Wendy Chan: My name is Wendy Chan, I am a Senior Manager with our Strategy and Consulting Practice, and I’m also the co-founder of One Journey. One Journey is a national movement that aims to shift the narrative about refugees using what we call the common language of humanity—food, music, dance, technology, sports, in order to move people to take action to support refugees globally or locally.

Marty Rodgers: As I come to the One Journey Festival, I think it is a really awesome opportunity just to be outside, and to be celebrating with artists, with musicians, with craftspeople, with cooks, and to bring that all together and to do it on the grounds of the national cathedral is a really great thing.

Raghad Bushnaq: It’s a great platform for advocacy to keep the voices of the refugees coming out, telling their stories and showing their talents—it’s great.

Molly Bauch: It’s just been beautiful. And Wendy Chan and Vonda who created this, supported by a lot of Accenture personnel who’ve been the backbone of One Journey have really been force multipliers for bringing all the resettlement organizations that are around here that were already working, but made them stronger by going better together.

Wendy Chan: I think the most important thing is that people are listening to each other, their listening to stories, the stories are touching hearts, they’re meeting with organizations and NGOs, and checking out how they can take action, and to me that is the most important thing and I’m so glad that we were able to achieve that today.

Julia Duncan: We have some really awesome volunteers and it’s also great to see the new volunteers and new blood come in for every festival.

Cara Martin: This was my first time and I didn’t really know what to expect and I’ve been incredibly impressed by the spirit, by how vibrant the performers have been by the passion that’s been displayed by our speakers and by artists and by people here that are trying to literally change the world and make life better for refugees.

Marty Rodgers: What we’ve been honored to additionally support has been the VR capabilities, where we connect all the way around the world with refugees in encampments. It’s a really magical opportunity using technology to make the world a little bit brighter, and have a dialogue, to have a connection.
Cara Martin: It is such a profound experience to know that in the midst of turmoil that everybody can come together and help each other for a better and greater good.

Wendy Chan: My favorite quote from Helen Keller, that “the world is moved along not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.” And so we all can be that honest worker to do our little part to make the world a better place.