

## How you can help:

### Volunteer

- Drive guests to appointments
- Teach English
- Teach daily life skills
- Help with integration into the larger community
- Interpret

### Contribute

- Contribute to our fund that helps pay for bond, transportation, immigration attorney and daily living expenses including medical and dental costs by following the “Donate” link at [c3hhuu.org/immigrant](https://c3hhuu.org/immigrant)
- Donate gift cards for groceries, school supplies and personal needs
- Identify a pro bono dentist for our two adult guests and/or help afford the fees for extensive work

### Boost our signal

- Reach out to your other social networks. You may be surprised how much people welcome a chance to help
- Share our story on social media with your friends and family (find a link to this brochure on our website)

# Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist

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[c3hhuu.org/sanctuary-and-immigrant-support-ministry.html](https://c3hhuu.org/sanctuary-and-immigrant-support-ministry.html)

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# Immigrant Justice Initiative

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## About our commitment to welcome immigrants

As a congregation that begins each service stating “Whoever you are, whomever you love, however you came to this beloved place, you are welcome here,” we are committed to extend our welcome to immigrants, and to mobilize ourselves to fight against the injustices and marginalization of these people by amplifying and responding to their voices and needs.

**One way our community fulfills this commitment is by being an official Sanctuary Congregation**

## We are prepared to host three types of immigrants, each with different needs:

	Sanctuary Guest	Refugee	Asylum Seeker
<b>Definition</b>	A person who is appealing a deportation order	A person who has been granted residency status to resettle in the U.S.	An immigrant who came here to apply for asylum due to danger in home country; has temporary legal status
<b>Time Commitment</b>	Depends on timeline of legal procedure	Short term--until refugee resettlement agency sets up housing	At least 6-12 months
<b>Mobility</b>	May NOT safely leave church property	Able to safely come and go	Able to safely come and go
<b>Primary needs</b>	Sheltering from ICE	Housing & orientation to home/community	Housing & orientation to home/community

**It takes between \$100 and \$200 a week to provide for a guest living at our former parsonage**

## Acting on our commitment:

Since our inception, the Immigrant Justice Initiative (formerly “Sanctuary and Immigrant Support Ministry”) has:

- Refitted our former parsonage to accommodate immigrants in need of housing and support
- Recruited and trained volunteers to meet safety and acculturation needs
- Served as volunteers at a partner congregation hosting a sanctuary guest
- Participated in the NC Sanctuary Coalition
- Provided temporary housing for refugees from Cuba and Myanmar as well as for a large family from Afghanistan
- Secured medical and mental health care for many of the unmet needs of an asylum seeker
- Offered language support to our guests, including one-on-one English and literacy sessions
- Helped immigrants navigate the asylum process including legal costs
- Supported a local resident who welcomed an asylum-seeking family to her home
- Hosted UNC Refugee Mental Health and Wellness Initiative
- Paid bond and transportation from the detention camp for an asylum-seeker from El Salvador; provided housing and other support for more than a year. She has transitioned to independent living
- Hosted an asylum seeking family of 4 from Honduras who have subsequently moved into independent living
- Hosting two additional immigrant families from Honduras