Thank you to everyone who joined us at our fifth annual winter holiday party! It was a wonderful night full of good food, conversation, and friendship. The proceeds raised through the event support our Continuing Care Program, which provides asylum seekers with medical care and social services to our clients while they await a decision in their asylum cases. 

We hope you have the happiest of holidays and a wonderful new year!
Safe and Sound

A student-run clinic aids immigrants seeking asylum

—Heather Salerno, Weill Cornell Magazine, December 2017

The WCCHR was featured in the December issue of the Weill Cornell Magazine. The article contains interviews of a WCCHR client and of WCCHR board members.

Link to article: http://www.weillcornellmedicine-digital.com/weillcornellmedicine/vol_16_no_4/MobilePagedReplica.action?

In the News

Rohingya girls as young as 12 compelled to marry just to get food

—Fiona MacGregor, The Guardian, November 30, 2017

“Young Rohingya girls who have fled Myanmar are being forced to marry when they reach Bangladesh simply to secure more food for themselves and their families.

With UN World Food Programme rations allocated by household, families are marrying off girls as young as 12 to reduce the number of mouths to feed and create new households with food quotas of their own.”

Link to article: https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2017/nov/30/young-rohingya-girls-bangladesh-compelled-marry-food-rations?
Spotlight on...

Jason Lambden, M3

Jason Lambden is originally from Colorado where he went to college at the University of Colorado, receiving a double major in philosophy and ecology. He went on to receive a master’s degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, studying primary care provision in rural Guatemalan communities. While working in Guatemala he saw the far-reaching implications of human rights abuses, and joined the WCCHR to secure access to justice for survivors of torture and of other human rights violations. He is the present monitoring and evaluations coordinator for the WCCHR and a third-year medical student.

Dr. Jillian Stile, PhD

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