



America's Largest Shelter for Migrant Children Accused of Corruption Including Financial Crimes and Child Abuse

Austin, Texas: Southwest Key Programs' CEO, Juan Sanchez resigned following several investigations accusing the nonprofit migrant housing charity of child abuse and monetary corruption. Southwest Key, the largest shelter provider for migrant children, was awarded more than \$1.8 billion in federal funds over the past 10 years for housing unaccompanied minors in more than two dozen shelters. In addition to child abuse charges, Southwest Key is being investigated for allegedly misusing federal funds, including allegations that \$61 million in assets was lent to real estate developers. In one instance, the charity reportedly lent \$6 million to purchase and renovate a Wal-Mart into a shelter facility, which Southwest Key subsequently rented for \$5 million annually, according to the NY Times.

Southwest Key Programs' CEO is stepping down after multiple investigations accusing the nonprofit migrant housing charity of child abuse and fiscal impropriety.

“Widespread misunderstanding of our business and unfair criticism of our people have become a distraction our employees do not deserve, and I can no longer bear. It’s time for new beginnings,” Juan Sanchez said in a letter to staff [obtained](#) by CNN.

[Southwest Key’s](#) board of directors announced Monday that Sanchez, 71, would retire from the Austin-based organization after 30 years. The organization was awarded more than [\\$1.8 billion](#) in federal funds over the past 10 years for primarily housing unaccompanied minors in more than two dozen shelters. The charity collected more than \$500 million in 2018 alone, and is currently the largest shelter provider for migrant children, [according](#) to the Arizona Republic.

Allegations have included excessive compensation (Sanchez’ 2016 salary was \$1.5 million), and lax employee vetting procedures that led to [child abuse](#).

Additionally, in December the DOJ [announced](#) it would investigate the nonprofit’s financial operations for misuse of federal funds. The charity engaged in banking transactions, having amassed \$61 million in cash, according to a New York Times [article](#), by lending money to real estate developers. It also rented shelters owned by Sanchez and Chief Financial Officer Melody Chung, which investigators may interpret as self-dealing. Chung resigned

shortly
after the DOJ announcement.

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