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“Today we are challenged and saddened by news that the DACA program is being rescinded,” stated Maria Farrington, CEO of Holy Cross Ministries in response to the formal announcement from the Trump administration on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 that the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) Program is being rescinded. This announcement stipulates that the US Government will no longer process any new DACA applications as of September 5, 2017; however, current individuals covered by DACA whose work permits expire on or before March 5, 2018 will be eligible able to renew their permits as long as the petition is filed by October 05, 2017.

Recognizing the urgency of this timeline for those who qualify, and because we believe in building and celebrating just, compassionate, sustainable, and inclusive communities and aim to assist individuals and families towards full participation in the community, Holy Cross Ministries will be offering free consultations and renewal appointments for any individual eligible to renew their DACA permit.

“The end of the current DACA program introduces uncertainty and anxiety into an already uncertain and anxious situation” stated Raymond Dardano, Chairman of the Holy Cross Ministries Board of Trustees. In addition to working tirelessly to help those who can to renew their status, Holy Cross Ministries will be coordinating an effort to make recommendations to our (Utah) U.S. Senators and Representatives to help advocate for the best interests of those we serve and help shape a lasting solution. In alignment with Holy Cross Ministries’ mission to respond to the underserved community's need for health and well-being, we will take immediate steps to provide additional support for those individuals who will be impacted.

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