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BIG BOLD IDEA
Change U.S.-Mexico border policies by witnessing human rights violations on the border, serving the families of missing migrants, and producing reliable data-driven research.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW
The mission of the Colibrí Center for Human Rights is to end migrant death and suffering on the U.S.-Mexico border through forensic research, human identification, and education. Our database of missing and unidentified migrants along the border enables families, regardless of legal status or nationality, to achieve the basic human right to know the fate of a missing loved one. We envision a border where the protection of human life is paramount. As the only organization combining forensic science, research, and advocacy, Colibrí aims to shift the conversation about immigration from one characterized by fear to one characterized by compassion.

PERSONAL BIO
Robin Reineke is the co-founder and executive director of the Colibrí Center for Human Rights. The Colibrí Center uses science and storytelling to protect the human rights of migrants on the U.S.-Mexico border. Reineke’s closest friends growing up in Seattle, Washington, were immigrants and refugees. Their painful yet hopeful stories were an inspiration that contributed to her life-long commitment to human rights work. After completing her BA from Bryn Mawr College, Robin received a Master’s in Anthropology at the University of Arizona. A former National Science Foundation Fellow, Reineke is currently a doctoral candidate in anthropology, and expects to complete her Ph.D. in 2014. Before Colibrí, Reineke spent nearly a decade working to help families of missing migrants last seen crossing the border. Her research on immigration, human rights, forensic science, and the U.S.-Mexico border has gained international attention and has been featured in the New York Times, the BBC, the Los Angeles Times, The Economist, The Nation, and in the award-winning documentary film, Who Is Dayani Cristal?

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Civil and Human Rights

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Tucson, United States

Impact Location
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Organization Structure
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