



**“I advocate for those who don’t have a voice.”**

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I am an Asian-Hmong American whose family came to the U.S. as refugees from the Vietnam War. Coming to a new country was a culture shock for my family. Not being able to read, write or speak any English, our families luckily had the support of sponsorships, churches and social workers.

I am currently a graduate student at Walla Walla University, earning my Master’s degree in Social Work. Because of social services, my family has made America “home” and are the reason I am here.

Everyday I am given new challenges, which makes this profession life-learning and rewarding. Being a part of the social work profession has made me aware of the complex needs not only in my population, but in our society. I want to continue upholding my profession’s core values of service, social justice, dignity and worth of a person, the importance of human relationships, integrity and competence to enhance the overall well-being of our community and vulnerable populations.