



## Welcoming the Stranger

**WHEREAS**, the Ladies of Charity of the United States of America® are celebrating 400 years of the *Charism of Charity* as members of the Vincentian Family,

**WHEREAS**, our family has determined that to celebrate this 400<sup>th</sup> year, we will look at creative and new ways of *welcoming the stranger*,

**WHEREAS**, at this moment in the USA nearly 1.2 million young men and women who entered the United States as children and know America as their only home are threatened with deportation,

**WHEREAS**, As Catholics, we have long supported DREAMers as we believe in protecting the dignity of every human being, especially that of our children,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LADIES OF CHARITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

- Will reach out to and stand with this group of young people known as the DREAMers-- contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes and communities;
- Will study and educate our members about this issue and enlist their support;
- Will participate in the efforts of the USCCB to find a legislative solution such as [Dream Act of 2017, S. 1615/ H.R. 3440](#) which will provide “conditional permanent resident status” and a “path to full lawful permanent residency and eventual citizenship”; and
- Will keep the DREAMers and their families in our prayer.



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