

Give on YOUR Birthday

*Use Your Celebration to Advance
Immigrant Justice with NMILC*

Want to use your birthday, anniversary, or other milestone to make an impact? Consider "giving" your celebration to NMILC! We will help you set-up an online donation page specific to your event. A customized link will enable your friends and relatives to donate to NMILC.

Of course, you can still throw a party! In fact, we will send you a promo kit with information about our services, NMILC stickers, and a NMILC t-shirt, to help you celebrate.

If you do throw a party, let us know! We want to celebrate with you and extend a heartfelt thank you for your support.

Questions?

Email our Volunteer & Development Coordinator,
Delaney Swink, at dswink@nmilc.org

SPOTLIGHT

UNIQUE WAYS TO SUPPORT NMILC:

USING CELEBRATIONS TO ADVANCE IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

Many supporters contact the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center (“NMILC”) looking for ways to help support the immigrant community. They want to volunteer but do not know exactly how to make an impact. Still our supporters never fail to impress us with the creative ways in which they support the work of NMILC. This summer we have collected several of their stories. We will be sharing them via newsletters and social media posts in order to express our heartfelt gratitude and hopefully inspire some of you to join in!

Dorothy Wilkinson, an Albuquerque resident, celebrated her 75th birthday by hosting a fundraiser for NMILC in a local pub in March 2020, just before the COVID-19 pandemic struck. “It was my chance to have fun, to engage with my friends, to celebrate my 75th birthday, to help with a cause in which I believe.” Dorothy knew many of her friends, like herself, abhor the current state of immigration, prompting her to use her birthday celebration as a means to support NMILC in our mission to advance justice for immigrant communities. “The last thing I wanted was for people to bring me gifts,” she said, so she encouraged her friends to make donations to NMILC instead.

Over the past few years, Dorothy became increasingly upset by the status of immigrants in our country. She watched the futures of DACA students jeopardized, witnessed the separation of families at our southern border, and saw children being locked in cages. It is clear that the current administration is targeting immigrants and immigrant children. As a life-long educator, Dorothy felt these xenophobic policies were unacceptable and wanted to do something to help.

For Dorothy, it is this simple: “People are people... I feel strongly that it is my responsibility [to fight for immigrant justice] because as a citizen of the United States, whatever [our government] does, they do in my name.”

Thank you to Dorothy for choosing to celebrate your milestone birthday to support NMILC and our collective effort to advance immigrant justice and equity. If you are interested in using your next celebration, be it birthday, anniversary, or just feeling inspired, please contact NMILC’s Volunteer & Development Coordinator, Delaney Swink, at dswink@nmilc.org to talk about ways to show your support!



Dorothy Wilkinson at her home.