

EAST BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT 2017 IN REVIEW



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- In October 2017, Sister Maureen was awarded a **lifetime achievement award** through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for her work with refugees, asylum-seekers, and undocumented minor children.
- EBSC was one of 3 nonprofits to receive the **2017 Espiritu Award** from the Isabel Allende Foundation, for our work with immigrant women.

PRO-BONO LEGAL SERVICES FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

EBSC's refugee rights program – one of the largest in the country – successfully provided legal status to individuals escaping war, terror, persecution, gender abuse, and other violence. EBSC:

- **Filed 250 Affirmative Asylum applications.** To date, nearly **3,500** of our asylum cases have been granted. We also completed **26 U-Visa**, **400 Residency** and **110 Naturalization** applications.
- Maintained **377 Open Cases for Unaccompanied Children.** Our youngest client was one year old and was the child of another EBSC client, age 15.
- Submitted **383 new and renewal DACA applications.** When the DACA program was terminated on October 5, 2017, EBSC filed 89 renewal applications within one month, and is now screening **1,000 DACA applicants** for permanent immigration relief.

ACCESS TO HEALTH, WORK, AND HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING

EBSC empowered recently arrived immigrants to develop their leadership skills, advocate for improved policies and services, and navigate health, job, and social services systems.

- Trained **20 immigrant leaders** in human rights, workers' and tenants' rights, public speaking, navigating social services, financial literacy, and health. Hosted weekly **"Know Your Rights" workshops** for **20** EBSC clients each week and **6 school presentations** reaching **150 students.**
- Organized **3 community forums** on the Trust Act, AB60, DACA/DAPA, and Know Your Rights, reaching **150** community members and facilitated **2 Employment and Health Fairs**, reaching over **50** people.
- Offered **12 dental clinics** reaching **20** children and adults. EBSC clients referred to Berkeley Free Clinic have received thousands of dollars worth of dental work.
- Referred over **200 clients** to social services.

TRANSFORMED LIVES AND SOLIDARITY

- Mobilized and trained **124 volunteers**, including law students, interpreters, and pro bono lawyers.
- **Partnered with dozens of legal organizations and other allies** to advocate for improved immigration policies on local, state, and national levels.
- Provided solidarity and financial support for grassroots education and economic development in Haiti.

ENGLISH SKILLS, CITIZENSHIP, AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Provided **1,440** hours of ESL instruction to **43** indigenous adults and youth and partnered **15** home-based refugee families with ESL volunteers. Hosted **2** trainings for ESL volunteers.
- Supported **20** people to participate in weekly Citizenship and Civics classes and referred over **50** permanent residents to citizenship classes at other institutions.
- Built a partnership with the English Studies Institute through which **5** young students received scholarships between \$1000 to \$1600 for 3-week ESL sessions.

"Teaching the civics class at Santuario has brought me a lot of cultural healing. Although I'm half Mexican and half Hondurena, I never experienced the cultural heritage of being Central American – and felt very sad and incomplete. Santuario educated me about the deep struggles of being indigenous in Central America, the scars of the civil war in El Salvador, and the perilous journey that my people take to come to the U.S. for the sake of hope. My soul has been forever knitted to these people and I have gained my heritage as well as a love and compassion that I didn't have before."

– Zelina, Volunteer

Your Renewed Support Will Help EBSC Continue to Change Lives in 2018!