



To the Friends & Stakeholders of Open Arms...

Pablo Delgado- Executive Director

The past couple of months have been particularly discouraging due to the political climate in our country. Fear and uncertainty have led to an increased number of requests from the Hispanic community, as many families seek guidance and support.

While many decisions are made at the federal level - beyond the reach of those with compassionate hearts - we hold onto the truth that God is sovereign over all. He allows everything for a purpose. As Romans 8:28 reminds us, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

Despite the challenges, we remain steadfast. We continue to welcome, walk alongside, and stand with immigrant families who have come to our community seeking refuge from violence, food insecurity, economic hardship, and poverty. Now, more than ever, we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ—offering hope, compassion and love.

We are supporting the families by educating the community about their rights, and obtaining passports and taking them to legal appointments.

At the end of February, we organized a "Know Your Rights" event to educate the immigrant community about their rights and legal options they might have. It was well attended, and had there were many questions during the Q&A time.



Baby Ryan was born, one of the newest clients of Open Arms. His mom was transferred to another hospital for immediate surgery after the birth. Dad and baby were left alone. Through some miscommunication the dad thought that mom had died! Open Arms came to support, correctly interpret the situation, and pray and accompany the family. Thank you for sending us!



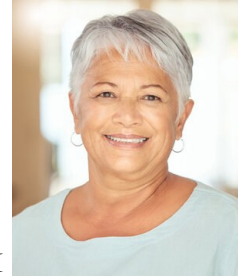
We invite you to join us at our upcoming fundraiser to continue providing vital support to families in these critical and uncertain times. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those facing hardship in our communities.

He [The LORD] executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and love the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

~ Deuteronomy 10:18-19

Interview with Marta

Name & Image have been changed to protect her identity



Q: What has been your biggest difficulty living here?

A: The language has been a very difficult barrier. I wish I could learn English, but I don't know where to start.

Q: What has been the biggest benefit of moving here?

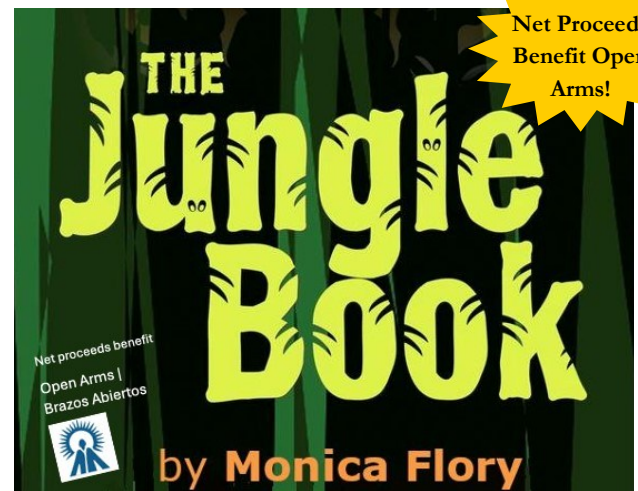
A: My husband and I chose to come so that we could get good jobs and make something of our lives. We want to give our children a better education, and the hope of a better future.

Q: At this time what is your biggest fear when it comes to the immigration situation right now?

A: That we will be deported is really high on the list of things for which we are worried. Especially since two of our children are US citizens, what will happen to them if we are deported?

Q: What kind of help have you and your family received from Open Arms?

A: You have been such a blessing to our family, You have helped us with several different things: We have received help making medical appointments, and giving me transportation to the appointment as well as translation at the appointment. We have received help translating and filling out paperwork for our kids' school. Currently, I am getting help finishing an English driving course online so I can get my license. You are showing God's love to your neighbors and that shines the light of Christ.



Directed by Kay Anderson and Scott Mason

Fri. March 28 & April 4 @ 7 pm
Sat. March 29 & Sat. April 5 @ 7 pm
Sun. April 6 @ 2:30 pm

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Open Arms Akron

Rollin Mukanza, Community Development Leader

In the last two months, Open Arms Akron served clients facing a variety of challenges including immigration, medical issues, and social issues. We continue to accompany clients as they navigate through the legal immigration system for status change. Understanding US laws remains a major vulnerability for our clients. I have also been working with the community on the safety of underaged children in refugee families, which is also a major concern of Akron Children's Hospital. In collaboration with Akron Children's Hospital, I organized the Safe Mobility event at North High School which is a car seat training event. Free car seats were donated.



In Akron the cost of housing and furniture is very high, especially for our clients and they have been coming to Open Arms for assistance. I partnered with (DLM) Dare to Love More for used household furniture and we delivered the items to the client's house.



Ways to Support our Ministry:

Mail checks to:

Open Arms
1305 W Market St
Orrville, OH 44667

Online: Visit our website:

open-arms.us/donate

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You are cordially invited to attend:

Banquet Fundraiser

6:00pm | Thursday, March 27, 2025

Kidron Community Center
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Kidron, Ohio 44636

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