



# Honoring Our Family's Immigration Story

In these days of great debate throughout the country on immigration, we would like to ask our members to reflect a little and think about their family's own journey to this country. We want to provide you, as an SEIU Local 1000 member, an opportunity to celebrate your family's immigration story.

**Is there a family member you would want to recognize for their journey to this country and who paved the way for your family to be here now? Who would you like to honor for establishing your family's roots in the United States?**

We are looking to host a 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday event in Sacramento where we would feature our members and their family's journey. **We want you to be part of it.**

**How can you help? How can you submit your family's immigration story?**

By completing this form and sending high resolution pictures of the family member you would like to honor and a current picture of yourself. We had a digital campaign two years ago for Mother's Day and Father's Day and here are examples of how those turned out...

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Monica Nepomuceno is an SEIU Local 1000 Member. She is recognizing and honoring the memory of her father, Gonzalo Martinez Ortiz.

"My father was born on January 8, 1922 in the township of Alvaro Obregon, Michoacan, Mexico. Attempting to escape poverty, which surrounded him as a carpenter in a small rural town, he ventured out and joined the Bracero Program where he worked off and on between 1947 and the mid-1950's.

As a Bracero, he worked in agriculture in several states and eventually moved to working on the country's railroad in many cities, including Chicago, Klamath Falls, Chiloquin, Truckee, Colfax, and finally settling in Sacramento. In 1965, he, my mother, and his children were granted permanent residency. He continued to work as a farm laborer, construction worker, and as a landscaper. Today, one can still witness many of the landscapes my dad worked on in the city of Sacramento.

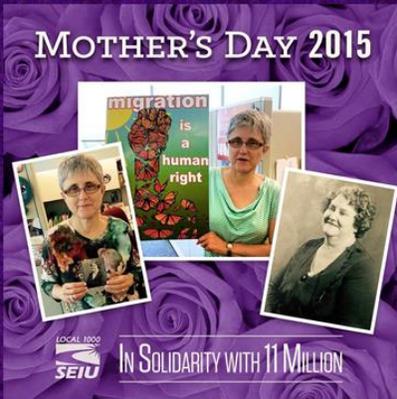
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Shireen Miles, a Local 1000 member, honors her paternal great grandma, Maria Wilhelmina Pleus. The first in her family to be born in the United States. Born in New York City in 1876 to immigrant parents from Bohemia and Prussia. Shireen has memories of being special buddies, playing cards together and hearing stories of her and her sister singing in the opera house in Virginia City when she was a girl.

This Mother's Day 2015, Shireen Miles honors her paternal great grandma that firmly planted those roots in this country that her parents made possible through their courage to come to a new land.

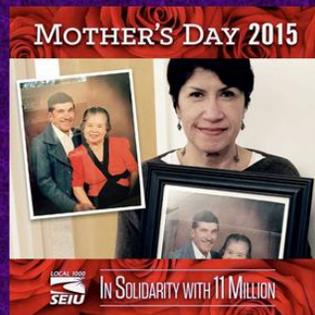


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Maria Quezada-Romo, an SEIU Local 1000 member, is honoring her parents, Felipa and Magdaleno Quezada.

"With faith and perseverance, they built a new beginning and paved the way for my brother and I. My mother was 3 months pregnant, with my brother, when she came across to an unknown land in June of 1959. The only thing she brought was a small bag of personal items. She always says she thought she made it closer to heaven when she arrived.

My parents taught us to always put God first, respect everyone, work hard, and be of service to the community. Their goal was to provide a better life for their children and grandchildren and they succeeded through their hard work and dedication. Today, I honor my mom for establishing our roots firmly here in this country. I will always admire both my parents for being so brave." This Mother's Day 2015, Maria Quezada-Romo honors her mother and upholds both of her parents dreams for the generations that followed.



If you want to look at more examples, you can go to our Facebook page:

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You can see pictures of our Mother's and Father's Day campaigns and our members' immigration stories.

