

Media Advisory for Thursday, March 4, 2021

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Essential Workers, Faith Leaders, and Community Members Launch Humanitarian Aid and PPE Drive for Asylum Seekers Arriving to US-Mexico Border

Surge of Asylum Seekers at the Tijuana Border is Creating a Looming Humanitarian Crisis; Union-Represented Essential Workers Answer the Call to Deliver Humanitarian Aid

LOS ANGELES — Public sector essential workers who provide care to Los Angeles’ most vulnerable populations – including registered nurses, social workers and other essential workers – are launching a day-long PPE and humanitarian aid donation drive for the latest surge of migrants stranded at the US-Mexico border near the Chaparral Port of Entry.

The day-long donation drive will collect hygienic wipes, diapers, undergarments, socks, and basic over-the-counter medicine that will be delivered to Tijuana and distributed to asylum seekers currently awaiting entry into the U.S. Organizers anticipate an overwhelming number of donations based on previous relief efforts to the US-Mexico border, including trucks filled with first aid and clothing supplies.

This will be the fifth humanitarian relief trip by this group of essential workers since the refugee caravans began arriving to the US-Mexico border in late 2018. Past efforts included health screenings by Registered Nurses, including an attempt to provide flu shots at a San Ysidro detention center following the flu-related deaths of three children at similar facilities in 2019.

WHO: Labor, Faith, and Community Organizations Including: SEIU Local 721, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), and Hispanic/Latino Ministries and Border Concerns of the Cal-Pac Conference of the United Methodist Church

WHAT: Humanitarian Aid and PPE Drive for Asylum Seekers

WHEN: Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM

WHERE: SEIU Local 721, 1545 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90017

VISUALS: Boxes of PPE, Diapers, Clothing, Flat Bed Truck, Pro-Migrant Signage and Banners

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