Support

HT94 is a massive undertaking and needs support to be fully realized. Part of our mission is to bring this exhibition to underserved communities across the United States, Latin America, and beyond.

Your tax-deductible gift would make all the difference towards assisting some of our global partners with exhibition costs, supporting educational outreach directed at empowering migrants and refugees (including children) to tell their stories, and ensuring that we can spread our message throughout the world.

HT94 has the potential to spark change, inspire hearts, and share the untold journeys of many lost souls. We hope we can count on you to be a part of this global movement.

Ways to Make a Difference

• DONATE ONLINE – every little bit counts, even the change in your sofa cushions!
• DONATE MILES – overloaded with extra miles? Help our team members get to our 150 global locations by donating your miles towards an award ticket!
• IN KIND DONATIONS – have a space where we could host an event? Could you donate food or beverages? Let’s talk!
• VOLUNTEER – please contact us!

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Hostile Terrain 94

For all upcoming exhibitions please visit our events page below. A full list of current hosting partners can be found below as well. Want to volunteer or become a host? Email us!

Events:
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HOSTILE TERRAIN 94

Hostile Terrain 94 (HT94) is a participatory art project organized by the UMP. It will launch over a six month period from May to October 2020 occurring in over 150 cities globally.

“Not a single identifier is known of this person. Not their name, age, sex. Nothing. An identity lost forever”

Notes from an anonymous volunteer shared on the back of a toe tag.

Background

In 1994 the United States Border Patrol launched the immigration enforcement strategy known as “Prevention Through Deterrence (PTD)”. As a result of heightened security measures at urban points of entry, undocumented migrants were forced to traverse extremely treacherous environments, land dubbed as “Hostile Terrain” by U.S. Border Patrol. PTD failed to deter border crossers and instead, more than six million people have attempted to migrate through the Sonoran desert of Southern Arizona since the 1990s. At least 3,200 people have died, largely from dehydration and hyperthermia, while attempting this journey through Arizona. PTD is still the primary border enforcement strategy being used on the U.S./Mexico border today.

Installation

The exhibition is composed of approximately 3,200 individually handwritten toe tags that represent migrants who have died trying to cross the Sonoran Desert of Arizona from the mid-1990s through present. These tags are placed on an enlarged wall map of the desert showing the exact locations where the remains were found. The magnitude of this exhibition would not be possible without the thousands of volunteers participating world-wide and our many hosting partners. We hope individuals will emotionally connect with the information being conveyed on the tags, memorialize and stand in solidarity with these lost lives, and take part in the greater migration conversation.

The Undocumented Migration Project (UMP) is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit arts-education-research collective aiming to humanize the migrant experience between Latin America and the United States. UMP projects are collaborative public endeavors meant to inspire and engage participants to work towards positive social change.