

### SEACM Board of Directors

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### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS....another way to help SEACM!**

SEACM is now part of the **Thrivent Choice** program through **Thrivent Financial**. For more information or to become a Thrivent member, go to [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).

Here is a brief explanation of the **Thrivent Choice** program:

#### Thrivent Choice

Giving back has always been important to our members. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has provided more than \$120 million through the Thrivent Choice® program to help congregations, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations since the program launched in 2010.

Thrivent Choice lets you recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go by directing Choice Dollars® and by participating in Voting Events. Go to [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) and click on "Making a Difference". Then click on **Thrivent Choice** for more information.

*Over the years, Thrivent has provided SEACM with Action Grants in the amount of \$250 each, which have been used to help defray some of the cost of our Riverfront buyouts.*

### *Tugging at the heart strings....(a note from Alice)*

The DACA Program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival) has been increasingly in the news. The application consists of 3 forms. The last form asks the applicant to briefly state why they would like a Work Permit. The application, which costs \$495, must be renewed every 2 years. It is exclusively for immigrants who came as young children. Each has an individual story, but here are 3 samples from the SEACM files printed with the permission of the applicants – but anonymously for this article. I find them poignant. A

**I want to work to help out my family financially, so we can strive for a better future without worrying about having enough for groceries or the rent payment. I see how much my dad works and how sometimes struggles financially. It hurts seeing him struggle the way he does. I am the oldest of four boys and I want to help by buying my little brothers clothes, shoes, and common necessities for school.**

I would like to stay living in the United States because it's the country I've grown up in and where I've had my life experiences. Living here would provide me the opportunity to receive the important education I need for a good job that would also help my future.

**I would like to get my Work Permit again because it has changed my life around in many positive ways. I am now able to work without any fear. I was able to attend college and graduate from cosmetology school. Having a Work Permit has helped me raise my children and for them to be proud of their mother knowing that I was able to attend a college without any fear.**