



## Support for Immigrant Families in Crisis (SIFIC)

A working group of the  
Athens Immigrant Rights Coalition  
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Dear Athens resident,

When immigrant and asylum-seeking families arrive in Athens, they immediately begin contributing to our rich community. They make a positive impact in our workplaces and bring energy to our classrooms. However, our city's immigrant residents are increasingly vulnerable to a host of crises including detention, hunger, eviction, homelessness, medical emergencies, and exorbitant fees associated with applying for asylum and work permits. Unlike those of us who've lived in the U.S. all of our lives, many immigrant families lack the resources to overcome such obstacles.

Since 2015, our organization has provided critical short-term assistance and accompaniment to families in crisis. During the pandemic, between 2020-22, we collaborated with Casa de Amistad and the Interfaith Sanctuary Committee to implement the Fondo Solidario, which made almost 2000 payments to families and individuals to help pay rent, utilities, and other emergency bills.

Now, with increasingly aggressive national and state policies towards immigrants, including increasing abandonment of normal due process, we need your support to provide this help. SIFIC must rely on private donors like yourself. By making a one-time donation or becoming a recurring monthly donor, you can ensure that Athens' immigrant residents receive the help they need. Every cent of your donation will go directly to families in crisis, helping them become stable and self-sufficient.

We hope we can count on you!

With gratitude, the all-volunteer members of SIFIC.

### ~WHAT WE NEED~

**Just \$1 a day!**

**100 people to commit to \$30/month  
For one family, this could cover a  
month's rent, utilities, groceries,  
and/or partial legal fees for  
deportation cases, work permits,  
and asylum seekers.**

### One Family's Story

E's family of four arrived in the winter from a violent and crippling Venezuela with nothing but the summer clothes on their backs and the address of a relative in Athens. The relative's landlord did not allow the family to stay, leaving them without housing. The father is working day jobs until he can find steady work. They are applying for asylum and work permits. SIFIC, in collaboration with our wide community network of people and organizations, has assisted in registering the children in school, finding temporary housing, receiving a weekly food basket from the local food bank, connecting them with the local community, and making potential employment connections.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. 98.5% of FUNDS GO TO DIRECTLY TO FAMILIES IN NEED.**

## HOW TO DONATE

### ONE-TIME DONATIONS

*\*SIFIC's fiscal agent since June 2025 is U-Lead, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, registered in the state of Georgia. Donations to SIFIC are reported as income to U-Lead and are eligible to be tax deductible*

*\*Please share your address if you would like a letter for tax purposes.*

### VIA WEBSITE:

<https://www.athensimmigrantrights.org/sific>

**MAIL A CHECK:** Made out to "SIFIC"

To: P.O. Box 7443, Athens GA 30604

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