Monday, October 19 @ 6:30am PDT  |  ReWA is… video
Welcome to the 2020 Gala, as we celebrate ReWA’s (Refugee Women’s Alliance) 35th Anniversary! This video is narrated by a staff member who describes the experience of many immigrants and refugees when they arrive in the U.S. and the ReWA programs that break down the numerous barriers they face: language, employment, housing, citizenship, access to education, mental health support (counseling) and medical care, and much more. While this year’s pandemic prevents us from gathering together in person, we hope you will support this week-long, online campaign and share the Gala event page with your networks. Help us spread the word beyond the Puget Sound so people around the world can learn about ReWA’s important work and how they can join others in sustaining our programs and resources for immigrant and refugee families.

Tuesday, October 20 @ 6:30am PDT  |  ReWA Client Aynegda  |  My Story
When Aynegda came to the U.S. just months before the coronavirus pandemic, she spoke no English. This past year has been one challenge after another, but ReWA is proud to have supported her through this transition period. Now, you get to hear her amazing story.

Wednesday, October 21 @ 6:30am PDT  |  U.S. Congressional Representative Pramila Jayapal (7th District, WA)  |  Special Message for ReWA
If you watched Congressional hearings last summer you’ll recognize the Congresswoman as a stalwart defender of communities of color and their allies as they protested police brutality. She is also a champion of immigrant and refugee communities, having been one herself when she came to the U.S. as a teenager. She highlights the importance of ReWA’s work to help families integrate into American society, while respecting and celebrating their cultural and linguistic origins.

Thursday, October 22 @ 6:30am PDT  |  Mahnaz Eshetu  |  ReWA’s Role During a Once-in-a-Lifetime Pandemic
ReWA is an agency with 180 staff members, who speak more than 50 languages and dialects and come from the communities they serve. Mahnaz shares our experience of this past year wherein ReWA staff—virtually overnight—were called upon to be public health outreach workers (among other duties), keeping immigrant and refugee families informed about the pandemic and ensuring critical resources were available to keep furloughed clients housed and in school, amongst other resources and services.

Friday, October 23 @ 6:30am PDT  |  ReWA Client Story
ReWA started out serving refugee women and their children. As our programs expanded into education, employment, and citizenship, we grew to serve all members of the family, including many fathers. Today’s story recalls a single father who fled war with his children. He has
worked hard to learn English, find work to support his family, and still be there for his children, all the while grappling with the “triple trauma” many immigrants and refugees experience.

**Saturday, October 24 @ 6:30am PDT | Legacy of UN Charter**

The last day of ReWA’s Gala 2020 campaign also happens to be the 75th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations Charter. The UN was founded in 1945 to care for war refugees and provide a forum for international dialogue. ReWA is proud to continue its legacy to help immigrants and refugees rebuild their lives.