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SEACM's mission is to welcome refugees and immigrants of all nationalities and assist them in becoming healthy, productive members of our community.

Thanks to You, Giving Tuesday a Success!

On Tuesday, November 28, 2017, over 120 nonprofits participated in North State Giving Tuesday. Thanks to



generous donors, SEACM received \$7,102 in contributions to support our mission of providing assistance free of charge to refugees and immigrants. On top of that, an anonymous donor covered the processing fees charged by Shasta Regional Community Foundation, so SEACM's final amount raised was \$7,502.96! We are so grateful to all those who gave to SEACM during Giving Tuesday. Your contributions will be used to support North State immigrants and refugees in need through assistance with green cards, preparation for citizenship, filling out immigration and refugee paperwork and forms, and much more.

SEACM Stats for 2017

Each year, SEACM does an end of year assessment of how we are doing...who did we serve, what types of services were provided, how much assistance was given, and what countries did our clients come from? We thought you would like to see the compiled data from 2017, as follows:

* Scheduled Appointments	709
* Applications for Family Unity	114
* N-400 Citizenship Applications	102
* Green Card Renewals	66
* DACA	95
* Webinar and Training	9

Director Alice also works with Public Health, Shasta County Sheriff's Office, Social Services, Red Cross, Children's Services, Head Start, La Cooperative, School Districts, Congressman La Malfa's Office, Women's Health Clinic, One Safe Place, Far Northern Regional Center, Planned Parenthood, Redding Police Department, Northern Vally Catholic Social Services, UC Davis Medical Center, Enloe Hospital, and many more.

People Served by SEACM in 2017 came from the following countries:

Mexico....Laos....Philippines....Thailand...Algeria....
 Vietnam....Nicaragua....China ... Canada... Morocco...
 Germany...Italy...Japan....Honduras...Iran...Cuba... Peru...Lebanon...
 Afghanistan....Brazil....India....El Salvador....Colombia....
 Costa Rica...Venezuela....Denmark....Scotland....South Africa....
 South Korea....Libya....Niger.....Fiji....Panama....Sweden....
 Jamaica....Bolivia....Czech Republic ...Trinidad....So. Guinea

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Your Giving Makes a Difference

Many, many thanks for your continued support. Immigrants and refugees need our prayers and support, now more than ever.

Your giving helps support areas such as the Director's position, citizenship resource materials, ongoing education and training, and administrative costs.

You may mail your donation today to: SEACM, 2315 Placer Street, Redding, CA 96001. Your gifts are a blessing to us and to the people we serve. God bless you.



From the Desk of Director Alice...

Anastacia's Legacy – I have struggled over a topic this month as much is happening on a daily basis in this “world of immigration” where I spend much of my waking hours. I really want the SEACM community to know the depth of the SEACM outreach to the North State. On December 16, 2017, I attended a memorial service in Red Bluff for Anastacia, an 86 year old Hispanic great grandmother. SEACM helped fill out Anastacia's Citizenship application in 2005. SEACM also helped to fill out applications for Anastacia's two daughters (2010 and 2012), Anastacia's eldest granddaughter (2010) and her husband (Carlos became a citizen on September 30, 2017). SEACM was also instrumental in bringing Anastacia's eldest grandson's wife and infant daughter to the USA (2013), initially on a two year conditional visa, now a ten year permanent visa and soon USA citizenship. Every one of these people are hardworking, taxpaying North State residents. I rather feel like I am recounting a Bible story that talks about this person “begat” that one. This is just one family and I could write another page on the involvement of SEACM in Carlos' extended family. SEACM has touched so many lives and generations in its 30 years of existence. I could fill a book of accounts of different North State families from all over the world where SEACM has made a difference.

What is Temporary Protected Status?

There has been lots of talk in the media the past few weeks about a program that has existed for some 20 years...TPS or *Temporary Protected Status* of El Salvador citizens. In January 2018 President Trump discontinued TPS for citizens of El Salvador. SEACM is working with ten local clients who have TPS status from El Salvador. They have lived here in the USA since 2001 and have families, homes and jobs here. They have Work Permits which they must renew every 18 months, which now cost \$540, and they pay taxes. Nearly 20 years of their lives have been spent in the USA. They entered the USA after two devastating earthquakes struck their country. The current plan is to give these people 18 months “to put their affairs in order and leave the USA.” There is much discussion around the country and in Washington D.C. about this and we will have to see how and when it is resolved.

More Information on DACA

DACA or *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals* is an executive program that was begun under President Obama. There were quite a few caveats to qualify for the DACA designation. SEACM filled out 166 initial applications for DACA for young people from Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Trinity and Siskiyou counties. It cost \$495 to apply and get a Work Permit that had to be renewed every two years. The program started in 2012 and most of SEACM's 166 “DACA Kids” renewed their status two and sometimes three times. President Trump has taken action to rescind the program (www.immigrationadvocates.org) and there is much speculation as to what will happen to these bright, hard working young adults.