

We are From Vietnam

Family Immigration Stories from Austin, Texas

For as long as immigrants have come to the shores of this country, stories have passed down through the generations about the dreams and hardships of navigating a new place. The comic-style stories hanging on these walls were produced by second-grade students in the Vietnamese Culture Program at Walnut Creek Elementary School in Austin, Texas. After interviewing their parents and grandparents, these students illustrated stories about the reasons their families immigrated, the hardships of their journey and the adjustments they make to a new life in the United States. They also portray the richness and diversity of the Vietnamese immigrant community in Texas.

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