



OCTOBER 3, 2026 • SHUT DILLEY DOWN HOUSTON TO DILLEY

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WHAT WE DID

Community members traveled from Houston to Dilley to stand against the detention of children and families. Onsite, participants were given opportunities to speak about why they came and why family detention demands public attention. Leticia Gutierrez, a candidate for Congressional District 9 in Houston, joined the action as a community member.

THE BUTTERFLIES

Participants placed handmade butterflies along the fence line. The butterflies represent children, freedom, movement, and transformation. They were placed there intentionally: to draw the eyes of people passing the facility toward the fence and toward the children and families being held behind it. Each butterfly was created by community members and carried with us to Dilley as part of a collective message, we see you, and you have not been forgotten.

A PEACEFUL, PREPARED ACTION

We were met with a significant ranger presence, but our community came prepared. Space City Marshals and Space City Street Medics were on site, transportation and participant accountability were coordinated, and clear safety plans were in place. The entire action remained peaceful and concluded without incident.

Everyone who traveled with us returned home safely.

WHAT WE BROUGHT HOME

Some participants arrived carrying real fear about demonstrating outside an immigration detention facility. By the end of the day, many shared that seeing how carefully the action had been organized helped ease those fears.

On the ride home, participants were already asking when we were going back.



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