16th Annual Hiroshima Peace Day Commemoration and Peace Vigil

When: 2pm Saturday, August 3, 2019
Where: Ashley Pond in downtown Los Alamos, NM

Join us as we remember the 74th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, at the place where the first nuclear weapons were built and where they continue to be built. We will proceed across town carrying our peace signs, sit in sackcloth and ashes for 30 minutes of silence, and then gather back at Ashley Pond for reflection led by Father John Dear, activist and author.

For more information contact Ellie Voutselas, ellievout@gmail.com (505) 474-8557.

“We've been going to Los Alamos every August for sixteen years now, to pray and speak out for the abolition of nuclear weapons; but the world's violence and war making is only worsening while we continue to waste billions of dollars on these weapons of mass destruction, even with the widespread poverty and need throughout New Mexico and the world. People of faith and conscience need to stand up and speak out against nuclear weapons, as Pope Francis has done recently, as the United Nations is doing, and call for a new culture of peace and nonviolence right here in New Mexico and across the world.”

-Father John Dear

Send your submissions for monthly newsletter to monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org by the 20th of the month prior to your event. Send submissions for web calendar to web@abqpeaceandjustice.org. Contact Coordinator at abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.
Regularly Scheduled Events—held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted

**MONDAYS**

350NM.org 1st & 3rd Mon, 5-7pm, 4th Mon, 6:30pm. 350-6000
Veterans for Peace ABQ 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm. 720-4939
Non-Binary Support Group 2nd/4th Monday, 7-9pm, TGRCNM. 149 Jackson St. NE, 200-9086
CTTT-ABQ 3rd Mon. evenings, 1st Unitarian Universalist Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd NE. ComingToTheTable.org

**TUESDAYS**

Swing Dance Weekly, 7:15-10pm, Heights Community Center, 823 Buena Vista Dr. SE. 256-0668.
ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, 6-7:30pm, quarterly. 459-9860

**WEDNESDAYS**

Chair Yoga Weekly, 1:30-2:30pm, lisbethcarlishle@aol.com
Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:57pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
Nuclear Issues Study Group 1st Wednesday, 7-9pm, El Chante, 804 Park Ave SW. 879-8547
Ally Work Group 4th Wednesday, 6:30-8pm, TGRCNM, 149 Jackson St. NE, 200-9086

**THURSDAYS**

Activist Community Podcast 2nd/4th Thurs, 1-3pm, 450-1268
P&J Center Coordinating Council 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm, all are welcome. 268-9557
ABQ Move to Amend Working Group 4th Thursdays, 6-8pm, 238-2398

**FRIDAYS**

Al-Anon weekly, 5:15-6:15pm. Contact: thatgirlhasapainting@gmail.com

Sierra Club & Root Beer 1st Friday on odd months, 6:30-8pm, 243-7767
Open Mind Discussion (NVC) 2nd/4th Fridays, 11:30am-1pm, 881-4536

**SATURDAYS**

Good Food Distribution Weekly, 9am. 315-4167
Sitting for Peace Weekly, 9-10am, Bataan Park NE corner, 3407 Lomas NE, all welcome in silence. 265-2178
St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm, 1st Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE. 345-3677, 977-4661.
Diné Bizaad Study Group 2nd/4th Sat. at 1pm, 1421 Central Ave. NE. rrzayas@unm.edu
Vigil for the Children Weekly, Noon, U.S. Fed. Courthouse, NW corner of 3rd/Lomas. medicinedrumcircle@yahoo.com

**SUNDAYS**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-Noon. Potluck on 5th Sunday, 11am-2:30pm, 440-6688.
ABQ IWW 4th Sunday, 1-3pm. abqiww@gmail.com
St. Oscar Romero Catholic Community Weekly, 11am at St. Paul’s ELCA, 1100 Indian School NE. 352-4061.
Generation Justice Weekly, 7-8pm on KUNM 89.9FM

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Canines: Sasha, Pepie
Students/Interns: none currently
Calendar of Special Events

Friday, Aug. 2, 11am-3pm
Planning meeting for Hiroshima Day 75th anniversary events in 2020, at the P&J. Contact: Fr. John Dear, johndearsj@msn.com.

