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Celebrating 10 Years of Community Based Services

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WHO WE ARE

African Refuge is a community-based organization established in 2002, which aims to improve the quality of life for marginalized youth, families, senior citizens, immigrants and refugees. We aim to enhance the well-being of people who have faced abuse, poverty, desertion, depression and the effects of war. To achieve our mission, we promote community engagement and facilitate access to meaningful resources and activities that promote the dignity, development and health of youth and families. All services are offered through our core services which include our: *Drop-In Center, Youth Center, Health Program, Human Rights & Advocacy Program.*

WHAT WE DO

Annually, AR Inc. conducts co-sponsors 1-3 community health fairs; serves more than 200 youth through Homework Help, Music Exploration, Young Entrepreneurs, CACFP, Summer Youth Employment, Summer Escapes, NY Cares Weekend Recreation & Wagner College Work-study & NDA OY Services. More than 150 Community group meetings are held at our youth center. While our Drop-In Center provides free internet, copying, phone & interpretation services to everyone. Computers are available for adult learners. Many of our adult learners are seeking citizenship and must be able to read and write to pass the citizens test. We also offered Sandy Recovery TA & Women Business Development. We distribute more than 3000 pantry bags, 100 coats and toys and make 75+ referrals. We also reached more than 5000 households with information on the NYS Health Care Market Place.

WHAT WE NEED

AR Inc. serves one of the largest settlements of Liberian, West Africans outside of Liberia. Many live under Temporary Protective Custody (TPS) or Deferred Enforcement Departure (DED). As victims of torture, war and Ebola, many now call America home. They have not lived in the shadows, but legally gained entry, into the US. They are easily tracked and traced. Many are productive citizens. Others are elderly and others unable to speak English, still others sign their names with X. Sadly, some will never gain command of the English language and therefore unable to become US Citizens. Global efforts, brought Ebola under control and the war ended. But homes, villages and towns remain places of trauma and in dis-repair. US Homeland Security has determined that it is now safe for West Africans to return home because the fear of Ebola has been adequately addressed. By May of this year, the TPS will be deactivated and West Africans in the US (as a result of Ebola), must leave or be deportation. If a precedent is set, and the DED is not reauthorized, West Africans in the US under DED, as a result of the Civil war may also, become subjects of deportation. This would be tragic. As we confront this bubble, we need your help to ensure that resources to advocate for pathways to citizenship are available, our core services remain intact, culturally sensitive community educational on responding to Immigration Customs Enforcement are available & safe spaces are maintained.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

AR Inc. is requesting additional support for immigration services. Funds will be used both locally and for Citywide Advocacy, Staffing for our Drop In Center and Afterschool Program for Elementary School Children. These programs ensure that critical needs are meant.

Thank You,

The Reverend Judy L. Brown, MPS - Executive Director (917) 370-8289

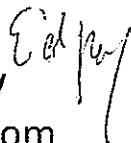
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
Post Office Box No. 141064, Staten Island, New York 10314-0005
Telephone: 718-727-8007 Founded 1925

May 10, 2017

Members of the New York City Council:

My Name is Edward C. Josey, I am President of the Staten Island Branch of the NAACP. I resident in the 49th Council District of Staten Island, the district headed City Council Member Debie Rose.

I stand before you as a matter of urgency. Some years ago a terrible thing took place in some African Nations: Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, they were hit by the terrible EBOLA/ sickness and many died. A worldwide panic took place, people around the world were very concerned about their safety, roomers began to spread. The medical field had no answers to solve this EBOLA. To prove its greatness, and to prove that great lady; the Status of Liberty still has meaning, the USA reached out to bring some 5000 people to America under the TPS (Temporary Protection Status). The problem is on May 21, 2017, less than two weeks away, those people who came to this country under the TPS might find their stay is over and they might be sent back to their home country.....the EBOLA problem has not been cured.....are we sending these people back home to die.....you must use your strength and power to extend this TPS.

Edward C. Josey 
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I represent: Liberian Community

Address: Staten Island

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Address: 185 Park Hill Ave ST NY 10304

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Address: ASSOCIATION OF STATEN ISLAND

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