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Restoring worth
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Vision: Project Worthmore strives for a world
in which all people are valued, included,
and empowered.

Mission: To provide programs that foster
community, self-sufficiency and increase
quality of life among Denver-area refugees.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

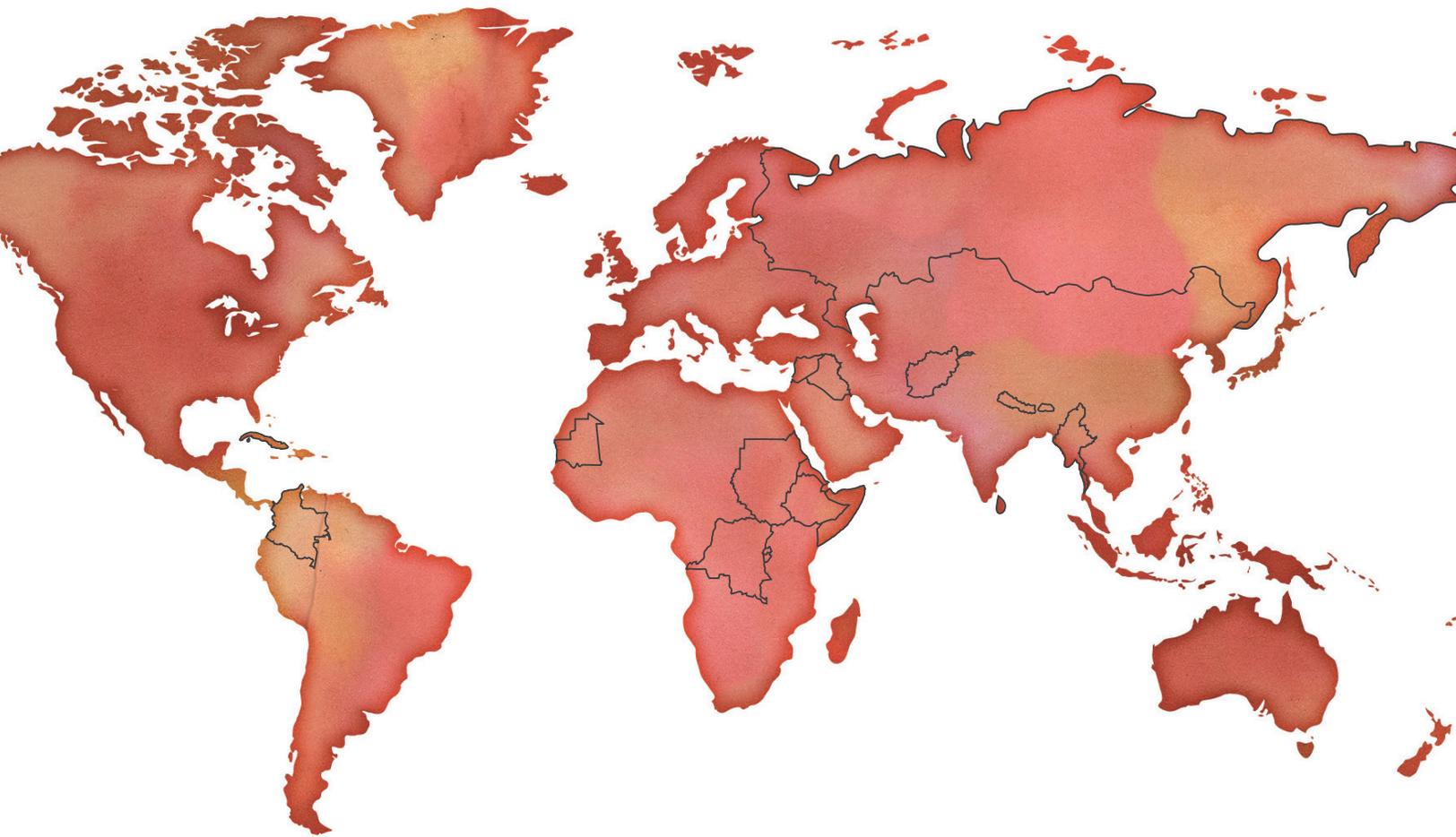
An estimated 60,000 people who have fled war, persecution and daily fear now call the Denver-metro area home. They came to the county as refugees, and from the day they arrive, they are challenged to forge a new life, pay rent within a month, adapt to a new culture, learn English, and navigate complex networks of public services and administration.

For our family, abandoning the needs of this community was not an option, particularly when surrounded by the abundance and resources to ameliorate these problems. From makeshift English classes in living rooms, PWM now has six comprehensive programs including an English Language Program, Community Navigators, Family Partners, a fresh produce food share, a refugee training farm, and a dental clinic.

In our fifth year as an official non-profit, we have been able to achieve an incredible amount. As we look ahead, we are encouraged at the response we have received and look forward to continuing to grow our community and work. We sincerely thank you for being a part of this family!

