

ABARA: YOUR 2023 IMPACT

Abara means “ford” in a number of semitic languages signifying a place where a river is shallow enough to cross

Our desire is to cultivate a space where people can move in humility across divides

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING | EDUCATION | MEANINGFUL ACTION
NARRATIVE | SYSTEMS | PERSONAL CHANGE

PROJECT

VISION

IMPACT

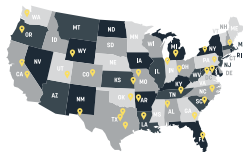
BORDER RESPONSE

Holistic equipping, dignified hospitality, shelter support, and leader care in partnership *with* our forcibly displaced neighbors

- **96** *Huellas* micro-enterprise and leadership training workshops held for **146** shelter guests
- **32** shelters supported with supplies and resources; **75-80%** of shelters led by faith communities
- Facilitated **30,000** dinners in Juárez and over **12k** migrant neighbors supported with food

BORDER ENCOUNTERS

2-3 day educational, immersive experience to inspire connections beyond borders



- Approximately **300** total leaders hosted in 2023 representing **21** different states and **13** different denominations
- **100%** are better equipped to contextualize current border realities with friends and family
- **83%** are better equipped to advocate for systems change
- **97%** better understand the root causes of forced displacement
- **91%** challenged their personal beliefs and understanding of immigration

ABARA HOUSE

A Borderland Center for Beloved Community inviting neighbors to listen, learn, reflect, lament, and celebrate the complex histories, current realities and rich cultures of the region

- Phase I **25%** funded (**\$500+k**)
- Completed initial **adobe study**
- Unanimous city council approval for general-mixed use (G-MU) **zoning change**
- Hired **historic preservation and planning firm**, Able City

“I feel privileged to have seen the best of a community while visiting El Paso and Juárez. I felt encouraged knowing that really good people are doing great work where there is desperate need and heartache. Many people are drawn to the negative connotation that immigration carries...But what I saw was far from negative. In fact, I would consider the work a representation of the best of humanity. My experience with the border encounter has helped direct my motives and materialize significant action on my part.”

- BORDER ENCOUNTER PARTICIPANT