

North State GIVING TUESDAY

Many thanks to those who donated to SEACM on **Giving Tuesday**. We were able to raise **\$4,782**. We look forward to participating in 2017! Thank you!!

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SEACM Office With a New Look

We were fortunate to receive the gift of cream colored carpeting from a Board Member to replace the old indoor/outdoor dark grey look. One of our benefactors and another Board member donated the time to put in the new carpet (and get rid of the old!!!) One of our clients became my "office decorator" and donated a huge beautiful blue slab of plywood. One Saturday we took out the old desk and computer desk and the office decorator moved the file cabinets around. I cannot believe the difference in the place. We went from 1970 to 2016! The office is now full of light and modern looking. Please stop by if you get a chance.

CHALLENGING TIMES FOR IMMIGRANTS (a note from Alice)....

This has been a busy and varied month. I find that the immigrant community that I deal with here in Shasta County is very apprehensive of the current climate of tolerance...or lack thereof. Today I prepared my monthly report for our Board of Directors. In January 2017 I have helped fill out 11 Citizenship Applications. Several were for clients who finally reached the date that they were eligible to submit their applications, and the rest for clients who had waited years and finally were encouraged by the political climate to apply. I arranged for 3 of these clients to have free tutoring, and each applicant had to pay \$725 to submit the application. The clients came from Mexico, the Philippines and a Mien, a Lao and a Hmong client. In addition I helped with the documentation and forms for 12 Family Unity Applications. A fiancé may be able to come from Mexico, 4 young families will be able to adjust status for their spouses who are conditional legal residents, a young husband may come into the country legally from Guatemala, and several families who have waited years to arrive at the front of the immigration line will have their final interviews in Vientiane, Ciudad Juarez and Toronto. I daily receive calls from parents who want to prepare and sign Notarized documents naming the person who will be legally responsible for their minor children if the parents are not able to be here. There are individual stories with each of these clients and many more. Ask me and I can share some with you!

HELP SOMEONE BECOME AN AMERICAN



CITIZEN

If you have the time and energy to donate, we have people who are in need of tutoring in preparation for taking the Citizenship test. The materials can be found online and each new citizen is so grateful for the help she or he received from you, a new friend. For more information, please contact **Alice at the office (241-5802)**. You will probably learn something about American history in the process!