

**DFM in the Community** Department of Family Medicine **Community Engagement Program** University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus** 



## DFM in the Community's

## **Donation Drive**

supporting Aurora migrant workers

with Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition and the Migrant Resource Network

Department of Family Medicine, **DFM in the Community** is making it easy for people to support the **Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition's** efforts assist Aurora's migrant workers. There is a need for slow cookers and rice cookers for working families living in transitional housing (motels, etc.).

## Scan the QR code or follow the link to the Amazon Gift Registry and select a needed item you would like to purchase and donate!

Other ways you can participate:

- 1. You can purchase items for this drive and we will deliver them for you.
- 2. Or drop off items directly: AEOC at 1521 Dayton Street. Aurora, CO 80010
- 3. Looking for hands on volunteering opportunities? Email us!
- Contact us: DFM.CommunityEngagement@cuanschutz.edu



https://tinyurl.com/DFM-AEOC

AEOC website: https://theaeoc.org/

The story behind AEOC's work:

Many folks may be aware of the increase in new migrants that have come to Denver and Aurora. A recent news article, [https://denverite.com/2023/11/15/aurora-migrant-response/], explains how Denver has requested additional funds from FEMA to help their area non-profits manage the additional needs for services, however, this is not the case for Aurora. Local non-profits in Aurora who have been serving migrant, immigrant and refugee populations are doing their best to rise to the occasion without any increase in funds or staff.

The AEOC is one of these important community organizations who has been at the center of trying to meet the needs of this <u>new group of migrant workers</u> who have recently arrived from Venezuela and <u>Mauritania</u> (a northwest African country). Black Mauritanians, <u>have been fleeing Mauritania due to ethnic and racial cleansing</u>. Mauritanians have an added challenge accessing services due to language barriers since they primarily speak Pulaar Mauritanian, Soninke, or Hassānīya.

We are spotlighting the work of the Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition (AEOC) <u>https://theaeoc.org/</u>, formerly the Dayton Street Day Labor Center, because they give critical help to migrant workers and their families. Amongst their many offerings, the AEOC's small and impactful team provides safety and dignity to the Day Laborers of North Aurora in the form of wage theft representation, contracted work acquisition, and by connecting these workers and their families with community resources and needed services.

## Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition Mission

The AEOC strives to promote long-term wealth building within the historically underserved NW Aurora community by empowering professionals and businesses with access to a comprehensive network of valuable resources.

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

-Coretta Scott King

To learn more about challenges Day Laborers face in the US, see this Brill article: <u>https://tinyurl.com/DayLaborUSA</u>