

# ANNUNCIATION HOUSE

40 YEARS OF  
HOSPITALITY ON  
THE BORDER



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**Close to 100 years old, somewhat dilapidated, located on the fringe of El Paso's biggest barrio, and some ten blocks from the US/ Mexico border, this two-story, red brick building and several others have been home to thousands of refugees and migrant poor.**



**Annunciation House** is a network of shelters located in [El Paso, Texas](#) that primarily provides assistance to newly arrived [migrants](#) from [Central America](#). Their facilities provide food, sleeping accommodation, and referrals for legal and medical support. The organization has close links to local faith communities, particularly the [Catholic Church](#). Annunciation House has received international attention and news-coverage as a result of incidents related to the [2014 American immigration crisis](#), the [Trump administration family separation policy](#), the [U.S.-Mexico border crisis](#), and the [National Emergency Concerning the Southern Border of the United States](#). As of January 2020, Rubén Garcia has been Director of the shelter for more than 40 years.



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**COVID-19 information:** Because they provide essential services, they have continued to operate throughout the pandemic.

**They take thorough precautions to minimize the risk of virus spread in the houses and have provided hospitality, with appropriate quarantine procedures, to several guests with known COVID-19.**

**In addition, during this time they have been working extensively with partners in Juarez to serve migrants and refugees there.**

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**It also participates in advocacy and education around immigration issues and seeks to be a voice for justice and compassion, especially on behalf of the most marginalized of our society.**

**Rooted in Catholic social justice teaching, the volunteers that operate Annunciation House live simply and in community, in the same houses as the guests they serve.**



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**Understanding the US/Mexico  
Border through experiential  
education**

Annunciation House has developed the **Border Awareness Experience (BAE)** to facilitate face-to-face encounters between participants and people and groups on both sides of the border.



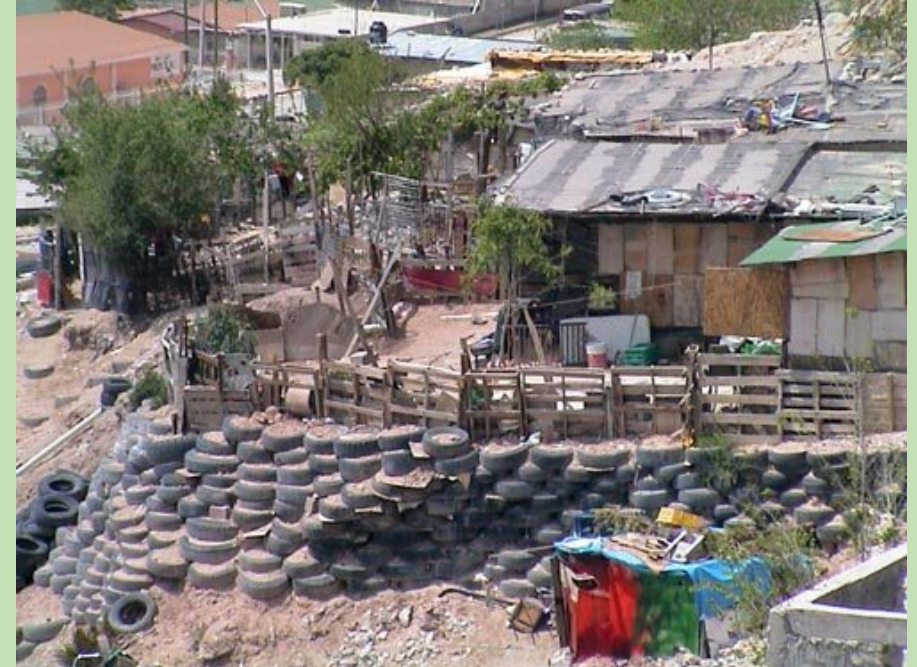
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## Quick Facts About BAE

- All participants, regardless of faith, backgrounds, and beliefs, are welcome.
- The typical trip lasts 5-10 days.
- Cost is \$90 per person per day.
- Accommodation is dormitory style.
- Bedding is provided.
- Three meals a day are provided. Food is simple but filling.
- US citizens need a passport or original birth certificate.
- Non-US citizens need correct documentation or visas.
- Daily reflections/debriefings are an integral part of the BAE.
- Spanish is not required since translation is provided.

## What is a typical day on a BAE? A typical day may include:

- Visiting the US Border Patrol
- Listening to the stories of migrants and refugees
- Touring a maquiladora
- Meeting human rights activists
- Staying in a migrant shelter





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## Financial Donations

Annunciation House is sustained totally by the spontaneous and free contributions of individuals, groups and faith communities. They have no permanent funding sources, and do not accept, nor have they ever accepted, government funding. Donations can be sent in the form of checks made out to Annunciation House and mailed to:

Annunciation House  
815 Myrtle Avenue  
El Paso, Texas 79901

**Annunciation House is a 501(c)3 organization; all donations are tax-deductible.**

Phone: 915-545-4509

Email: [refugees@annunciationhouse.org](mailto:refugees@annunciationhouse.org)

For BAE information: (915) 533-4675

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- **In 2018 SPC raised \$1,555 for Annunciation House during the Alternative Christmas Gift faire and gave them \$1,200 from the 2020 Mission budget.**
- **Another \$1,200 was put into the 2021 Mission Budget for it.**
- **THANK YOU for your faithful support, SPC!**