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The Gift of Refugees to our Communities and Nation A World Refugee Day Symposium

June 20, 2018 marks the 18th anniversary of the international observance of World Refugee Day. On this day, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), faith-based organizations, and other refugee advocates around the world host events to draw the public's attention to the over 65 million displaced persons worldwide. Among these members of our human family, we focus on the 22 million refugees who are forced to flee their homes due to war, conflict, persecution, and other compelling factors.

Please plan to join us for an event that will celebrate the tremendous contributions of refugees who have begun new lives in the United States. Donald Kerwin, Executive Director for the Center for Migration Studies, will share the results of their recent report which provides solid data to support the premise that refugees are truly a gift to local communities and our nation as a whole. Hear about successful refugee microenterprise and employers who have found refugees to be a boon to their workforce and company success.

This event is co-sponsored by Catholic Charities USA, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services and the Georgetown University Human Rights Institute.

Featured Speakers:

Donald Kerwin

Executive Director
Center for Migration Studies
Refugee Contributions Study Author

Kevin Lipomi

Vice President, CFO, COO
Apple Imprints Apparel, Inc.
Refugee Employer

Rachel Pollock

Director of Refugee and Immigration Programs
Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
Roots for Refugees Microenterprise Program

Andy Zmuda

Director of Program Operations and Integration
Catholic Charities of Camden
Asset Development Microenterprise Program

When: Monday, June 18, 2018

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Place: Georgetown University Law Center
Hotung Building, Room 2001
600 New Jersey Ave., NW
Washington, DC, 20001

<http://www.law.georgetown.edu/about/maps-directions.cfm>

Please **RSVP HERE.**

Light refreshments will be provided by Foodhini, a local refugee microenterprise.

