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Dear Neighbors,

In recent weeks, our city has become home to thousands of new refugees seeking asylum. While their arrival here is as pawns in a racist game played by Texas governor Greg Abbott and Arizona governor Doug Ducey, [busing people](#) away from their states to Democratic cities, it's gratifying that our broader New York City community can offer them a new start.

But the plans that city officials have been making aren't meeting their needs, from overcrowded shelters to the last-minute [shift in location](#) of a tent city intake center that human rights leaders and the [City Council](#) have opposed. Many new arrivals have lacked [housing and other support](#), as well as [jobs](#). Gothamist recently reported that the city-run Hell's Kitchen Asylum Seeker Resource Center is running [extremely behind](#), asking needy migrants to come back in January. Mayor Adams declared a state of emergency earlier this month (Documented has a good explainer on [what that means](#)). This is where mutual aid comes in.

In addition to supporting local mutual aid collectives like ours, [South Bronx Mutual Aid](#) and [South Brooklyn Mutual Aid](#) are doing particularly targeted work to help our new neighbors. You can also support [NYC ICE Watch](#) and [Team TLC](#). Team TLC in particular highlights the usefulness of small donations: \$5 buys milk and eggs. \$20 buys diapers, and any spare change can be used for laundry money.

Gothamist has a great rundown on other ways you can [give time, money, or supplies](#), from city donation sites to additional recommendations from workers on the ground. We encourage you to help support our new neighbors in any ways you are able.

Read on below for our [October numbers report](#), how you can help neighbors get [Thanksgiving groceries](#), an update on the [Fort Greene Community Fridge](#), [Native American History Month](#), and more!