Saturday, Aug. 3, 9am
Acequia Talk and Walks are family friendly, led by local experts, and highlight the history and culture of our Acequias. This one, about Arenal Acequia, features an irrigation demo! Meet at 2401 Violet St. SW; more info: cesoss.org or info@cesoss.org

Saturday, Aug. 3, 9am-Noon
Cottonwood Medicine Collective hosts Urban Crafting: An Herb Walk in the Park, exploring local edible & medicinal plants at Academy Hills Park, 9709 Layton Avenue NE. Cost: $20, class size limited to 15. More info via fb.com/cottonwoodmedicinecollective or cottonwoodmedicine.dudaone.com

Saturday, Aug. 3, 2-4pm
ABQ Climate Strike public planning meeting and potluck at the P&J, for the Sept. 20-27 International Climate Crisis Week of Action. Hosted by the ABQ Peace Center, Fight for Our Lives-ABQ, 350NM, Generation Justice, and others. More info: ffol.org, fb.com/FFOLABQ, and see also Noticias, pg. 5 for more info.

Saturday, Aug. 3, 2-4pm
Annual commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in Los Alamos at Ashley Pond. More info: see Cover page, visit paceebene.org/events/2019/8/3/annual-hiroshima-day-peace-vigil-with-rev-john-dear, or email ellievout@gmail.com

Saturday, Aug. 3, 2-4pm
The Sierra Club is hosting a show of paintings by Edna Casman at 2215 Lead Ave. SE. Refreshments provided. Contact Heather Kline, 505-577-2798. Work up through September, and 30% of sales benefit the Sierra Club.

Saturday, Aug. 3, 5-7pm
Bookworks presents author Sherri Burr, speaking on her book Complicated Lives: Free Blacks in Virginia and signing copies for sale, at African American Performing Arts Center, 310 San Pedro Dr. NE. AAPAC will also have up a photo exhibit of Burr’s, a tribute to African American history. More info: lawschool.unm.edu/faculty/burr

Saturday, Aug. 3, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Benjamin Hett: “How Hitler Happened” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Tuesday, Aug. 6
The Peace Center will be closed in observance of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Day. Previously scheduled events will still take place. Call 268-9557 with questions.

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 6:30pm
Undocumented in 2019: Dreamers and undocumented families live with the increasing threat of deportation. What are their policy options, and if family breadwinners are deported, what is our obligation as caring communities for those left behind? Discussion led by NM Dream Team at 1st Congregational UCC Church (Lomas/Girard). Info: 315-3596

Saturday, Aug. 10, 1pm
Screening of The Eagle and the Condor; from Standing Rock with Love documenting the ongoing NODAPL struggles, and is a benefit for local water protector Brennon Nastacio. Followed by Q&A, at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave NE. $8 General admission, $5 seniors & students w/ID; advance tix at brownpapertickets.com/event/4294744. Hosted by Indigenous Rights Center, 350NM, and others.

Saturday, Aug 10, 9am-6pm

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Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Dahr Jamail: “Climate Disruption” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Sunday, Aug. 11, 11am
Raging Granny Sing-Along for the Albq. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship meeting at the Peace Center; visitors welcome.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6:30-8:30pm
Millions for Prisoners will do a workshop on community defense against state violence, at the P&J. For more info, contact millionsforprisoners@gmail.com.
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6-8pm
Red Nation-Santa Fe and Pueblo Feminist Caucus host
“Three Centuries of Pueblo Resistance” panel discussion at
Jean Cocteau Cinema, 418 Montezuma Ave in Santa Fe. Info: therednation.org

Saturday, August 17, 2-4pm

Saturday, Aug. 17, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Nancy MacLean: “The Origins of Right-Wing Power” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Sunday, Aug. 18, 4-6pm
Notable Healing Peace Concert & Open Mic at the Peace Center. More info: notablehealing.com/contact, 206-898-5090, and see also Noticias, pg 6

