



**PROJECT
WORTHMORE**

PUTTING DOWN ROOTS



WHY PROJECT WORTHMORE

Just north of Colfax, where Aurora borders Denver, lives Project Worthmore, a shining light for refugee families in Colorado. A sign in front of the building reads “Colorado Refugee Wellness Center.” Although the sign predates Project Worthmore, it’s true that this is a place that helps new neighbors achieve wellness by securing the food and services they need for their families. Project Worthmore helps refugee families navigate their new environment and provides them with critical services through a dental clinic, community food distribution program, family partners program, English language classes, and a community farm.

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Project Worthmore plays a vital role in our clients life, we are the family members that they can rely on in difficult circumstances.

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WALID AL ANI,
COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR

OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE

Although Project Worthmore helps refugee families make Colorado home, its own home is in jeopardy. The owner is selling the building, putting Project Worthmore at risk of being displaced, and the entire property at risk of being razed and redeveloped.

Project Worthmore has the opportunity to purchase the building before it goes on the market, but it must act quickly. By acquiring the property, Project Worthmore can ensure the center is owned by the community for the community.

Once Project Worthmore acquires and renovates the building, it will be transformed into “The Roots,” a center where refugees and immigrants will not only feel welcomed, but a place where they can become a part of the community and create a future for their families.

In addition to defining a permanent location for Project Worthmore, the building acquisition creates opportunity for the entire community. The new space will expand Project Worthmore services, and will provide retail and office space for local and refugee entrepreneurs. By putting down roots here, Project Worthmore will also help guard against the gentrification and displacement that’s encroaching upon the area.

THE ROOTS

- Project Worthmore space will double from 4000 to 9000 sq. ft.
- Dental clinic will double in size from 5 to 10 chairs
- Two classrooms to accommodate English classes
- Commercial kitchen for communal use and events
- 3 units averaging 1,700 sq. ft. available for rent to refugee and immigrant businesses



OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT

Project Worthmore is raising \$4,275,000 for the building acquisition and renovation from a combination of private donations and foundation grants. With an end of March closing date approaching quickly, Project Worthmore has identified two phases for raising capital:

Phase I \$1.275 million for building acquisition

Phase II \$3.0 million for building renovation, deferred maintenance, and dental equipment

During the last ten years it has served the community, Project Worthmore has proven that it can quickly respond to challenges and opportunities. Whether it's creating programs to fill gaps in refugee services, or responding to a shifting political climate, Project Worthmore has always risen to the occasion. Now the organization is ready to turn this opportunity into an asset for the organization and all those it serves.

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