Frank & Carolyn Anello

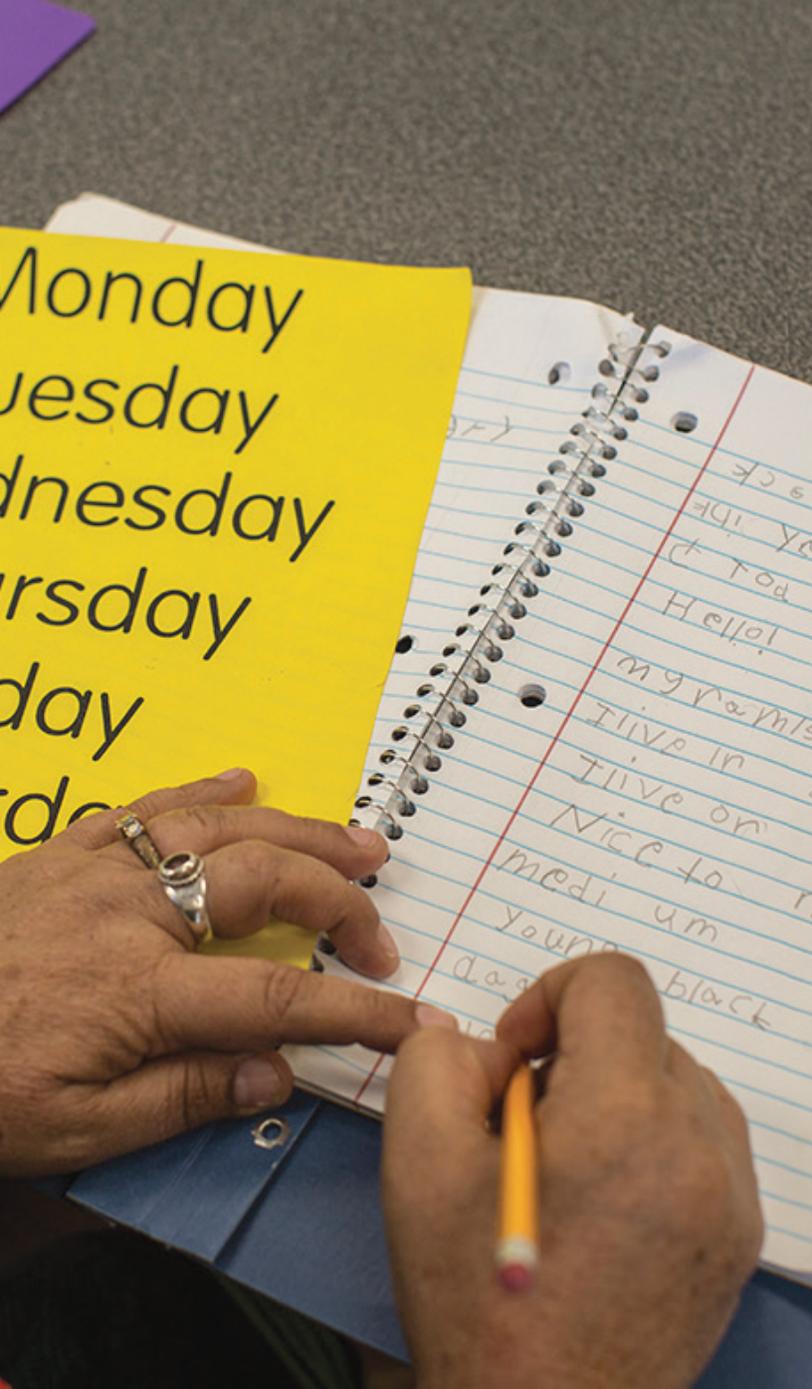




WHERE OUR CLIENTS COME FROM



Myanmar	Sudan	China
Nepal	Cuba	North Korea
Somalia	Mauritania	Ivory Coast
Afghanistan	Sri Lanka	Venezuela
Iraq	Russia	Central African Republic
Syria	Rwanda	Afghanistan
Burundi	Ethiopia	Congo
Eritrea	Bhutan	Colombia



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM (ELP)

Project Worthmore offers four levels of English language classes, five days a week at three locations. Classes are offered in the geographic area where the majority of refugees live, making it feasible for stay-at-home mothers and/or those who cannot afford bus passes to attend. To further facilitate access to our classes, we provide free baby-sitting to our students. As a result, classes are accessible and empowering for many individuals who would normally be unable to attend, providing them with an important connection to American culture and community.