Thursday, Aug. 22, 6:30-8:30pm
Free screening of No Way to Treat a Child: New Opportunities for Protecting Palestinian Children's Rights, followed by panel discussion and strategy session with refreshments, at ABQ Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard Blvd NE. Organized by Jewish Voice for Peace, American Friends Service Committee, Friends of Sabeel with the Red Nation. More info: fb.com/events/2317050128363909, 842-7343

Friday, Aug. 23, 5:30-8pm
SWOP Summer Member Meeting at Orpheum Community Hub, 500 2nd St SW. More info: fb.com/swopista or swop.net

Saturday, Aug. 24, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Howard Zinn: “Second Thoughts on the First Amendment” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2-6pm
Millions for Prisoners is hosting the 3rd annual Black August in the Park. Join and challenge yourself to imagine a world free of police and prisons. More info: fb.com/MillionsforPrisonersNM

Saturday, Aug. 24, 6-8pm
Progressives in the Park, hosted by NM Working Families Party and Adelante Progressive Caucus, at North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, 7521 Carmel Ave NE. More info: fb.com/NMWFP

Sunday, Aug. 25, 10am-2pm
The P&J and Mindful NM will both be tabling for Love Day at the Rail Yards Market, 777 1st St SW. Celebrate genuine connection with each other and build community: volunteer to table for the Peace Center (268-9557) or be a Free Listener

Sunday, Aug. 25, 2pm
Screening of Post Traumatic Slave Disorder by Dr. Joy DeGruy Leary, at the African American Performing Arts Center, 310 San Pedro NE on the fairgrounds, followed by audience discussion and unveiling of a touring historical timeline museum exhibit. For more info, visit karenjonesmeadows.com/african-american-resilience-committee.html, and see also Noticias, pg 5.

Monday, Aug. 26, 6:30-8:30pm
P&J and Millions for Prisoners ask everyone to come write letters to the Bureau of Prisons allow a member of our community to see her daughter. More info: 268-9557

Thursday, Aug. 29, 6pm
If you are planning an action during the Campaign Nonviolence Action Week, (Sept. 14-22, 2019) join us to share your plans or hear what others have planned. Register in advance for a conference call: zoom.us/meeting/register/09354797c970e99cd7c8da9331e. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining in the call. More info: paceebene.org/action-week

Saturday, Aug. 31, 11am-2pm
Standing for Immigrant Justice: a fundraiser hosted by NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th St. NW. More info and tickets via nmfcit-event.org or nmfcimmigrantjustice@gmail.com

Saturday, Aug. 31, 2pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Michael Yates: “The Working Class” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Save the Date:
Monday, Sept. 2
The Center for Peace and Justice will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Let us know what you’re planning to do to support worker’s rights by emailing abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com

Thursday, Sept. 5, 6-8pm
ACLU-NM Annual Meeting in ABQ, at S. Broadway Cultural Center, 1025 Broadway Blvd SE. More info: actionaclunm.org/webform/nm-2019-annual-meetings or fb.com/aclunm

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 7-8:
Native Liberation Conference at El Morro Theater, 210 2nd St. in Gallup, NM More info: therednation.org

Friday, Sept. 20-27:
International Climate Crisis Week of Action, activities throughout the week in ABQ & Santa Fe. See Noticias, pg.5 for more info.
Climate Strike!

By Vivien McCullough, Organizer, Fight for Our Lives

In response to the urgent threat posed by climate change, student activists are organizing a weeklong general strike to demand government action. The strike will take place from September 20-27, 2019, and will consist of a school strike on each Friday (the 20th and 27th) with community climate-themed events and actions every day in between. The goal is to mobilize the Albuquerque community and send a clear message: we must act now to stop the effects of climate change before it becomes irreversible. On September 20th, we ask everyone to walk out of your schools, workplaces and homes to join young climate strikers on the streets and demand an end to the age of fossil fuels. Our house is on fire, let's act like it. We demand climate justice for everyone.

