



"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me..."

Who gets to be an American?

Refugees and Immigrants
in our country:
past, present and future

Wed. February 28, 7 p.m.

Heritage Presbyterian Church

1400 E. 2nd St., Benicia

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Speakers:

Jude Stephans, Team Support Coordinator, Refugee Program, **Catholic Charities of the East Bay**

Jude Stephens is the Team Support Coordinator for Catholic Charities of the East Bay's Family-to-Family/POWR (People Organized to Welcome Refugees) Program. She began in 2011 working in the Family to Family Program, which brings volunteer groups to mentor families striving to transition out of poverty. In January 2016, the POWR Initiative was launched to provide a continuum of care and mentoring to the refugee families arriving through the agency's Refugee Resettlement Department, following the model of Family-to-Family. The groups are formed within a faith community, assisted with organization and training, then introduced to an incoming refugee family or a struggling family within their own community. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.cceb.org/our-services/refugee-resettlement-program/>

Nicole Germanov, Associate Manager of Volunteers and Programs, **Refugee Transitions (RT)**, Oakland

Nicole recruits and trains the agency's many volunteer tutors, and oversees a number of RT's programs in the East Bay. Nicole was introduced to the international humanitarian sphere while volunteering at an orphanage in Bulgaria, where she taught ESL and coordinated enrichment activities. Before Refugee Transitions, Nicole worked with the International Rescue Committee in Oakland, where she developed a deep connection to the East Bay refugee community. Nicole has a Masters Degree in International and Multicultural Education from USF. Refugee Transitions is a community-based nonprofit agency serving high-need, low-income refugees, asylees, and immigrant newcomers who fled war, violence, or economic duress. Refugee Transitions provides education, family engagement, and community leadership to help refugees become self-sufficient and successful in their new communities. To learn more, please visit www.reftrans.org.

Suggested \$5 Donation, PLUS bring some canned or packaged food for hungry people helped by the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano Counties.

The NEXT "Better World" event: "Why Can't We Just Get Along?" A discussion of prejudice and bullying.
Heritage Presbyterian Church, Wed. March 21, 7 p.m.



An upcoming event on
**"How to Make the
World a Better Place,"**
a year-long learning event
for the Benicia community
sponsored by
Benicia's **Heritage
Presbyterian Church**

