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CCDA heralds Camino de Sueños to support DACA students

Virtual pilgrimage engaging support for Dreamers heads to D.C. for December 4th/5th Action

CHICAGO, Illinois — With the fate of DACA recipients yet to be determined and the need for a legislative fix for dreamers to be taken up by Congress, the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) and its partners are joining together on behalf of undocumented youth to support a legislative solution for dreamers.

Camino de Sueños, or the Path of Dreams which began on October 5th in the city of Detroit, is a collection of events around the country that combine art, stories and action. The purpose is to bring together the hopes and dreams of undocumented youth from local communities and carry them together to Congress for a national action on December 4th and for visits to Congressional offices on the 5th.

Since October 5th, over 10 Camino de Sueños events have taken place with more scheduled in cities all across the country from Fresno and Orange County, CA to Atlanta, GA, Houston, TX, Brooklyn, NY, Cleveland, TN and many others. The events invite dreamers to create art, share their story and call the larger community to share their “dreams for dreamers” on index cards that will be carried to Washington D.C. for the December 4th/5th event.

“Art is the language of imagination that is not bound by our current reality,” **stated Noel Castellanos, President, CCDA.** “As an artist and Christian leader who intimately shares the uncertainty of Dreamers’ futures now that DACA has been rescinded, Camino de Sueños gives opportunity to create space to share artistic expressions and our dreams for Dreamers.”

“Additionally, it calls the community into engagement that supports a legislative fix that protects dreamers from deportation and affords them a legal and permanent path forward in the United States. Throughout history we have seen the power of pilgrimage to provoke justice and call for action. As followers of Christ, who calls us to protect the vulnerable and to seek justice on behalf of the oppressed, we must lift our voices and walk with our nation’s dreamers until we have legislation that protects their future.”

For more information about Camino de Sueños, please go to the CCDA website (<https://ccda.org/camino-de-suenos/>) or email CCDA’s Advocacy & Policy Engagement Director at michelle@ccda.org

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