Organizers have put forward a list of demands: a halt in all fossil fuel infrastructure projects, full support and passage of the Green New Deal (including a 100% renewable economy by 2030 and equitable transition away from fossil fuels), elected officials to preserve public lands and wildlife, and Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham to call an Emergency Legislative Session to address climate change. It is only by taking action and making these changes that we can stop the climate crisis before it is too late.

We are striking because we only have a short amount of time to prevent the worst effects of climate change, which disproportionately harm marginalized communities. By disrupting the social order, we force those in power to face this issue and take action. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the upcoming strike, either by helping to organize actions, participating, or contributing in some other way. To get involved, visit www.ffol.org/nmcs.

Amplify Your Voice!

Activist Community Podcast is a new PAJOLA group. They will commence Community Podcasts - based out of the Peace Hall - centering on issues affecting the Albuquerque area - e.g. climate, incarceration, race, etc. This will happen on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month - beginning August 8th - from 1p-3p. Tom Dent is the contact person; his info is tmdlent4@msn.com and 450-1268. Groups who wish to amplify their work, discuss issues/solutions are to contact him to call-in/appear on the show.

African Americans Commemorate 400 Years of Persistence and Resilience: 1619 – 2019

By The New Mexico African American Resilience Committee (NMAARC)

2019 marks the 400th year since the first documented arrival of enslaved Africans to the shores of what we know as the United States of America. This is a year of both reflection on the past and anticipation for an enhanced future. Descendants of market slavery survived being stolen from their homelands; they endured a treacherous journey over the ocean, chained together in the bowels of slave ships. They arrived on this continent to live through centuries of unfathomable inhumanity, and subsequently to thrive in the belly of what is a wonderland for some but a beast for many. By surviving being stripped of language, culture, traditions, spiritual sustenance, and family units, and subjected to unrelenting physical and mental destruction, African Americans are the embodiment of resilience.

Egregious acts of the past may repeat in our present when their history is unknown; thus, knowing one’s origins is critical. Dr. Doris Fields says “When we know our past, we may understand our arrival at present; when we understand our arrival at present, we may readily create our future.” The NMAARC commits to teaching and sharing history.

The New Mexico African American Resilience Committee will present a yearlong series of events to commemorate 400 years of resilience, beginning Saturday, Aug. 24, time TBA, with a Middle Passage Water Ceremony of symbolic return to our African Roots, on the Rio Grande River. On Sunday, Aug. 25, 2pm, the video Post Traumatic Slave Disorder will be screened at the African American Performing Arts Center, 310 San Pedro NE on the fairgrounds. Film will be followed by an audience discussion and unveiling of a touring historical timeline museum exhibit. On September 1, the Holocaust and Intolerance Museum of New Mexico will unveil a permanent exhibit commemorating the 400 years, including traditional African drumming and dancing. This will be an indoor and outdoor event. Everyone is invited, and refreshments will be available.

Planning for this series of activities is underway and is open to the public – bring ideas and an open spirit. Call (505) 867-5340 and (505) 867-0857, or email karenjonesmeadows.com/african-american-resilience-committee.html.

Come to the Notable Healing Peace Concert and Open Mic
By Sheila Fox of Notable Healing

Help Asylum Seekers with your donation, songs, poems and energy, **Sunday, August 18, 4-6pm at the P&J**; signup for musicians, singers, and poets begins at 3:40pm. Proceeds go towards bond and lawyers for our friends crossing the border. Come dispel darkness, bring in lightness, sing along, and enjoy the refreshments!

Join songstress/hostess Sheila Fox and friends for a Peace Concert interspersed with Open Mic performers from the community. Sheila will take you through a variety of genres of music that are sure to move you, calm and uplift you. Experience Folk Music from Yiddish, Ladino, Arabic, Spanish and American traditions, originals and healing tones from sound healing instruments: Piano, Vocals, Guitar, Tibetan Bowl, and Chimes.

