

Anmol Sanyasi's Eagle Project

Vision Statement

The vision for my Eagle Project is to organize and run a school supply drive for the benefit of the students who live at the Ladera Palms Apartment Complex located at 4500 Campus Dr., Fort Worth, Texas. Ladera Palms is a large apartment complex whose residents are almost entirely comprised of refugees from all over the world, including Somalia, Vietnam, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bhutan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Myanmar and many others. In 2014, more than 1,500 refugees were resettled in Tarrant County and each year that number increases. These individuals and families work hard to learn about and adapt to the American culture, often working minimum wage jobs to support themselves and their loved ones. However, as with many minimum wage workers, there is typically more month than money, making school supplies and clothes a challenge. The purpose of my Eagle Project is to help the children of these families be better prepared for school.

My project is being conducted through the auspices of the Refugee Empowerment Partnership (REP). REP is an organization founded and run by TCU students who themselves are refugees. The school supplies collected through my drive will be delivered to REP, who will then distribute them to students most in need. The target date for the supply drive is June 1-2, 2018.

Once a location and date are secured, I plan to use social media to alert the surrounding community about my drive, including the following resources:

- Nextdoor.com
- Various large Facebook groups (Tanglewood moms, Arborlawn UMC, TCU, etc.)
- Resources suggested by REP

I will also raise awareness about my Eagle project by putting together a 15-20 second informational video to be distributed via social media as well. In addition, I plan to contact news sources in the DFW Metroplex to solicit support and coverage. Lastly, I will call Mayor Betsy Price's office, the City Council and other local officials to tell them about my project.