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## El Paso County Launches 'Sneakers for Asylum Seekers' Event in Commemoration of MLK Day of Service

**EL PASO, TX** — Marking the 30th anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, El Paso County has proudly initiated the 'Sneakers for Asylum Seekers' event. This significant community endeavor encourages residents to donate new or gently worn athletic shoes to support asylum seekers, aligning with the spirit of empathy and service that defines MLK Day.

To ensure the success of the event, community members are invited to participate in the collection and organization of the shoes. Volunteer drivers will gather collection boxes from various locations, while additional volunteers will play a crucial role in sorting the donated shoes.

Shoes will be collected between January 4<sup>th</sup> through January 12<sup>th</sup> and sorted on January 15<sup>th</sup>, the national MLK Day of Service. The 'Sneakers for Asylum Seekers' event stands as a powerful symbol of the community's unity and commitment to the principles of service and social justice championed by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Shoes may be dropped off at the following donation locations:

- County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, 1st & 3rd floors
- Downtown Annex, 320 S. Campbell St.
- Family Youth Services Center, 6314 Delta Dr.
- Fabens Community Center, 201 NW Camp St., Fabens, TX
- Agua Dulce Community Center, 15371 Kentwood Ave.
- Canutillo Community Center, 7351 Bosque Rd., Canutillo, TX
- Justice of the Peace #7, 435 Vinton Rd., Suite C, Vinton, TX

The public is invited to learn more about volunteer opportunities by emailing volunteer@epcounty.com.

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