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NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER
Rise Up AND Act for Justice

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Release Funding for Unaccompanied Children **Statement by Fran Eskin-Royer, Executive Director** **National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd**

(Silver Spring, MD) – Can we not at least agree that children need our protection? We are dismayed by the callousness from the Trump Administration in cutting off all federal funding that helps unaccompanied children comprehend the complex immigration court system that they are thrust into upon entering the United States.

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd calls for compassion. These children have endured much hardship in their home countries and on their terrifying journeys. They need support. They need an advocate. They need safety. And according to U.S. law, these unaccompanied children are the responsibility of the United States Government.

We call on the Trump Administration to unfreeze these funds and allow these public-private partnerships to do their jobs and help these vulnerable children safely navigate our court system.

[The National Advocacy Center](#) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The National Advocacy Center reflects the spirituality, history and mission of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (better known as the Sisters of the Good Shepherd). The sisters and their agencies work in solidarity with the disenfranchised – particularly families, women and children – who often are forgotten, left-behind or dismissed.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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