

Beyond Belief Network Guide

Call to Action: Families Separated at Border June 2018

In June 2018, Foundation Beyond Belief (FBB) launched a Call to Action in response to children being separated from their families at the southern US border. FBB is raising funds to assist children and families with legal representation, appropriate social services, and family reunification. We expect that this Call to Action will not be a short-term effort. Thousands of children have been separated from their parents and reuniting them with their families will take some time.

BBN teams can help!

Work with your team members to raise funds for this important effort! FBB bundles any funds from *your* team with donations from other teams and from individuals to create a larger grant. This larger lump sum is better for the beneficiary organizations and increases the impact of each donation.

If your BBN team raises more money than any other BBN team, FBB will send you 20 of the “Humanism at Work” FBB t-shirts. Or, if you don’t want t-shirts, we will match your donation up to \$250 and it will count towards your team total.

Donate the funds you raised one of two ways:

- **Send FBB a check.** This is the best use of the funds, since FBB will not have to pay credit card processing fees. Send the check to: 211 Baker Rd #531; Barker TX 77413. Be sure to indicate that the check is for the Call to Action: Family Separation at the Border, and include your team’s name and contact information for a representative from your team.
- **Donate online at fbbgive.org.** To be eligible as the team with the largest funds raised, you **must** check the “on behalf of an organization” box and fill out the organization information. If you forget to do this, please [contact us](#) to let you know of your team donation.

Only the donation given by your team will count toward your team total. Individual donations directly to FBB from your team members will be accepted, but they will not be counted toward your team total.

Fundraiser Ideas

- **Pasta Benefit Dinner.** While this is a fundraiser, it is also a social event, and one that can include a lot of nonmembers. Tying your dinner in with the Church of the Flying

Spaghetti Monster can be a way to make it playful and funny, but you can also just host a pasta dinner without this link.

- **24 Hour Marathon.** Choose to do an activity (such as blogging, playing a video game, etc.) for 24 hours. People can pledge per hour/post/achievement or simply donate to the cause.
- **Concert for a Cause.** Music has a wonderful power to bring people together. So why not use that power for a fundraiser?
- **Benefit Bake Sale.** Nothing can raise funds for a great cause faster than a bake sale. Who can resist a cookie, a slice of pie, or other treat?
- **Silent Auction or Raffle.** A successful auction or raffle requires good items, which requires dedicated volunteers for assembling the items. Think about what goods and services your members could offer or contact local businesses for donations. Experiences are popular options. Is one of your members a bird expert? They could offer to take winners for a hike and teach about the birds they encounter.
- **Board Game Night.** Another social event and fundraiser. You can charge for entry and then have fun. You can also combine an event like this with a bake sale or silent auction to increase the ways for participants to give.

Beneficiary Organizations

FBB has chosen two beneficiaries: [Kids in Need of Defense](#) (KIND) and [The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project](#) (aka the Florence Project). Both organizations have worked specifically with immigrant children - improving conditions and preserving rights by providing both legal and social services. They are well situated to address the complex issues that the separated children and families are facing now. FBB previously selected KIND and the Florence Project as beneficiaries in 2014, when we [raised funds](#) to support the thousands of unaccompanied children who were arriving at the US southern border after fleeing poverty and violence in Central and South America.

If you decide to do an event to fundraise, don't forget to submit a [report](#) telling us how it went. An event to raise funds for any current FBB beneficiary will give you two credits toward leveling up.

Questions or Concerns?

If you need help with planning or have additional questions, the best way to contact Beyond Belief Network is to use the [contact webform](#).