

Press Release

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USCIS DIRECTOR GONZALEZ, SENATOR GRASSLEY MEET AND VISIT THE USCIS DES MOINES OFFICE

Present Naturalized U.S. Citizen from Rwanda with Special Recognition



Des Moines, Iowa - United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Emilio Gonzalez met with Senator Chuck Grassley and employees of the local USCIS office today. As part of his visit, Director Gonzalez presented Clementine Msengi, a naturalized U.S. citizen and national of Rwanda, with the "Outstanding American by Choice" recognition.

Msengi founded Bright Move Network. Bright Move provides culturally appropriate education and referral services to prevent negative cultural shock of refugees and immigrants in Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Iowa. Bright Move Network is also working to ensure that these new groups of community members have the skills, resources and capacity needed to fully contribute civically and economically to their communities.

This special honor is an initiative of the Office of Citizenship, an office within USCIS, which recognizes the outstanding achievements of naturalized U.S. citizens.

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On March 1, 2003, U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services became one of three legacy INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.