



## Our Vision

A world in which children's rights and well-being are protected as they migrate alone in search of safety.

**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.**

## Our Mission



Ensure that no child appears in immigration court without high quality legal representation



Advance laws, policies, and practices that ensure children's protection and uphold their right to due process and fundamental fairness



Promote in countries of origin, transit, and destination durable solutions to child migration that are grounded in the best interests of the child and ensure that no child is forced to involuntarily migrate

# 60%

*of children arriving alone in the U.S. have no one to represent them in immigration court*



# 5x

*children without representation are 5x more likely to be deported back to danger*

## Legal Services

KIND continues to build a robust national network of pro bono attorneys who have been trained by KIND and who have represented unaccompanied children in their search for safety, including children who have been persecuted in their home countries; trafficked to the U.S., and abused, abandoned or neglected- among the many grave harms suffered by these uniquely vulnerable children.

## Social Services

As part of KIND's efforts to help children adjust to a new country, new language, new home, as well as to address the trauma which most have experienced, KIND has placed Social Services Coordinators in eight offices.

## Policy, Advocacy, & Communications

Regardless of where they are from or their immigration status, unaccompanied children need and deserve to be protected as children first and foremost. KIND broadens understanding of these children among a range of stakeholders and the public by educating them about experiences that forced these children out of their communities and drove them to come alone to the United States; the lack of fair access to the U.S. protection system after they arrive, including the dire need for representation; and the danger that many of these children face if they are returned to their home country.

## International Programs

The Child Migrant Return and Reintegration Program (CMRRP) promotes comprehensive return and reintegration strategies that protect children returning to Guatemala and Honduras and provides alternatives to their future re-migration through services that support family reunification and safety. KIND works to protect and serve migrant children affected by sexual and gender-based violence in the region.



### 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.*



17,332

Children referred to KIND



574

Partner law firms, corporations, law schools, and bar associations



38,978

Attorneys, paralegals, law students, trained to represent children



72

KIND has served children from 72 countries



544

Children safely returned to Guatemala and Honduras through the CMRRP



\$284 million

In pro bono legal services donated from 2009-2017