

2019 Palm Beach World Refugee Day

On behalf of the participating organizations of the Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force, the groups that help to settle, integrate, and prosper in our community, I would like to invite you to attend and participate in the celebration of "World Refugee Day" on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Palm Beach State College's Lake Worth Campus, 4200 Congress Avenue, Lake Worth, Florida 33461.

This year, members of the Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force are organizing a World Refugee Day event to be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 8:30AM until 1:00PM. The event's theme this year is "**Refugees Contributing to the American Dream**" will take place at Palm Beach State College Lake Worth Campus in the Duncan Theater. We have sought the participation of federal, state agencies, Palm Beach County public officials, community organizations, and media. The event will include a Refugee Award Ceremony. A Naturalization ceremony by USCIS will also follow. During this event, various refugee service providers will have information tables with resources for the community.

If you are interested in having a table at this event, please fill out this form and send it to bahiam@pbso.org and mirodrig@hcdpbc.org by June 1, 2019. Please include your organization's logo to be added to the printing materials. The set up time starts at 7:30 AM and it ends at 8:30 AM. Vendors will be located in the Public Safety Complex conference room PSD 108. See attached map. Guests will visit your table between 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM. The ceremony will take place, prior to guests visiting your table, inside the Duncan Theater and you are invited to attend.

On December 4, 2000 the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution designating June 20th of each year as World Refugee Day (WRD). Locally, World Refugee Day is an opportunity to recognize the contributions refugees make to their communities and to honor the courage and determination of those who are forced to flee their homes under threat of persecution, conflict and violence. Recognizing that refugees are an integral part of our community, the goal of the World Refugee Day celebration is to introduce prominent civic, religious, and community leaders to the community, faith based, and governmental organizations and agencies that serve refugees in our community.

The event will honor and recognize refugees on an award ceremony that will be followed by a naturalization ceremony by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and a Resource Fair.