The changing landscape of these times - people’s lives, our country, the world - is not easy to negotiate. Take a deep breath; in and out… Let’s come together to express ourselves, individually and collectively, through song, spoken word, art, theater, dance; so critical to keeping our lights shining, our hope alive. The dreams that we envision, we know can and will happen. Build Optimism, Stay Present, Give Energy to Love and Creativity. I see Love and Creativity all around. I see the pain and suffering, ignorance and violence too. I feel all happening at the same time. I hold a place in my heart for all the suffering. I take time to grieve it. And I hold a place in my heart of wholeness, healing, love, and joy. I see a world where people genuinely care for one another, are present with each other. Sharing is the norm. Smiling faces, all colors, all races, all beliefs, mutual respect, rich cultural sounds, flavors and joys. It is possible. Let’s practice it now! More info: Sheila, 206-898-5090, notablehealing.com/contact.

The Peace and Justice Center is looking for Coordinating Council members. Be part of the unfolding vision of making our Center a space to heal, and ensure equitable, inclusive, and just power structures within our organization, community and beyond. We meet on the third Thurs of the month from 5:30–8:30pm. The next meeting will be **Thurs, Aug. 15 in the Peace Hall**. For more info, contact Samia Assed, President (assed.samia@gmail.com) or other CC members.

Spread Your Word Wider

The 11th Albuquerque International Festival is now accepting applications for informational booths. Is your organization working on a project, an event, or an issue? Or do you simply want to gain broader exposure for your organization? A booth at the ABQIF is just the ticket. The festival takes place **Saturday, Sept. 28, 10am-5pm at the NM Veteran’s Memorial Park on the corner of Louisiana and Gibson**. This free festival offers entertainment for the whole family—including a petting zoo, a vehicle/bike show, music, and a variety of food and craft vendors.

Contact Donna Orozco-Geist for the booth application form at (505) 235-7088 or at jgeist80@comcast.net.

Charles Powell Essay Contest

To honor his decade plus service as our president, Veterans For Peace is sponsoring an essay contest in his name. It is open to high school juniors and seniors. The title of the essay will be “The Cost of Wars”. Essay should contain a maximum of 1500 words. Deadline for entry will be announced at a later date.

There will be cash prizes for the first three contest winners. The first-place winning essay will be submitted for publication in the nationwide publication, Peace in Our Times.

High school teachers are invited to urge their students to enter the contest. Entries may be sent to: Veterans For Peace, 202 Harvard Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106.
PAJOLA — Peace and Justice Organizations Linking Arms

