or deportation.

The **Solidarity Legal Fund (SLF)** fills the gap. A new partnership between the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Immigrant Rights Collectives (IRCs) and fiscal partner Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Congregation, SLF matches each family with a vetted, experienced immigration attorney and pays fees based on family need.

Since February 2025, IRC volunteers have worked alongside nearly 500 detention-impacted families, delivering two tons of donated food each week and raising nearly \$800,000 for essential expenses. Because we already know these families and have earned their trust, we can act fast, and our volunteers stay with each family throughout the case. This is community support, offered neighbor to neighbor.

Every dollar counts. Here's what your tax-deductible donation makes possible:

- \$250** A legal consult
- \$1,000** Four consults or a legal filing
- \$5,000** Major support for a family's case

Our fundraising goal for 2026 is \$160,000. As donations allow, SLF will hire one or two dedicated immigration attorneys to help meet the demand.

"Without our lawyer's representation, navigating this process would have been extremely difficult, and, in all likelihood, I would still be separated from my two young children today."

— IRC legal support recipient

Are you ready to support our immigrant neighbors impacted by mass arrests and deportations?

Please give today.

Online: <https://qrs.ly/SLFgive>

By check: Payable to Cedar Lane UU Congregation, memo "**Solidarity Legal Fund.**" Mail to: Cedar Lane UUC, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-4045

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