311

students enrolled in the english language program

5,883

Over the last year our students have attended 5,883 hours of english classes



FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

We presently have 15 volunteer teams who partner with refugee families. These relationships are designed to promote friendship, to provide refugee families with a sense of inclusion in their new community, and to encourage them to fulfill their personal goals towards self-sufficiency. Our Volunteer Coordinator meets with each volunteer team to provide in-depth training on issues related to working with displaced individuals and families from a different culture. In addition, the Coordinator meets regularly with each volunteer, equipping them with cultural tidbits, suggesting ideas for social outings, and providing other general support to ensure the success of the developing partnership. The relationships that result from this program assist refugees in their transition to the US and strengthen our local community.

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Every family we serve has a unique story, a steadfast courage, and a resilience to survive and rebuild their lives here in Colorado.

Frank Anello

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COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS



We employ three Burmese nationals as Community Navigators who visit homes and offer comprehensive support to the families we serve. We currently visit around 100 families every month to conduct needs assessments and offer support to respond to those needs. Home visits serve two primary functions: they address basic needs and cultivate essential and lasting ties between refugees and their new community. These visitations are also a crucial part of our process of monitoring and evaluating the impact and needs of our Family Partnership teams. Ultimately, through the combined efforts of the Community Navigator and Family Partnership teams, our goal is to facilitate independence and self-sufficiency in families while maintaining a connection to the larger community.

1,920

families were served in 2016. They were assisted with citizenship, government benefits, employment, english classes, foodshare, and medical appointments.



YU-MEH FOOD SHARE

The Yu Meh Food Share Program is a community-centered, culturally-relevant program that increases access to healthy, fresh food for refugees. We aim to ensure that these services are exceptional, consistent, and acknowledge the dignity of participants. We currently have partnerships with local businesses which provide us with fresh organic produce that we utilize to stock our pantry. This food is given bi-weekly to over 150 refugee households. Under the Food Share program, we developed a partnership with DeLaney Community Farm, a member supported educational community farm, which allows refugees to reconnect to their roots in agriculture by working on dedicated plots of land and keeping the harvest.

399

families accessed this
program in 2016

47,986

pounds of fresh fruit and
vegetables were distributed
to families.



WORTHMORE CLINIC

Based on our observation that dental health is severely overlooked in the refugee community, Project Worthmore expanded access to oral healthcare for refugees in 2014 with the addition of the Worthmore Clinic. The goal of the clinic is to reduce and eliminate oral disease that relates to poor systemic health including diabetes, cancer, stroke, heart disease, and low birth weight for infants in the population we serve. The growth of this program attests to its necessity: Since its inception, the clinic has expanded from two employees offering services part time to fourteen employees working five days a week.

5,174

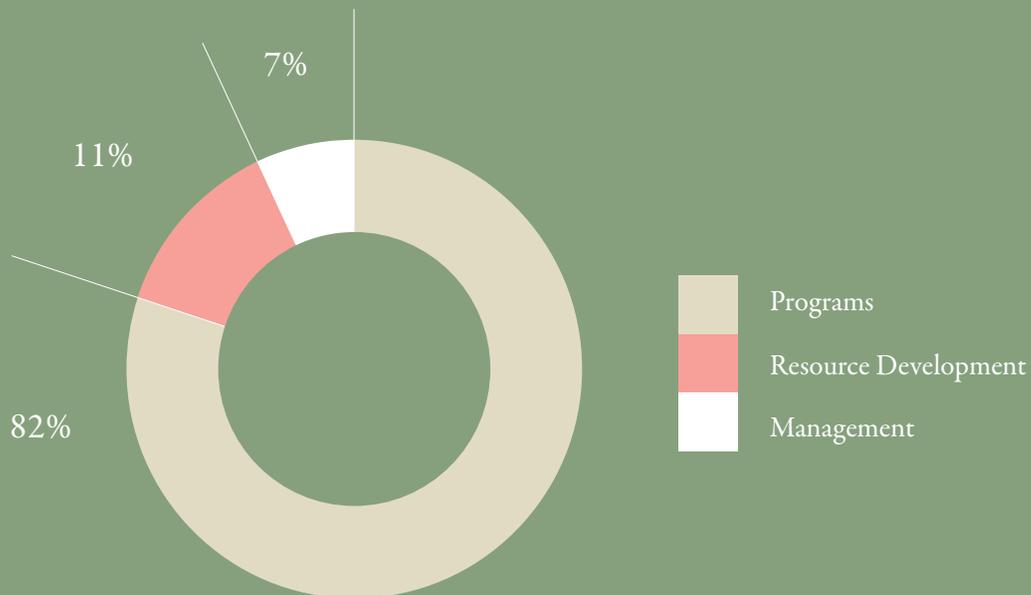
dental patients were given
care in 2016

1,123

NEW patients were
seen at the Worthmore
Clinic in 2016

FINANCIALS

INCOME	\$1,162,327
EXPENSES	
Programs	\$938,188
Resource Development	\$126,883
Management	\$75,165
TOTAL	\$1,140,236
BALANCE OF FUNDS	\$22,091





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