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Dear Friends,

June always seems to be a busy month at ECE. This year large conferences were back in-person after a couple of virtual years. There is also a sizeable influx of prospective international students and university applications coming in, which is great news after the uncertainty of the past couple of years. June also includes National Immigrant Heritage Month and World Refugee Day. All of which is to say, the pace has been fast, but the work we do continues to be crucial and meaningful.

Please enjoy the stories below, celebrating immigrants and refugees, and take a look at how you can contribute to ECE® Aid beyond donations (though we still need donations to continue to assist as many folks as we can!).

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#CelebrateImmigrants



One of the wonderful celebrations in June is National Immigrant Heritage Month. ECE has acknowledged that the land we live on was inhabited by Indigenous people long before immigrants from around the world came here. In addition to the importance of land acknowledgement and recognition of Indigenous people still living here and contributing to the story of our nation, ECE also sees the vital importance of immigrants. Every day, we celebrate the collective efforts of our nation as a group of people who have come from other lands.

As an organization, ECE mirrors the people and land we live on through the rich diversity of our staff and board of directors. We celebrate as a group of people who come from backgrounds that include first generation immigrants, East and South Asians, Africans, Europeans, Central and South Americans, and so much more. We truly believe there is strength in our diversity.

And as you know, our 30,000-40,000 applicants every year come from all over the world seeking educational and professional opportunities in the U.S and Canada. We couldn't be more proud of the work we do to make this land more diverse and welcoming to all. And we celebrate each and every one of you for your support of our mission.

#WithRefugees

The other big event this month was World Refugee Day on June 20. The UNHCR has reported that out of the 100 million displaced people globally, almost 30% of them are refugees.

Numbers like this can feel bleak and daunting.

Yet, by supporting refugees through ECE® Aid, we can help individuals achieve their goals and aspirations one at a time.

Helping even one person can provide positive change for those surrounding that individual. Each ECE® Aid recipient is a beacon of hope and proof that if we can all join together to support each other, big changes can happen for the benefit of all our communities.



We stand with refugees and will continue to work towards a more positive and inclusive world.

Donate to ECE® Aid

What's your favorite family recipe?



In an effort to offer a little something extra to our supporters as a thank you and to celebrate in the diversity of our staff, recipients, and donors, we are inviting all of our ECE® Aid supporters to <u>submit recipes</u> for consideration in the 2022 ECE® Aid CookBook, along with a story about what makes this recipe so special or why you choose to donate to ECE® Aid.

Recipes will be accepted through July 17.

This year's book will be digitally published in August in honor of the founding of ECE® Aid. Those who donate \$10 or more to ECE® Aid will receive a PDF copy of the final cookbook to enjoy for years to come.

Submit a recipe!



With gratitude,

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