The New York Times reported that in March, border agents encountered nearly 19,000 children at the border—the largest number recorded in a single month—most of them fleeing poverty and violence in Central America. The growing border crisis calls for a conversation with forefront humanitarian aid volunteers and longtime activists whose work advocates for human rights and humane immigration policies on issues related to the U.S.-Mexican border.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1:30PM (PDT) VIA ZOOM**

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**Dr. Jacqueline Arellano**, L.Ac DACM is an acupuncturist, herbalist, counselor, and organizer, living and practicing in the California borderlands she calls home. As Director of Holistic Health services for Border Kindness in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico and in her own San Diego based practice, she is committed to supportive medicine that is accessible, integrative, and comprehensive for all. She serves as Director of Community Development for Influential Point, an online social venture organization leveraging digital media to advance health justice for all and as Co-Director of the Water Drop Program for the migrant advocacy group Border Angels. Jacqueline is of the firm belief that access to health is what is truly revolutionary.

**James Cordero** is a second-generation United States citizen who has dedicated his life to providing humanitarian aid and studying along the United States/Mexico border. As Water Drop Program Co-Director for Border Angels, James has led groups to areas along the southern border to leave water, food, and other critical supplies in locations unseen by nearly most people in the world. A vocal activist, James uses his stature and appearance to speak up against government agencies and speak out against injustices, correct myths and fallacies presented by the United States government and mainstream media. For years, James has documented the rise of militarization along the southern border throughout the United States, the desert terrain migrants cross through, and the international migration crisis along the southern border. Publishing photographs, real stories and providing humanitarian aid along the U.S./Mexico border has led to being listed on United States and Mexico federal watch lists.

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