ANNUAL REPORT | 2017

PROJECT WORTHMORE

RESTORING WORTH TO REFUGEES
2017 was our seventh year as an official non-profit, and it was a year full of challenges, struggle and anxiety. It was also a year of growth, inspiration and hope for Project Worthmore, thanks in large part to your support. When the very essence of humanity, compassion, and truth were threatened, our community of supporters stepped up and made it clear that it is simply unacceptable to turn our back on those who were forced to flee their homes and start a new life.

We are so grateful and moved by the reaction of those who decided to join us, those who have continued to support refugees, and those who have been with us from the beginning. Because of you, we were able to serve over 4,000 individuals through our six comprehensive programs and services.

As we look towards the future, we are confident that we will be able to continue this work and grow to serve the needs of those who brighten and strengthen our community.

Frank & Carolyn Anello
MISSION

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

VISION

Project Worthmore strives for a world in which ALL people are valued, included, and empowered

>2,000 refugees are relocated to Colorado each year

approximately 60,000 refugees are currently living in the Denver metro area
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Our English language classes are tailored to the unique needs, interests and questions of our students, allowing them to acquire deeper cultural understanding while learning a new language. Classes are strategically located in the heart of the refugee community. We offer multiple classes a day at various locations, along with free babysitting, to increase access for our clients.

17 REФEEF Families were partnered with volunteers in 2017

1 WE COMMIT TO PARTNERING REFUGEE FAMILIES FOR 1 FULL YEAR

GIVE AND RECEIVE:

78% of 2017 volunteer group strongly agrees or agrees that they have a better understanding of another culture because of time spent with their refugee family.

OF STUDENTS SURVEYED IN 2017:

- 85% said class helped them understand what their children are doing in school
- 87% said class helped them understand health care and visits to the doctor
- 81% said class helped them find a job or do better in their current job
- 98% said class helped them better understand life in America

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Our Family Partner program pairs volunteer and refugee families with the hope they develop meaningful relationships that aid in social bridging — a key factor in refugees becoming more integrated and self-sufficient. Volunteers are trained and equipped by Project Worthmore staff to create the best environment to nurture these developing friendships.

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ENGLISH CLASS IN 2017

418

CLASSES/DAY SERVING STUDENTS OF ALL LEVELS

7
A partnership between Project Worthmore and Denver Urban Gardens, DeLaney Community Farm is a 5-acre farm that supports refugees through sustainable agriculture and community building.

DELANEY FARM

Community Navigators help with essential services and programs that can often be overwhelming for newcomers – enrolling children in school, applying for government benefits, finding meaningful employment, navigating the healthcare system, and much more. Navigation work is rooted in compassion and aims to honor individual challenges and their unique solutions. The team is comprised of individuals from the communities we serve, and their shared learned experience, language and culture allow for greater understanding and empowerment of the local refugee community.

COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

Each Farmer Trainee Receives Over 500 Hours of Training Each Year

140 Crop Varieties Being Grown in 2018

656 Families Served

Supported over 70 families in their search for housing

The Navigator Team Portrait:

From Three Countries Speaking 7 Languages

The Navigator Team:
The Yu Meh Food Share is a culturally-relevant food access program run by the refugee community. We aim to ensure that these services are exceptional, consistent and acknowledge the dignity of participants by distributing mostly organic fresh fruits and vegetables, proteins and milk. The program is resourced by local businesses, nonprofits, and our refugee training farm, also helping to reduce waste within the food supply chain.

**YU MEH FOOD SHARE**

The Worthmore Clinic is a five-chair dental clinic offering comprehensive restorative and preventative dental care to the refugee community. Since 2016, the clinic has served as an ACTS rotation site for the University of CO dental program, Community College of Denver dental hygiene program, and Emily Griffith dental assistant program.

**WORTHMORE CLINIC**

The U.S. throws away 40% of its food.

**477** families served in 2017

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**100%** refugee-run

**17** languages spoken at clinic

**5,930** appointments served in 2017

**72,760 lbs** of fresh food distributed in 2017

**FROM MAY '17 - APR '18, 272** patients had their first-ever visit to a dentist in our clinic

**THE CLINIC HAS SERVED OVER 3,400 PATIENTS SINCE IT OPENED**
In 2017, we had incredible volunteers working alongside Project Worthmore. We want to say a special thank you to every single one of you!

You gave a massive amount of time!