



### ***Seeking Refuge:***

#### ***A Project to Capture Testimonies of Central African Genocide Survivors in Texas***

Teaching the moral and ethical response to prejudice, hatred, and indifference, for the benefit of all humanity is the essence of the Museum's mission. With this goal in mind, the Museum is developing a program to interview and record the testimonies of Central African (Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Congo) genocide and

ethnic violence survivors who have settled in Texas.

The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission awarded the Museum a grant to begin the *Seeking Refuge* project. In May, the project started with introduction meetings for survivors and training for volunteers who will serve as researchers, interviewers, trauma therapist, and videographers.

All survivors will receive pre-interview questionnaires to fill out. Based on the information gathered from the questionnaires, the researchers will build the basic outlines and questions for the interviews. Then, interviewers will meet before the actual interview with the survivor one-on-one to discuss the outline of the interview. On the day of the interview, the videographer and interviewer will capture the interview in digital video format. Trauma therapists will be available throughout this whole process to help guide survivors through traumatic memories. All survivor testimony videos will be edited and maintained in a database for future use.

The Education Staff anticipates completing the interviews by June 2015. We will provide these digital recordings as educational resources to teachers and intend to eventually create an online exhibit. As with survivors of the Holocaust, Rwanda genocide survivors say, "Never Again." The Museum not only supports the legacy of remembrance and education promoted by Holocaust and other genocide survivors, but also advocates that "Never Again" will one day be a reality.

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