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## **Lisa Lopez Named NCRC-KPBS Community Hero for Her Work with Asylum Seekers**

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**Lisa Lopez, a SSS Candidate** and accomplished attorney in San Diego, was honored by the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) and KPBS radio as a "Community Hero" for her work with asylum seekers.

Lisa is Founder and Executive Director of the Southern California Immigration Project (SCIP), which has provided free or low-cost legal services to immigrants and asylum seekers, particularly from Africa. The project also provides healing resources for survivors of Female Genital Cutting and other human rights violations.

The Southern California Immigration Project was founded by Lisa in 2015 and was a one-woman operation with the vision to improve the lives of asylum seekers whose lives had been torn apart by violence and war. This summer, Lisa welcomed four interns into her home-based ministry, sharing her vision and skills to reach more people in need.

We are so proud of Lisa's commitment to God's children and are enlivened by how the Holy Spirit lives and moves through her work, especially at this time of heightened vulnerability among immigrants and asylum seekers.

**Click on the video to hear Lisa's story:**

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