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**NEW VIDEO**

**NEW VIDEO: FWD.us Releases “Home,” Celebrating  
June as Immigrant Heritage Month**

*Cities across the country will celebrate IHM with I<3CITIES events beginning tomorrow in Philadelphia*

**WASHINGTON, DC** — Today, [FWD.us released a new video, “Home,”](#) to kick off Immigrant Heritage Month (IHM) 2019, a nationwide effort to gather and share the inspirational stories of immigrants in America. Spearheaded by the *I Am An Immigrant* campaign, this year marks the sixth annual Immigrant Heritage Month, an opportunity to celebrate immigrants and immigration, our heritage, and the countless contributions that immigrants have made and continue to make to our nation.

“Home” features the stories of nearly a dozen immigrants and refugees, both those who are new Americans and those whose families have been a part of the American experience for generations. In the video, the participants express what “home” means to them, and provide the viewer a window into the diverse but universal experiences of their everyday lives. Individuals in the video attend graduations, prepare for the arrival of a new baby, and run their businesses - all while defining their original and new sense of home.

The video is directed by Yara Travieso, a 2019 United States Artist Fellow and a winner of The National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures Grant via The Ford Foundation. Emmy Award-winning composer and pianist Kris Bowers wrote and composed the score for “Home,” and Autumn Eakin served as the Director of Photography, and Theo Mercado as Editor.

“We’re thrilled to be celebrating the sixth annual Immigrant Heritage Month, an incredible opportunity to celebrate the countless contributions that immigrants have made and continue to make, in June and every day of the year,” **said FWD.us President Todd Schulte.** “For centuries, the United States has benefited from the immigrants and refugees who showed incredible courage to flee oppression, poverty, and persecution to travel to our shores in search of a better life for themselves and their families. Now more than ever, we are proud to lift up their diverse stories, and celebrate how our shared heritage makes us our nation safer and stronger.”

The release of “Home” is just one celebration taking place throughout June as part of Immigrant Heritage Month. The month will also host the “I♥□CITIES” public art

demonstrations in diverse, well-loved neighborhoods in cities across the country, which will include a physical installation of an art piece that proudly displays a city's love for its residents and the unique immigrant heritage of its population:

- In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, [LOVE Park will host a kickoff celebration on Tuesday, June 4](#) with the “I ♥ PHILLY” interactive art installation and a celebration of immigrants and immigration in the City of Brotherly Love with live music, entertainment, and food trucks.
- In Nashville, Tennessee, on [Friday, June 7, the Nashville Farmers' Market](#), a year-round community gathering place, will continue the celebration for Immigrant Heritage Month with music and entertainment.
- On [Monday, June 17, Boulder, Colorado](#), will host its #CelebrateImmigrants event in front of the Boulder County Courthouse at 13th and Pearl Street, featuring live music and performances shared with the community.
- And on [Friday, June 21, Dallas, Texas](#), will host its #CelebrateImmigrants event and the interactive public art installation downtown at the Main Street Garden.

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**About Immigrant Heritage Month:** Immigrant Heritage Month (IHM) is a nationwide celebration of immigration held every June. IHM is powered by FWD.us and is part of an ongoing effort to empower immigrants and allies to share stories and drive action that demonstrate how immigration is good for our communities, economy, and country. IHM also works to provide new avenues for individuals and organizations to support immigrants in their communities and workplaces during June and throughout the year. For more information, visit <https://www.iamanimmigrant.com/>.