



2018 Community Leader Organization Award



Burmese Community Services, Inc.

Burmese Community Services, or BCS was founded in 2013 and is the first Burmese-led nonprofit organization in Buffalo. They provide support to immigrants and refugees of all ethnic and linguistic backgrounds who have fled Burma. It is often a difficult road just to make it here to WNY, one filled with trials and trauma most of us will never know, and BCS does a terrific job of helping this group of New Americans feel welcome, safe, and supported in their efforts to adjust.

BCS' mission is to assist new Buffalonians from Burma with issues they may be facing, including, but not limited to language barriers, cultural adjustment, and finding resources. They envision a knowledgeable and strong community, and they strive to promote an understanding of American culture and our complex legal system. Through its connections with other organizations and non-profits, like the Coordinated Refugee/Asylee Legal Services Project, BCS is helping to ensure that the rights of the Burmese population are protected, and that they have access to much needed support services.

For all that they do to make resettlement safe and efficient, the NFJC is proud to present Burmese Community Services, Inc. with the 2018 Community Leader Organization Award. Accepting this award is Board President Steven Sanyu.



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