

She's mom to 1,000 children of undocumented immigrants. Now there's a movie about her

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Un grupo de niños, en su mayoría hijos de padres deportados, durante una fiesta de Navidad organizada por Nora Sandigo Foundation. *GIORGIO VIERA GIORGIO VIERA*

Homestead immigration activist Nora Sandigo — who serves as the legal guardian [of more than 1,000 U.S.-born children of undocumented immigrants](#) — will be profiled in a film slated to premiere at the [Miami Film Festival](#) Monday.

The documentary, dubbed “The Great Mother,” takes an inside look of how Sandigo [has fostered the children with economic, legal and emotional support.](#)

“Were it not for her, many would be forced into the foster care system, keeping them legally separated from their parents,” the directors, Dave LaMattina and Chad Walker said in a statement.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pl24RaUYgBo&feature=youtu.be>

“Filmed over two years, and encompassing both the 2016 election and its aftermath, the film captures two of the most tumultuous years on record for immigrants. “

The film will debut at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the [Coral Gables Art Cinema](#) during Miami Dade College’s annual Miami Film Festival.

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Nora Sandigo abraza a Britzaida, de 4 años. Sus padres, como muchos otros han firmado un poder legal dándole la autoridad de cuidar de sus hijos en caso de fueran detenidos. **WILFREDO LEE - AP**

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