



Founder's Greeting

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PRERNA

Summer is almost here and we're getting ready to celebrate [World Refugee Day](#). Join us on Friday, June 15 to recognize the courage and contributions of refugees living in our community. On June 20, PRERNA will be co-hosting a Twitter chat and launching a one-day fundraiser.

In this newsletter, learn about a new refugee family that we recently welcomed from Afghanistan. Read why a PRERNA volunteer chose to help refugees in the U.S., meet our new volunteers and see some of the recent events we participated in to raise awareness and gain support.

Be sure to [save the date on June 20 and make a donation to help local refugees](#). Every dollar will be matched 100% up to \$2500.00, so there's no better time to give than on World Refugee Day. Thank you for your support.

PRERNA Welcomes a New Refugee Family

On a Sunday afternoon, [PRERNA helped a new refugee family from Afghanistan](#) move into their new home. Trucks were packed with supplies, furniture was moved and a quick shopping trip took care of any remaining essential items. A huge thanks to the volunteers who contributed their time and muscle to make move-in day successful.



World Refugee Day Celebration

On Friday, June 15, PRERNA will be co-hosting the [26th Annual World Refugee Day celebration](#) in San Jose with our partners and other agencies. Join us for a family-friendly evening with cultural performances, exhibits, music and international foods. **Free admission. Free parking. Free dinner tickets for the first 300 guests.**

When: Friday, June 15, 2018
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm PDT
Where: San Jose City Hall ([see map](#))



Twitter Chat on World Refugee Day

On Wednesday, June 20, join PRERNA from 8am-9am PDT with co-hosts GlobalGiving, ActionAid USA and Soccer Without Borders for a [Twitter Chat at #RefugeesLead](#) about how organizations serving refugees can become more community-led. We'll discuss best practices, tangible ways to improve, and how refugees are taking the lead.



Adobe Asian Community Fair Raises Awareness of Local Refugees

At Adobe's annual [Asian Community Fair in San Jose, CA](#) on May 30, PRERNA was invited to talk with their employees about volunteer openings and ways to get involved to help our community. We thank Adobe for the opportunity to tell their staff about our program services and how we can collaborate to support and empower local refugees.



Spotlight on PRERNA Volunteers

We are pleased to welcome, Shahin and Binaisha, two new volunteers to our team. Hunter began volunteering at PRERNA in February 2017 and shares in his [blog article](#) why he felt compelled to help local refugees in the U.S. [Read his story](#).



Shahin Masthan

Volunteer Administrator
recruits and on-boards volunteers, matching their interests and skills with PRERNA's opportunities.



Binaisha Pinto

Marketing Coordinator posts and tracks analytics on our social media sites and helps out at PRERNA's events in the Bay Area



Hunter Kincannon

Marketing and Development Specialist joined PRERNA as a volunteer 17 months ago and has contributed to many new marketing initiatives.

If you are interested in volunteering, [see our current opportunities](#).

