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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.

Save the Date! Coming Event...

Riverfront Playhouse Buyout

•• **LITTLE WOMEN** ••
Wed., July 31st • 7:30 pm

A drama by author Louise May Alcott & John Ravold. Directed by Annie Bakaleinikoff. A story that never gets old for its treatment of a mother's love for her children and their appreciation.

Thanks to You, Once Again, Giving Tuesday a Success!



On Tuesday, November 27, 2018, over 170 nonprofits participated in North State Giving Tuesday. Thanks to generous donors, SEACM received \$2,119.61 in contributions to support our mission of providing assistance free of charge to local refugees and immigrants. We are so grateful to all those who gave!

From the Desk of Director Alice...

SEACM is working with nearly 200 DACA recipients from the North State with the vast majority residing in Shasta County. USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) is no longer accepting new applicants but is accepting two year renewals. There are four parts to the renewal. In addition, you must pay \$495 and submit two passport photos. The last form asks you to write why you want to renew your Work Permit. The following letter is from a SEACM client, graduate of high school here in Shasta County who submitted this letter as his reason to renew his DACA Work Permit. He said I could share his letter but he prefers to remain anonymous.

"Dear USCIS:

Thank you, thank you for the opportunity you have given me these past few years, allowing me to work legally in this country and have the economic independence I have always strived for. I am eternally gracious to have the opportunity to make my own living in a legal, responsible manner. The United States has given me all I can ask for ever since I was three. This country is all I have ever known. If it weren't for this country I would have had to endure the same hardships that my parents had. The United States has allowed me to live a life full of joy, ambition, and privilege.

I wish to contribute to my society. I want to continue working and give back to the country that gave me so much. If it weren't for this work permit I wouldn't be where I am today. My parents instilled in me a great work ethic and a sense of responsibility to do my part in my community. I hope to one day fulfill my dreams through my hard work. I would just like to restate how appreciative I am and I hope it is not too late.

Sincerely, —DACA recipient—"

SEACM's 30-Year Celebration Dinner at the Lema Ranch McConnell Foundation on November 8, 2018, was a well attended success, thanks to you! Speaker Sai Chang, from the Sacramento Field Office of USCIS, spoke about DACA and its current status.



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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.



Farewell to Board Member Debbie Livingston...and Welcome to Cathy Lefler

Debbie faithfully represented First United Methodist Church for many years as a SEACM Board Member and Treasurer. She and her husband have moved to Southern California to be closer to their children and grandchildren. We wish them well. They will be greatly missed.

Welcome to Cathy Lefler, the new Board Member representing First United Methodist. We are excited to have her on our Board.

SEACM Facts and Figures for 2018

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 2018, as follows:

* Scheduled Appointments (with Director)	506
* Applications for Family Unity	89
* Citizenship Applications	61
* Green Card Assistance	62
* DACA (Deferred Action Childhood Arrival)	69
* Community Outreach Events	35
* TPS (Temporary Protected Status)	4

People Served by SEACM in 2018 came from the following 28 countries:

Mexico....Laos....Philippines...Thailand...Vietnam...China...Canada
Morocco...Germany...Honduras...Peru...Brazil....Yugoslavia
India....Indonesia...El Salvador....Colombia....Guatemala
Costa Rica...Venezuela....Scotland....Spain...Pakistan
South Korea....Niger....Bolivia....Czech RepublicRomania

Recommended Book Read... *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario (She spoke at Shasta College on Feb. 6th)

Story of a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the U.S.
www.enriquesjourney.com

Recommended Art Gallery Online Visit...

Arc Gallery, San Francisco, "Liberty" Exhibition

Art interpretations of what defines liberty in the United States...
<https://www.arc-sf.com/liberty.html>