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Program Name: Arlington Immigration Court:

Description: Monthly meetings with Judge Iskra and the Court's administrator and chief law clerk are ongoing. University clinical fellows, representatives of the CAIR coalition and other direct service non profits attend these meetings along with AILA. AILA and the Arlington court would no longer use the previous system of having the court call individual attorney who had volunteered to take on PRO BONO cases. Instead, we take the case description from the court and place it on our email list. Interested attorneys then contact the Pro Bono Coordinator and at that point are placed with the case.

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Program Name: Ayuda -Nonprofit Organization

Description: Assistance to survivors and victims of domestic violence; Policy and advocacy at the national and local levels; Collaboration and referrals to assure client access to culturally appropriate services; Community education about rights and resources; and Training and technical assistance to enable organizations and practitioners to better serve immigrant communities.

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Program Name: CAIR Coalition -Nonprofit Organization

Description: Conducts regular visits to detention centers in Southern VA. Provides know your rights presentations to detainees and does intakes of the detainees. Seeks pro bono attorneys to represent detained individuals. Brings together community groups, pro bono attorneys, volunteers and immigrants to work for a fair and humane immigration policy.

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Program Name: Casa de Maryland -Nonprofit Organization

Description: Assistance with Community Fairs

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Program Name: Catholic Charities- Hogar Hispano- Nonprofit Organization

Description: The Immigration Program provides legal assistance in the areas of family petitions, adjustment and consular processing, NACARA applications, asylum, naturalization, visa processing, deportation and removal cases.

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Program Name: Catholic Immigration Services DC- Nonprofit Organization

Description: Catholic Immigration Services helps clients with cases involving the following: attaining permanent residence, naturalization, political asylum, suspension of deportation, work authorization, and other immigrant matters. Catholic Immigration Services also translates official documents. Services are provided in Spanish and English.

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Program Name: DC Bar Advice and Referral Clinic

Description: The clinics are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The role of the volunteer attorney is to be a resource to other attorneys for assistance with immigration questions, and to provide referrals to legal or social service organizations where possible and appropriate. The dates for the rest of 2006 are September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9.

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Program Name: ERICA (Episcopal Relief and Immigration Center Alliance)

Description: ERICA is a church-based community resource center offering assistance to refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants in the greater Baltimore area. Pro bono attorneys needed for case specific questions, assistance with case filings, presentations for know your rights presentations.

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Program Name: FIRN, Inc (Foreign Born Information Referral Network)

Description: FIRN is the only nonprofit organization in Maryland that offers comprehensive services to immigrants and refugees from around the world. Pro bono opportunities for family primarily family based immigration cases, naturalization, and VAWA. Speaking opportunities for local community outreach programs as well.

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Program Name: Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity– Nonprofit

Description: Functions as a central point of contact to Montgomery County and other community services. It is committed to working closely with government agencies, community organizations and individual residents to ensure high customer service and to meet the needs of this very diverse community. Opportunties to speak at community outreach events.

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Program Name: Tahirih Justice Center

Description: The Tahirih Justice Center is committed to creating a diverse community of support for women seeking refuge from gender-based persecution. Pro bono opportunities include assistance with VAWA applications and Asylum cases, among others.

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Program Name: World Relief

Description: World Relief serves refugees and other immigrants. These individuals come to the United States for a variety of reasons such as to flee persecution, seek improved economic and educational opportunities, and reunite with family members. We offer services to immigrants and churches that work alongside the immigrant community.

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