

The *Times Union* must be commended for continuing to support those who are committed to improving the lives of undocumented migrants. The 6/5/19 edition reports on NYS legislators' plan to ensure that migrant children separated from their asylum-seeking families and are being held in detention centers throughout the state be given all the services they need and are entitled to. This humanitarian approach was also seen in the same edition's "Viewpoint" reprint of the *amNewYork* editorial in support of Scott Warren now on trial for assisting migrants found in the Arizona desert. The charges against Dr. Warren, a faculty member of the University of Arizona, remind me that I could also be arrested and charged with the same 'crimes.' As a member of the Green Valley-Sahaurita Samaritans, an organization that believes there should be no more deaths in the desert and that humanitarian aid is never a crime, I have left gallon jugs of water in the desert on known migrant trails and have travelled the back roads along the Arizona-Mexican border to find and help migrants who may be lost and disoriented, dehydrated and hungry, or injured. My fellow Samaritans are prepared to help these individuals and I feel justified in supporting the efforts of my colleagues and others who share our beliefs like Dr. Warren. What the world needs now is a more humanitarian approach to helping those who are fleeing violence and seeking better lives for themselves and their families.

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