CASA DE PAZ



ABOUT US

Casa de Paz is the ***only*** organization in Colorado to support people upon release from the detention center in Aurora, ***and*** we support those who are still detained.

Our mission: Casa de Paz welcomes recently released asylum seekers, newcomers, and immigrants; we facilitate their next steps towards reunification in a dignifying way. Our staff and volunteers provide logistical and emotional support to both people currently detained, and the loved ones of those in detention.

Since 2012 we have welcomed over 21,500 people from at least **82** countries.

Since December 2021, our team has processed over 7,570 letters.

Since May of 2022 we have sent over 2,173 commissary requests to individuals in detention.

WHAT DOES CASA DE PAZ DO?

Detention Support

- We answer calls from people detained and their families.
  - We assist with the logistics of locating family members detained by ICE
- We provide backpacks for folks facing deportation
- We provide snacks & toys to families visiting loved ones at GEO.

Welcome Team

Our staff waits outside of GEO at our Casa on Wheels (COW) for folks to be released and provides them a dignifying welcome. Some of our services include:

- Meal, logistic support, toiletries, access to phones, wifi and a ride to the airport or Greyhound station.

Everything for our guests is *free.*

Cartas de Paz Team

Our ***volunteer*** team pairs folks who are detained across the United States with a Casa de Paz volunteer to correspond with.

- This program is a lifeline for people in detention, as it reminds them that they are a part of our communities.

Visitation Team

People who are detained can request a visit from a volunteer. Even when people have family, their family could be out of state or not have the status to visit their loved ones.

Since May of 2025, we began visiting Trans Women in detention as they deserve to be seen and supported.

HOW TO GUIDES

DONATE

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

VOLUNTEER WITH US

@CASADEPAZCO

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

How are we all funded?

Funding comes mostly from individual donations, as well as some foundation grants. We do not have any federal grants. We kindly ask that you consider supporting our work.

Who does it all?

It takes a village. Casa de Paz has a small staff and a lot of volunteers.
We have five staff members, three part time and two full time.

How many people do we welcome?

Between July of 2021 and January 2025 we welcomed over 17,000 people. We see people released daily and saw over 600 people released in 2025.
#FreeThemAll

WHY OUR WORK MATTERS.

Most represented countries at the Geo Aurora Immigration Facility

- Mexico
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Venezuela
- Colombia

(ICE accountability report February 2026)

Has this detention facility always been there?

GEO Group Inc. was awarded the contract to this facility back in 1986.

- The facility at the time held up to 150 people.
- Today, the facility can hold up to 1532 people per day. (Facilitydetail)

How is the detention facility funded?

In 2023, "congress appropiated $2.9 Billion dollars to hold 34,000 people," in ICE detention centers. This is taken from The ACLU. (Cho, 2023)

How many people are at this detention facility now?

According to Crow's February 6, 2026 Accountability Report:

- at least 1376 people were reported to be at the facility.
  - 3 of the population are identified as transgender
- Since February 10, 2025, ICE has greatly limited the data available to the public and to congress

(ICE accountability report February 2026)

Wait, who is GEO?

GEO Group Inc is the ***private corporation*** that is hired by ICE to manage the facility. GEO Group Inc is one of the largest prison corporations. They are so large you can invest into their stocks. #profitforpain

- GEO Group Inc and CoreCivic are the two biggest private corporations that mange immigrant detention centers in the US.

Why is detention problematic?

- As of February 7, 2026 there were 68,289 people detained in immigrant detention centers across the U.S. (TRAC Immigration)
- Nearly 73.6% (50,269 people) of the people detained in immigrant detention centers across the US ***have no criminal record***. (TRAC Immigration)
  - For those who have a "criminal record," it is often a small offense, like a traffic ticket.
- Many of the folks we see released from Aurora are people who presented themselves at the border ***seeking asylum***.
  - Instead of being provided asylum, they are detained. Detention facilities like GEO Group Inc.
- In 2025, there were **35 deaths** reported in ICE facilities.
- People endure inhumane conditions in detention
  - Learn more by reading the Shut Down Geo detention reports

Get involved with the Shut Down Geo Coalition through coloradowithoutcages.org

WHAT CAN I DO?

If you think you see ICE call
Colorado Rapid Response Network at
1-844-864-8341

Learn to identify ICE and DHS

Donate.

Sign up for our newsletter.

Spread the word.

Scan codes on the first page.

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