



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

