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When I founded NSDI (Nile Sisters Development Initiative) in City Heights, our mission was simple: support refugees and immigrants to become self-sufficient. After proudly serving our San Diego community as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization since 2001, we are excited to share that NSDI has acquired a property located at 4265 Fairmount Avenue in the City Heights neighborhood in the City of San Diego. Our new location will serve as a central hub for our vocational training programs and many other City Heights-based nonprofit and human services organizations.

I am humbled to see how far NSDI has come. Our decades-long service to our community has led us to become a trusted community organization with extensive background and proven expertise. Investing in a property in the heart of the most diverse and deserving community in San Diego County is key to our mission.

Since catalyzing LearnMore, our state-approved vocational training school in 2019, we have trained 123 participants from diverse backgrounds throughout San Diego County. Specifically, we have graduated 43 students from City Heights and counting. I am heartened by the story of our LearnMore alumna, Ms. Kidsan H., a resident of City Heights, originally from Ethiopia. Kidsan, a single mother of two was unemployed, when she was referred to our nurse assistant training program by another graduate. As a victim of crime, through our program MIND (Matters Involving Neuro-Disorders), Kidsan received a full-ride scholarship to complete the accelerated Nurse Assistant training. After successfully completing the course and passing her state certification, Kidsan is now a Certified Nurse Assistant making $22 an hour at the skilled nursing facility in City Heights where she completed her clinical training. Ms. Mintwab W., another alumna and resident of City

Heights is also gainfully employed at a local skilled nursing facility making $22 an hour.

Since its inception and throughout every challenge, NSDI has not wavered in our mission to serve new Americans and underserved communities. Today, NSDI is a state-wide community-based organization with a satellite program in Orange County and offices in Los Angeles and Sacramento. The impact of our holistic training is growing, and we are proud to continue to support residents of City Heights to become gainfully employed in in-demand allied healthcare careers that are projected to grow in San Diego County and throughout the State of California.

Our expansion over the years would not be possible without the dedicated support of champions like YOU! I thank you profoundly for your continued strong advocacy of NSDI and our goal to train the next generations of highly qualified and diverse allied healthcare professionals through LearnMore.

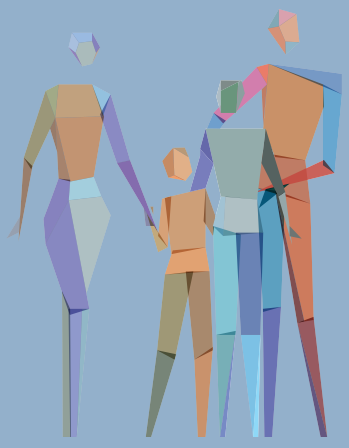
The ongoing pandemic disparities and lack of diversity in healthcare have made our allied health training programs and services even more critical. In support of our Capital Campaign to call City Heights home again, we graciously acknowledge the generous donations from The Satterberg Foundation, The San Diego Foundation, Alliance Healthcare Foundation, The Conrad Prebys Foundation, and financial investments from Civic Communities, Pacific Western Bank, and Mission Driven Finance.

I thank you, our friends and donors, for your generosity and look forward to sharing more updates as we develop our campaign to establish a healthcare vocational training school and state-of-the-art nursing simulation lab in City Heights.

With a full heart,

Elizabeth Lou, President/CEO

For more information on how you can support the establishment of a LearnMore campus in City Heights, visit Learnmorefast.org.



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Nile Sisters Development Initiative (NSDI) is a community-based organization that provides vital services to refugees and immigrants. The NSDI mission is to educate, support, and offer training to refugee and immigrant women and their families to help them overcome barriers to social and economic self-reliance.

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