



Thank you for joining us for our third UR on the Move event - a 1/2 mile walk in support of The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights. Through this event, we not only want to raise funds for The Young Center to continue in their commitment to vulnerable children, but also want to bring awareness to the heartbreaking reality that many immigrants face today.

We walk a 1/2 mile knowing that over 1/2 of the children who are arriving alone in the U.S. will have no one to represent them in immigration court, making it five times more likely that they will be deported back to the countries or situations they were fleeing in the first place. With our government projecting more than 70,000 unaccompanied children arriving at our borders this year, that means over 35,000 kids will be charged, placed in deportation proceedings, face a judge, without an attorney to represent them, and will be treated like an adult... and all of this without any "best interest standard in immigration law" for children.

We walk to support The Young Center as they fulfill their mission to:

- SERVE unaccompanied children who are fleeing violence, trafficking, abuse, and extreme poverty.
- ADVOCATE for the safety and well-being of each child, while they're detained and throughout deportation proceeding – every step of the way.
- STAND for the creation of an immigration system that serves children.

Note to Parents: This is just a guide... please use your discretion and feel free to skip or modify based on the ages of your kids.

Start

Before you begin to walk - take three deep breaths. Why did you decide to walk today? This year over 35,000 kids (about the size of the population of Richfield, MN) will need an outpouring of love and support as they face overwhelming obstacles and find themselves in a system without legal safeguards committed to the wellbeing and safety of children. Take a moment to set an intention. The word intention is derived from Latin *intendere* or *intentio*, which means both "stretching" and "purpose." How might this stretch you beyond the place you are currently - possibly toward a different state of mind, a new action, or a new commitment to working toward a more just world.

At the halfway mark - reflect on these questions. If you are with others, take a moment to discuss "what sticks out to you" as you walk.

- Immigrants often travel for weeks or months and carry just their most important possessions. Imagine if you had to leave home - what would you bring?
- Part of The Young Center's mission is to "ensure the safety and well-being of every child." Take a minute to reflect on this question: what helps me feel safe?
- This is what the Lord says: Judge fairly, and show mercy and kindness to one another. Do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart. Zechariah 7:9-10 - What might this verse mean for our lives today?

Halfway

Finish!

You made it! Consider closing out this time by taking a moment to pray. One idea for a simple prayer is found on the next page. Now, return to your intention. How might your intention propel you to taking one next step beyond this walk tonight? The next page is also filled with resources, ideas, and next steps.

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Resources & Next Steps



PRAY

Lord God, help us to remember those who tonight will go to sleep unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes. So many carry wounds, mental and physical. So many have suffered greatly. Grant us compassion for their plight, soften our hearts to their situation, and help us follow your lead in seeking justice and mercy on their behalf. And we pray for an end to the wars, poverty, and human rights abuses that drive people to become refugees in the first place.



WATCH

"Which Way Home" is a documentary that follows unaccompanied child migrants, on their journey through Mexico, as they try to reach the United States. These are stories of hope and courage, disappointment and sorrow. With a subscription, you can watch [here](#) or [here](#).

"Immigration Nation" is a [2020 Netflix docuseries](#) that takes a deep look at US immigration today. (Note: Contains material that may be disturbing. Viewer discretion is advised.)

This [Instagram Live interview](#) highlights the important work of The Young Center.



READ

Take some time this fall to learn more. Here is [a list of books](#) to help facilitate that learning.

And for the grown-ups with kids in your lives - here is [a list for kids and young adult readers](#).

TAKE ACTION

Whether it is in the form of [sharing financial resources](#) (all funds will go directly to the Young Center) or [using your voice to advocate](#) for immigrant rights or [continuing the conversation with the young people in your life](#) - don't underestimate the goodness of one small step.

AND DON'T FORGET...

If you haven't already - we would love for you to snag a photo. Tag us on social media [@urminneapolis](#). And if you share proof of your completed walk (through the Strava app or social media), UR will make a \$10 donation to The Young Center for each participant!

