



### Founder's Greeting

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Spring is here and we're pleased to share some of PRERNA's latest activities to support local refugees. In this newsletter, we feature a new article from our Healthcare Team Leader who is empowering refugee families by helping them access healthcare services. Welcome our new volunteers and learn about our events.

As federal aid to refugees has declined and resettlement agencies are losing resources, PRERNA plans to fill the gap and support more refugees. In 2017, we served 100 refugees (up from 60 in 2016) with the help of our all-volunteer staff who gave a total of 8638 hours. Cash gifts and In-kind donations also rose in line with increased services.

Refugees are like us. They want a chance to get an education, find work and build a better life. [Become a monthly donor](#) to give PRERNA sustainable income that will help more refugee families. Thank you for your continued support.

## MAKE A DONATION

### Healthcare Services Spotlight by Lorrene Randazzo, Team Leader

As part of PRERNA's continuum of services, we help refugees access and understand health services in the U.S. It is common for newly arrived families to have a variety of medical problems from minor to serious. By meeting with each person, we learn about their existing health conditions and concerns. Then, our health team introduces them to the doctors, dentists and services they need. We help make appointments and drive them to their medical visits.



[Read more about how PRERNA is empowering refugees](#) to start their new lives with strong physical, mental and emotional health.

### Entrepreneurship: Inspire & Be Inspired W.IN.S (Womens INner Strength) Annual Event Saturday, April 21, San Jose, CA

PRERNA will be cosponsoring the [2nd Annual Event of W.IN.S. \(Womens INner Strength\)](#), a group led by a committee of women leaders who aim to create a space of inspiration and learning to empower women in their day to day lives. Highlights include a Panel Session, a pitchfest, networking opportunities and a surprise activity. Fifty percent of all registration fees will be donated to PRERNA, an all women-led, non-profit organization that helps refugees rebuild their lives after arriving into the U.S. [Register Today!](#)



**Women's INner Strength**

### Valentine's Day Tea Party, San Jose

Last month, around 50 supporters joined PRERNA for our first event of the year, a [Valentine's Day Tea Party](#) to support local refugees. Watch this short video to see our guests painting pots, making jewelry and learning about how to get involved in empowering refugee families in the Bay Area. Thank you for helping us raise nearly \$1,200.



### New Volunteers Join PRERNA

We are pleased to welcome new volunteers who have joined PRERNA in 2018, bringing their talent to our team to support refugees. [If you are interested in volunteering see our current opportunities.](#)



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### Become a Monthly Donor

As PRERNA scales up to provide essential services to more refugee families this year, [we encourage you to become a monthly donor.](#) Having sustainable income for long-term planning and ongoing expenses means we can support more refugees and invest in additional programs to ensure all refugees are resettling successfully and thriving as they rebuild their lives here. Thank you for your support.

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