



# Vietnamese Community Outreach Program

FCEC Partner's Meeting  
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# Boat People SOS, Inc.

Tiffany Nguyen, Branch Manager



# Mission Statement

- Mission: to assist Vietnamese refugees and immigrants in their search for a life in liberty and dignity by empowering, equipping and organizing Vietnamese American communities in their progress toward self-sufficiency.



## Boat People SOS

Meeting Urgent Needs Today | Empowering Vietnamese Communities for Tomorrow



# Brief History: BPSOS

- 1980: Joint mission-at-sea with international organizations.
- 1990s: Shifted focus to domestic programs for Vietnamese refugees and immigrants.



# Work in the Community

- HQ in Washington, DC
- 14 branches nationwide
- Work with over 4,000 community members each year
- Local Programs
- National Programs
- International Programs



# Work in the Community

## Local Programs:

- Assistance to Refugee Couples
- Information Referral for Immigrant Seniors
- Service Center (ESL, Citizenship, Computer classes)



# BPSOS and FCEC





# St. Anselm's Cross Cultural Community Center

Anh Nguyen, Program Manager



# Mission Statement

- To empower immigrant and underserved communities to lead healthy and self-sufficient lives in American society.



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**Saint Anselm's Cross-Cultural Community Center**



# Brief History: St. Anselm's

- Saint Anselm's Cross-Cultural Community Center, a non-profit organization, opened its doors in 1976 to assist thousands of refugees and immigrants who entered this country to rebuild their lives.
- For over 30 years, the Center has extended its services to meet the evolving needs of the community members, to help them in their resettlement and integration in this society.



# Work in the Community

Primarily local focus, offering:

- Citizenship Classes & ESL classes
- Immigration & Naturalization Services
- Employment Services
- Refugee Marriage Education
- Health and Wellness Services
- Family Basic Needs
- Emergency Transportation for CalWORKs
- Non-Emergency Transportation for Seniors
- Social adjustment



# Work in the Community

## Health and Wellness Program:

- Community health fairs
- Working to Enhance Care and Resources for our Elders (WECARE)
- FCEC



# St. Anselm's and FCEC

