



Success Stories:

Making a difference through Advocacy, Fundraising and Awareness

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Fundraising and Awareness: Poet with Passion for Solidarity

Mona Lydon-Rochelle from Saint Cecilia Catholic Parish in Bainbridge Island, WA is a poet with a passion for global solidarity so when she joined the CRS Parish Ambassador Corps, it didn't take her long to come up with a way to merge her two interests. Working in collaboration with fellow ambassador Sally Hewett, the pastor, and staff at her parish, Mona organized a lovely evening of poetry and music featuring four former Washington State Poets Laureate. The evening included an introduction to CRS by Relationship Manager Jesús Huerta, a reflection on the Sacred Call of the Refugee by a local priest, four original poems inspired by the work of CRS and read by the poets laureate themselves, as well as live music interludes and a reception. Over 450 people were in attendance for this special performance where more than \$5000 was raised for the work of CRS!

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