



### **Spring Break Deportation?**

When your child goes to the beach for spring break, you worry. You make sure your phone is nearby in case you get that terrifying call that your child is sick or injured. But most of us don't have to worry about our child being deported.

Juan is a sophomore in college, regularly making the honors list at UNT. He went to South Padre Island with three friends and had a great time until someone stole his wallet. Juan didn't call his parents. Because Juan has DACA, he called JFON. His parents brought him to the United States from Mexico when he was three years old. Although he has lived his entire life in the United States, Juan is an undocumented immigrant. He can live and study and work in the



United States only because he has DACA. Without DACA he could be deported at any time. And to come back to Dallas from South Padre Island, Juan and his friends had to pass through a US Border Patrol interior checkpoint.

His friends, who are US citizens, didn't understand why Juan was so worried. But Juan was afraid. He didn't know what would happen if he were stopped. He had no driver's license, no DACA card, no ID of any sort. Would he be detained? For how long? Would he have to get a lawyer just to go home? Would he be deported to Mexico, a country he didn't remember? Would he be able to take his chemistry test on Tuesday?

A JFON volunteer texted Juan pictures of his DACA acceptance letter and a copy of his Mexican passport. And a JFON attorney took Juan's file home with her over the weekend. Juan would contact her on Sunday before they started the trip and again after he was safely home. It was a tense day for everyone.

The only thing better than hearing Juan was safely home was when he called on Wednesday to say he had aced his chemistry test! Juan asked us to relay his thanks to all of JFON's supporters.

If you would like to have JFON and Juan speak with your Sunday School class, Rotary meeting, or any other group, contact us at 225-937-8195 or <a href="mailto:graham@jfondfw.org">graham@jfondfw.org</a>.

Please keep Juan in your prayers. And ask your US Senators and Representatives to pass a clean law to protect young Dreamers like Juan.

## **New Volunteer Orientation - May 5**

Do you feel a calling to follow Christ's mandate to welcome the stranger? Then join JFON-DFW in turning strangers into neighbors!

On Saturday, May 5th, JFON DFW will host a new volunteer orientation from 10 am to Noon at First United Methodist Church Grapevine's activity building: 421 Church Street, Room A. This is the first step to becoming a JFON Volunteer.

We need ALL TYPES of volunteers. It's great if you are an attorney looking to do pro bono work, but there are so many ways you can help: welcoming our immigrant neighbors at one of our three monthly clinics;

helping clients fill out forms under the supervision of an attorney; returning phone calls to update clients on their case status; contacting churches and Sunday school classes to see if JFON can speak; planning Citizenship Day clinics at churches; general office work like filing and data entry.

No registration needed - but please call our office at 817-310-3820 if you have any questions!

#### **Volunteers Needed - Voter Education**

JFON DFW is working to develop a partnership with the non-partisan League of Women Voters to educate new voters in the immigrant community. Would you be interested in hosting a voter registration/education event in your area? Our goal is to organize 50 such events in the next year. Please call our office at 817-310-3820 and leave a message if you are interested. Thanks!

#### **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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