



Kino Border Initiative  
Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera

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Dear Friends of the KBI:

Thank YOU for your support of the Kino Border Initiative and for sharing our values of dignity, compassion and justice. These are difficult times, and I am so grateful that you stand with us to ensure that there is a humanizing presence on the U.S./Mexico border.

Last summer, the separation of immigrant children from their families thrust our work into the national and international spotlight. Our team of staff and volunteers met unprecedented needs as hundreds of families lined up at the border seeking asylum. We took bold leaps of faith that the resources we needed to increase our services would be there, and YOU responded.

The theme of our 2018 Annual Report is *Encounter*. The quote on the back cover from Octavio Paz communicates this important concept: "*The world changes when two people see and recognize each other.*" I continue to be in awe at the resiliency of the human spirit, and the power of human encounter to significantly impact one life at a time.

Our work is about far more than providing a hot meal, clean clothes and first aid. We are there during moments of lost hope and desperation to remind every migrant man and woman that they are a child of God. They are loved. They are worthy. They are *human*. And perhaps most importantly, *we are human too*.

It is with tremendous gratitude that I share this report of the impact of our work together.

Faithfully,

Rev. Sean Carroll, S.J.  
Executive Director