

## No Child Should Face Immigration Court Alone

Over 240,000 unaccompanied children have arrived in the United States since 2014. They are fleeing violence from which their countries cannot protect them.

Most unaccompanied children come from Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala—three of the most dangerous countries in the world. They are seeking safety and need our help.



# 60%

Of children arriving in the U.S. have no one to represent them in immigration court

# 5x

Children without representation are five times more likely to be deported back to danger

### That's where KIND comes in:

- ✓ We **protect children** who arrive in the U.S. alone.
- ✓ We provide lawyers to **represent them in their deportation proceedings.**
- ✓ We **advocate for policies** that protect the rights of these children.
- ✓ We **help children reintegrate safely** in their home countries, only if they cannot stay in the U.S.



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# KIND in Action

- Leverage private-public partnerships: **\$1 invested in KIND generates \$7 more**, reaching over \$284 million in pro bono attorney support (2009 - 2017)
- Protect and serve children who have fled sexual and gender-based violence, gang and organized crime attacks, and domestic violence
- Promote U.S. principles of the rule of law and due process to give children a fair chance to tell their stories before an immigration judge
- Help children sent home to Guatemala and Honduras to reintegrate safely and sustainably in their communities
- Serve as an expert resource on unaccompanied children and advocate for best practices in child migration policy in Central America, Mexico, and the U.S.



16,884

Children referred to KIND  
as of July 2018



553

Law firm, corporate legal  
department, bar association,  
and law school partners



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KIND field offices—Atlanta, Baltimore,  
Boston, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark,  
New York City, San Francisco, Seattle,  
Washington DC

## Eduardo's Story

Eduardo remembers playing and attending school in his peaceful beach town in El Salvador before the MS-13 gang took control. At 15, Eduardo began receiving threats to force him to join the gang. Eduardo refused for over a year and then, in one day, his life changed forever. While riding a bus into town, **he witnessed several gang members shoot the driver in the head.** Eduardo agreed to testify against the men who murdered the driver. Although Eduardo was moved to a safe house for six months during the trial he was forced out of witness protection while the trial was still pending. **At 16, with no one to protect him from the gang members seeking revenge for his testimony,** he fled for the U.S.

Fortunately, Eduardo was matched with a KIND pro bono attorney, who successfully obtained asylum for him. Yet, Eduardo is one of the lucky ones. **Approximately 60 percent of unaccompanied children have no one to represent them in immigration court,** limiting their ability to access existing legal protections in the U.S. The evidence is clear – **an asylum applicant, like Eduardo, is five times more likely to succeed in his case when represented by counsel.**

## Help us defend and protect more children:

- ✓ **\$25** can provide a backpack and school supplies
- ✓ **\$50** can provide a social service referral for mental health counseling
- ✓ **\$75** can provide SGBV prevention workshops for one Guatemalan girl
- ✓ **\$100** underwrites the training of 25 new pro bono attorneys
- ✓ **\$250** covers an extensive child interview and match with a volunteer attorney
- ✓ **\$ Any amount—changes a child's life forever**

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