



“Here I am helping a patient, and feel happy and have confidence in myself for being able to help others. To become a psychiatrist, I had to trust myself. I would tell other girls to believe in the power you have.”

ADRIANA | AGE: 15 | FROM: El Salvador | VISION: Future Psychiatrist

CHURCHES PARTNER TO DOUBLE THEIR IMPACT IN HELPING REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT GIRLS CREATE A BETTER FUTURE

Old First Presbyterian Church believes so strongly in a program that is helping refugee and other immigrant girls in Oakland that the church is matching dollar-for-dollar other congregations' gifts to support the program.

The program empowers middle school and high school girls by giving them the skills and support they need to envision their futures in America and redefine what they and their families and

communities thought possible for them. The Vision Project is a program of the International Rescue Committee in Northern California, part of one of the world's leading refugee aid and resettlement agencies. Charity Navigator has awarded the IRC fourteen consecutive 4-star ratings. The IRC in Northern California launched the Vision Project for refugee girls in 2017.

The matching gift offer applies to contributions made directly to the IRC Vision Project by check and sent to its Oakland office with the Vision Project designated on the memo line:

International Rescue Committee
Attn: Stephanie Heckman
440 Grand Avenue, Suite 500
Oakland, CA 94610

No money for this in the budget? Your church can have a special offering, cabaret night, bake sale, car wash, benefit concert, or circle or youth group fundraiser. The IRC will gladly accept gifts of any amount. Old First will match gifts dollar-for-dollar up to \$500 per congregation and an overall total of \$5,000. To request a match, send Old First a copy of the IRC's thank-you letter acknowledging your church's gift. Your match request must be received by November 1, 2019. For more information or to request a match, please contact Bill Campbell at (415) 599 0206 or williamfcampbell@comcast.net.



“As a chemist, I want to make medicine to cure cancer. In this picture, I am in a hospital in California, testing blood cultures. I feel proud because I am helping other people – doing something to change the world.”

MARITZA | AGE: 15 | FROM: Mexico | VISION: Future Chemist/Pharmacist