350.org NM 350-6000
Activist Community Podcast trident4@msn.com, 450-1268
ABQ Friends Meeting (Quakers) 843-6450
ABQ Industrial Workers of the World 585-4499
ABQ Mennonite Church 254-1824
ABQ Nat’l Org for Women (NOW) 459-9860
ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 440-6688
Adults Abused As Children 264-8444
Alternative Radio 800-444-1977
Alternatives to Violence Project of No. NM avpnnm@yahoo.com
Animal Liberation ABQ Animal.Liberation.Albuquerque@gmail.com
Biotechture Planet Earth info@biotechtureplanetearth.com
Calming Four Swing Dance 256-0668
Campaign Nonviolence New Mexico (714) 420-6771
Carnivores Anonymous 306-1533
CASHEW 268-6112
Center for Global Awareness drames@globalawareness.org
Citizen Action New Mexico dave@radfreenm.org
Civilian Medical Resources Network 750-2221
Coalition to Stop 30 Billion to Israel 898-4544
Colombia Solidarity Committee of NM 281-8422
Common Ground Rising ecmino10@gmail.com
Conservation Voters of NM Education Fund info@cvnm.org
Cottonwood Medicine Collective cottonwoodmedicine@gmail.com
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Multicultural Council 994-2335
ECC St. Mary Magdalene Community 3677
First Unitarian Church, Social Justice Council 884-1801
Food and Water Watch ebravo@fwwatch.org
Good Food Distribution 315-4167
Friends of Sabeel 828-0546
Generation Justice 277-1831
Global One to One sarah.global1to1@gmail.com
Grandmothers Council 610-8258
Guild Cinema 255-1848
Gray Panthers of Greater Abq. 266-8823
Inscape Ministries (714) 420-6771
Jewish Voice for Peace ABQ albuquerque@jvp.org
Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment 577-8438
Medicine Drum Circle 417-4704
Mindful NM quisuis@hotmail.com
NM Black History Organizing Committee 407-6784
NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice 307-2218
NM Interfaith Power and Light info@nm-ipl.org
NM Japanese American Citizen League 600-1549
NM Peace Choir kmayers@ix.netcom.com
NM Women’s Global Pathways 435-5741
New Energy Economy info@newenergyeconomy.org
Notable Healing notablehealing@gmail.com
People for Peace 986-8676
Power Through Peace powerthroughpeace@gmail.com
Rio Grande Sierra Club, Central Group 243-7767
Santa Feans for Justice in Palestine/Israel (505) 995-9866
Santuario de Karuna 803-9903
Showing Up for Racial Justice—ABQ suriabq@gmail.com
Soka Gakkai International USA 843-6031
SouthWest Organizing Project (SWOP) 247-8832
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 881-9626
St. Oscar Romero Catholic Community 352-4061
St. Tim’s Lutheran Church 255-8001
Stop the War Machine 268-9557
SW Hypnotherapists Examining Board 877-2766
The Water Groups 242-5511
Transgender Resource Center of NM 200-9086
Trinity House Catholic Worker 842-5697
United Voices for Refugee Rights (UVRR) 362-8301
UNM Latin American & Iberian Institute lai@unm.edu
UNM Peace & Global Justice Studies 277-4912
UNM Sustainability Studies Program 277-3325
Veterans for Peace 720-4939

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Would you be interested in volunteering with us?_________________________

What talents and/or skills could you offer ACP&J?_________________________
Support for Kadhim

By Daniel Vega, Organizer, NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice

Kadhim Albummohammed is a husband and a father in Albuquerque, NM, who lived in a church in sanctuary for 2 years. Kadhim is originally from Iraq but made the United States his home after coming to the US as a refugee after the 1st Gulf War. Kadhim lived in sanctuary beginning in June 2017 to buy enough time for his immigration case to move forward, he had been targeted for deportation in 2017 under a then new anti-immigrant executive order by the administration.

Kadhim and his family were and are directly impacted by Trump’s racist and Islamophobic immigration policies. Kadhim had showed up punctually for every appearance needed for his immigration case until his former lawyer failed to notify him of a crucial appearance before a judge in the early 2000's that put him in a deportation process. Even after that, he showed up punctually for years cooperating with ICE and doing what he was told, following the rules of this government’s broken immigration system. He did things “the right way,” but after Trump came into office he was suddenly a threat to national security like many hundreds of Iraqi nationals in 2017, despite putting his life on the line and selflessly helping this country with loyalty.

During the 1st Gulf War Kadhim left the Iraqi army to help the US troops during the war. Because of this he was captured by Iraqi forces, was jailed and survived torture. Years after, during the second Iraq war, he worked as a linguistics and culture sensitivity trainer with thousands of US troops about to be deployed to Iraq. His excellent and outstanding dedication to his training and this country earned him honorable recognition for his service in Fort Irwin, CA. Kadhim is proof of this county’s inherently racist immigration system because no amount of merit or necessity (he’s a 65 year old man with an oxygen tank) was enough to stop this government from labeling and treating him like a criminal just for being a brown Muslim man.

We ask you to consider helping the Albummohammed family in their transition out of sanctuary by contributing to the GoFundMe through the NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice at gofundme.com/help-kadhim-transition-home. Kadhim and his family, all of them US citizens, have served this country in many capacities and sacrificed much, and all they ask is for a chance for Kadhim to live at peace in the place they call home with them.