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KS Coalition: Trump Administration's Humanitarian Crisis Grows

The humanitarian crisis at the southern border continues to unravel at the expense of vulnerable children. In this month of December as families gather to celebrate the holidays, two children have died in US Government "care." The United States human rights abuses must stop.

We speak the names of these innocent children, Jakelin Amei Caal (7 yrs) and Felipe Gomez Alonzo (8 yrs) and mourn their senseless deaths. We along with other social justice organizations across the United States call for full and thorough investigations into their deaths. They were innocent children. They were indigenous children.

Additionally through an Associated Press article, we now know that once again, over 40 unaccompanied minors from the border are being held at The Villages here in Topeka, Kansas. While we understand the conditions at The Villages are better than detention camps like Tornillo in Texas, we hold serious concerns for the length of time the unaccompanied children will be in government custody.

As a Kansas coalition we chide the mainstream media for refusing to delve into the complexities and horrors in the Northern Triangle countries that are Central America. The dangerous trek to the United States is not undertaken lightly. Climate change, drug wars, the legacy of NAFTA and generations of United States interference in controlling the governments of these independent nations, are the layers stacked against those now moving en masse to seek safety away from homelands that bleed perpetual violence.

Please, continue to call your state and national representatives, attend social justice demonstrations, donate to organizations working on the frontlines and share the stories of these people who are traumatized by current law and policy. Together we can fight against these human rights violations.

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