

# THE REFUGE MEDIA PROJECT



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Dear Friends:

I was about to say that Thanksgiving is a great time to think about sharing our good fortune... but maybe we're not all feeling that fortunate this year. It's been a rough one for many of us, yet the truth is we still have an awful lot to be thankful for.

From all over the globe, people fleeing torture and oppression come to the United States seeking refuge. As you know, **The Refuge Media Project** is producing a video documentary aimed at making healthcare, mental health, and social service professionals (and students!) aware of the needs of immigrant torture survivors.

**Please consider making a tax-deductible year-end contribution to support our work.** I know that people often wait until the end of the year, but in my family we sometimes use the time when we're sitting around after Thanksgiving dinner to share information about projects we think are worth supporting – and to start writing those checks.

Thanks to your warm response to our last funding appeal, I was able to travel to San Diego in October to present a progress report and clips from the film at the Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association. We had an enthusiastic reception, and made contact with several organizations who want to be a part of our outreach campaign when the film is completed.

We've also just returned from an intensive shoot in Washington, DC, where survivors from Ethiopia, Cameroon, the Philippines, and Guatemala shared their stories with us. **But there's much more yet to be done, and we need your help to do it.**

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Best wishes,  
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