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**World Relief Southern California Announces New Office Director, Heather Kwak**

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Today, Heather Kwak was announced as the new office director of World Relief Southern California. Heather established her career with World Relief Southern California in 2012 as a volunteer resettling refugees. Four years later, she became the program manager for World Relief Southern California's Department of Justice accredited Immigration Legal Services (ILS), which provides immigrant communities with the support and knowledge they need to obtain legal status in the U.S. Heather has seven years of experience in immigration legal representation. Some of her areas of focus include family reunification, DACA, citizenship and survivor-based relief.

"I am blessed to be able to serve and work alongside immigrants and refugees. My office team and I are committed to preserving the dignity and value of all the families we serve," said **Heather Kwak, World Relief Southern California office director.**

Heather holds a master's degree in international relations from Seton Hall University in New Jersey and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Irvine. As a daughter of Korean immigrants, Heather has dedicated her life to keeping families like hers together.

"Heather has spent her career welcoming immigrants and reuniting families. We celebrate her and all the Asian Americans who have enriched the community and the country we call home," said **Jane Register, World Relief San Diego church mobilizer.**

World Relief SoCal has been a welcoming community for immigrants and refugees since its opening in 1979. Since then, the office has served thousands of immigrants.

"Our team, led by Heather, envisions refugees and other immigrants being welcomed by community, rooted in community, and empowered for community. It is our great privilege to welcome Heather as office director as we work together to invest in a welcoming community on behalf of those we serve," said **Tim Breene, CEO of World Relief.**

To learn more about World Relief SoCal, visit <https://worldreliefsocal.org/>.

**About World Relief**

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years, we've partnered with churches and community leaders in the U.S. and abroad to bring hope, healing and transformation to the most vulnerable.

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