



HOW WE'RE CARING FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN IN YOUR COMMUNITY

KIND's Baltimore office serves child clients primarily from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras – countries with some of the highest murder rates in the world. Consequently, all of **KIND's Baltimore** clients are grappling with varying forms of trauma, creating an intense demand for counseling and other psychosocial supports. Fortunately, in addition to providing immigrant and refugee children with expert legal representation through its network of pro bono attorneys, law firms, law schools and corporate legal departments, **KIND** provides access to critical social services.

— **KIND's Baltimore** office partnered with Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center in Silver Spring to deliver Know Your Rights presentations to children and their families, including two virtual presentations that helped 40+ individuals understand their rights and forms of immigration relief.

— The **Baltimore** office helped clients access a COVID-related emergency fund created by the Baltimore Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs for undocumented families. With **KIND's** assistance, 32 clients and their families received \$16,000 in aid.

— This fall, the **Baltimore** office utilized emergency funds to distribute Target gift cards to 40 clients who needed food, clothing, and school supplies.

— **KIND's Baltimore** office continues to expand its programming to meet the needs of underserved unaccompanied children in **Maryland**, including a partnership with the Annapolis Immigrant Justice Network.

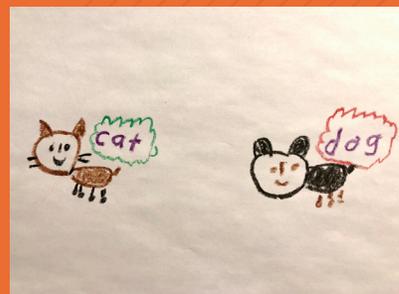
MEET Katelyn*

*Katelyn is an 18-year-old girl from Guatemala. Prior to fleeing from her home country, Katelyn was living with her brother and cousin. Katelyn's mother came to the U.S. when she was 14-years-old, and her father, who was abusive towards Katelyn's mother, had passed away. During the years living without her mother, Katelyn had to move from her childhood home due to gang violence. Soon after her move, however, another gang tried to make her do things for them and threatened to harm Katelyn's brother if she refused to follow orders. She eventually fled to the U.S. with her brother last year and they were reunited with their mother. She was quickly matched with a **KIND** attorney who represented her in her immigration proceedings. This year, she was granted asylum and is now safe.*



Being able to help someone so young secure their future and take control of their life is very special.

— Sarah Alves Powers, Pro Bono Attorney



* Name changed to protect identity

FAMILY SEPARATION'S NEW FACE

In 2018, the Trump Administration tore children from their moms' and dads' arms at the U.S. border with no plan to ensure their reunification. **KIND** currently assists over **400 individuals** who were senselessly separated – providing direct representation or mentoring pro bono attorneys who've taken on a case.

In May, under the guise of the pandemic, ICE imposed a “binary choice” policy that forced parents to choose to remain in prison-like facilities with their children and risk exposure to COVID, or to separate from their children without any assurance of reunification. Parents now face the prospect that ICE could revive that policy at any point. **KIND** released a report in the summer on the continuance of family separations as part of our ongoing efforts to end family detention and separation once and for all.

KIND'S WORK ACROSS THE COUNTRY

KIND is the leading organization working to ensure that no refugee or immigrant child faces immigration court alone. 2020 made a profound impact on **KIND**'s work nationwide. We've pivoted to a virtual environment, meeting with child clients via teleconference to ensure their immigration case remains on track and checking in on their overall wellbeing. We continue to fight the Trump Administration against the ongoing attacks on children's safeguards, including family separations now occurring under the guise of COVID. Despite these challenges, **KIND** served **5,375 child clients** in 2020 with the support of 670 pro bono partners. **94% of cases** closed so far this year resulted in positive legal relief.

In a year like no other, despite the harsh environment that refugee and immigrant children face in this country, we've still been able to make great strides in protecting this vulnerable population, both across the country and in **Maryland**. As we've done every day for the past 12 years since we opened our doors, **KIND** continues to provide hope and the promise of a safe future for immigrant and refugee children throughout the U.S.

STAY IN TOUCH!



infobaltimore@supportkind.org

www.supportkind.org

 @SupportKIND

MARYLAND

BY THE NUMBERS

518

CURRENT CLIENTS



43

NEW CLIENTS
ACCEPTED IN 2020



15,817

IMMIGRANT AND
REFUGEE CHILDREN
RELEASED TO
SPONSORS SINCE 2014

16

STAFF MEMBERS



151

ATTENDEES HOSTED FOR
TRAININGS IN 2020

46

PRO BONO PARTNERS



43

CLIENTS CONNECTED TO
SOCIAL SERVICES IN 2020

THANK YOU

As 2020 has been a trying year for all of us, we at **KIND** are immensely grateful to all our supporters in **Maryland**, who enable us to protect refugee and immigrant children who came to this country for a safe future.

Thank you for standing with us in our fight;
we could not do it without you.