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## **Give to JFON-DFW during North Texas Giving Day September 14, 2017**

### What is North Texas Giving Day?

North Texas Giving Day is Communities Foundation of Texas' annual 18-hour online giving extravaganza for North Texas nonprofits that is powered by creative nonprofits, social media activism, area wide collaboration, and of course you! North Texas Giving Day's goal is to help build awareness and support for nonprofits in the North Texas region. In 2016, \$37 million was raised through more than 142,000 gifts benefiting 2,518 nonprofits.

### When and where is North Texas Giving day?

It's an ONLINE event on September 14, 2017.

### How can I support JFON during North Texas Giving Day?

- 1) Spread the word on social media! Attached to this email is a picture promoting JFON and North Texas giving day. Just change your Facebook profile picture by [clicking here](#). You can also use the hashtag #NTXGivingDay
- 2) Get a North Texas Giving day yard sign. Contact the JFON office for more details.

3) Consider donating to JFON DFW during North Texas Giving Day. Your donations will help people in our community have access to life-changing legal services that keep families together and keep dreams alive!

For more information about North Texas Giving Day, here's a link to their website: <https://northtexasgivingday.org/>



### **Citizenship Workshop at Keller UMC was a Huge Success!**

by Heidi Ortiz

On July 15, Keller United Methodist church hosted a Citizenship Workshop for permanent residents (green card holders) who wanted assistance filling out their paperwork to become U.S.

Citizens. Applicants and their families were greeted by members of Cub Scout Troop 1910. Volunteers from Keller UMC were paired with the applicants to fill out the paperwork, which was then reviewed by an attorney. By the end of the event, 25 applicants had applications ready to mail!

This is the first step of the citizenship application process. After their application is accepted, applicants will need to submit fingerprints, take a civics and English test, and have an interview with an officer from US Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS). The final step is the Naturalization Ceremony. Since a JFON attorney helped file the application, they can also assist if there's any issue later in the process -- an important benefit for the applicants.

In the Methodist tradition of connectional ministry, JFON will let the volunteers know when the applicants they assisted will be taking their civics/English tests, and when they will be having their USCIS interview so that the volunteers can pray for their applicants. In some cases, volunteers attend the naturalization ceremony as well so they can share in the joy of that occasion.

Thanks to Pastor Chris Hayes, Pastor Stacy Roberts, Janna Elliot, and all the volunteers at Keller UMC who made this event possible!

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## **Upcoming Events**

Know Your Rights Workshop - Saturday, August 12 at noon at the JFON DFW office at 421 Church Street in Grapevine. Please take care not to share the Know Your Rights session details publicly on Facebook - please use private messages or word of mouth when inviting people.

Citizenship Workshop - Saturday, September 23 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at First United Methodist Church in Grapevine. We need volunteers to help with filling out paperwork, translating, and hospitality. Please call 817-310-3820 to volunteer.

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## **Donation Station**

JFON-DFW is 501(c)3 non-profit, and we depend on our individual supporters as a source of funds to continue and EXPAND our work of compassion and justice for our immigrant neighbors. Your donation is tax-deductible and you can donate securely through our website.

Thank you for your support!

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