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WATTERLOO - El Centro Latinoamericano, the Latino resource center in Waterloo, is seeking donations for its assistance to Agriprocessors detainees from Monday's immigration raid in Postville.

"We have many needs, but most of all we need help financially," El Centro officials said in a release. "We have volunteers and staff members who have been driving back and forth to Postville every day, transporting family members who want to come to Waterloo to visit their family members" who have been in detention at the National Cattle Congress in Waterloo.

"We have a number of people staying in Waterloo who are waiting for their family members to be released from detention," El Centro officials said. They are also working on getting detained minors released.

"We are providing all of these people with food, shelter, clothing, diapers, baby formula, and other necessities," officials continued. "We desperately need financial donations to help pay for these costs. El Centro is a very small non-profit organization and we are overwhelmed with the financial burden that this tragedy is causing.

Donations may be made to any Veridian Credit Union in the Iowa, to the "Postville Support" account.

Donations also may be made to El Centro, 500 E. Fourth Street, Suite 321 in Waterloo.