

Bond fundraising campaigns

Example 1:

Alex (name changed), is a 19 year-old orphan from Guatemala whose father passed away when he was very little and his mother abandoned him when he was only 11 years old, leaving him to fend for himself. He grew up moving around, feeling alone, unprotected, and vulnerable. In order to move away from the hardships of living alone in Guatemala, Alex made the hard decision of coming to United States to start a better future for himself.

Upon entering the United States in November 2016, Alex was detained by ICE and has been in detention ever since. His mental health is slowly deteriorating as he continues to be held in a detentioncenter in Orange, NY. Alex has no family that visits him or anyone to provide emotional support for him.

The Immigration Judge in Alex's case set a \$5,000 bond. Unfortunately, Alex does not have a family member who is able to pay that bond. If released, there is a community member ready to offer a home to Alex in Brooklyn! and Alex would qualify for a path to permanent relief.

Because of the urgency in this case we ask for your support in donating and spreading the word so we can have bond ready by March 23rd. Please help get us get Alex out of detention!

You can send donations to XXXXXX who is the volunteer coordinator of this bond fundraising initiative, by: Venmo: XXXX Paypal: xxxxx

Example 2: Credit to QDEP (Queer Detainee Empowerment Project)

Community,

We need your help! Robert (name changed for confidentiality purposes), is a Black gay Muslim man from Ghana who fled after being brutally attacked by neighbors due to his sexual orientation. Robert entered the United States on October 2016 and asked for asylum. Since that date, Robert has been detained at Hudson County Jail in New Jersey. A lawyer from the Brooklyn Defender Services is currently representing him.

Last week, Robert's deportation officer granted him parole on the condition that he pay a \$5,000 bond. This means that Robert has the chance of being released!!! Robert jumped up and down upon getting this news as his mental state has suffered during his time in detention. Robert must pay his bond amount this week in order to be released, else the bond offer may go away. He has a friend that is willing to house him in the Bronx but who does not have the means to post his bond. If released, Robert will continue to pursue his asylum claim in New York but will at least be able to collect evidence for his case and improve his chances of winning.

Due to the urgency in this case we ask for your support in donating and spreading the word so we can have bond ready by March 22nd. We know the timeline is tight but with community, we know we can raise the money and make a difference in Robert's life. Please help get us get Robert out of detention!

You can send donations to the Queer Detainee Empowerment Project (QDEP), who are coordinating to raise bonds in this case by the following means:

Venmo: XXXXXXXX

Paypal: XXXXXXXX

Please note that all donations will go to the release of Robert. Any residual amount will go to QDEP's Trans/Queer Migrant Freedom Fund.