



THE HARVEST

Bringing People to the Table to Harvest the Power of Community



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Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services

by Karen Everling, Executive Director

We have officially contracted with the State of Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services to provide services to incoming refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers. We are thrilled to be backed by an incredible team offering financial support and years of experience helping incoming refugees and newcomers who make Iowa their new home.

A lot has changed with immigration, and as humanitarian parole has been offered to Ukraine, Afghans, and now Haitians, it has changed how support has traditionally been given to refugees. While traditional refugee resettlement will continue, Humanitarian Parole does not control traffic flow across the country and creates what the Bureau calls “hot spots” of resettlement. Waterloo has become a “hot spot” for Haitian refugees, making our partnership critical to resetting that community. We are excited about the opportunity to grow our staff and programming!

Refugee & Immigrant Job Fair



On October 5th, we held the first job fair exclusively for job seekers from our newcomer community in partnership with IowaWorks and the Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services. We had 70 job seekers and 10 employers attend. We are so thankful for the connections and educational opportunities like this one for our newcomers. Job seekers were able to understand more about other organizations and meet face-to-face.

B2Wins Benefit World Grace Project

by Karen Everling - Executive Director

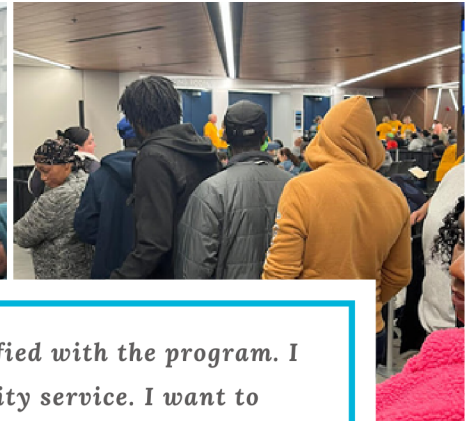
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In August, the Brazilian Twins hosted a concert at the Oster Regent Theatre. They generously donated a portion of the proceeds from each ticket to the World Grace Project. The Twins' story of hardship in Brazil to success in America mirrors the stories of our clients. **We are thankful for their donation to the newcomer community of Waterloo!**

IMOM Dental Clinic

October 13th and 14th, we took community members to the Iowa Missions of Mercy Dental Clinic held at the Waterloo Convention Center. ***There are no words to express our joy and gratitude***, so we decided to share direct quotes from our community about how they benefited. It was worth a long, cold wait in line!



Wilkin is so kind to volunteer interpretation as soon as he arrived!

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I was very satisfied with the program. I found good quality service. I want to say thank you to all the WGP Staff for the way they helped us with transportation so that we could go and get services in the Imom program.

~Jonathan Pierre

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I want to thank IMOM and WGP for helping me.

~Bettina

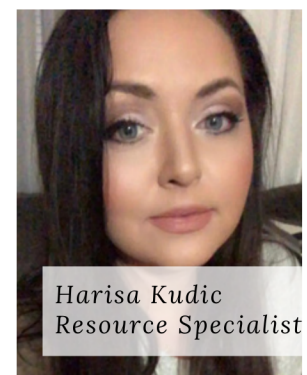
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Welcome New Staff!

We would like to welcome Harisa to the team. Harisa serves as our resource specialist, connecting newcomers to resources around Black Hawk County and organizing transportation, helping with doctor appointments, classes, and office coordination.



The Staff Enjoying Haitian Cuisine



Harisa Kudic
Resource Specialist

Supportive Housing

by Karen Everling - Executive Director



A triplex in Waterloo dedicated to our supportive housing program

Due to the number of families needing to find apartments and other issues with housing, we have created a supportive housing program. Our housing coordinator visits clients in their home assisting them to care for their rental, obtaining furniture, learning financial literacy, saving money, finding transportation, etc. These intensive client sessions are helping newcomers get established through individual goal setting. In addition, we can assist with communications and misunderstandings that commonly come with cultural differences. **Special thanks to Bond and Molly Shymansky at Rentals of Iowa for making this space possible!**

Waukee School Gardens



Grant Ragan Elementary School
Waukee, Iowa

Delivery by: Co-Founder Lew & Everling and son, Heston.



We delivered gardens to Waukee Schools! The gardens are part of our workforce learning projects with introductions to wood construction and CNC, but the best part is we can partner in learning with other schools wanting to explore hydroponics. The systems we create allow us to share our work and advocate for the immigrant community's strong ties to the agriculture system.



Construction at the Cedar Valley Makerspace!



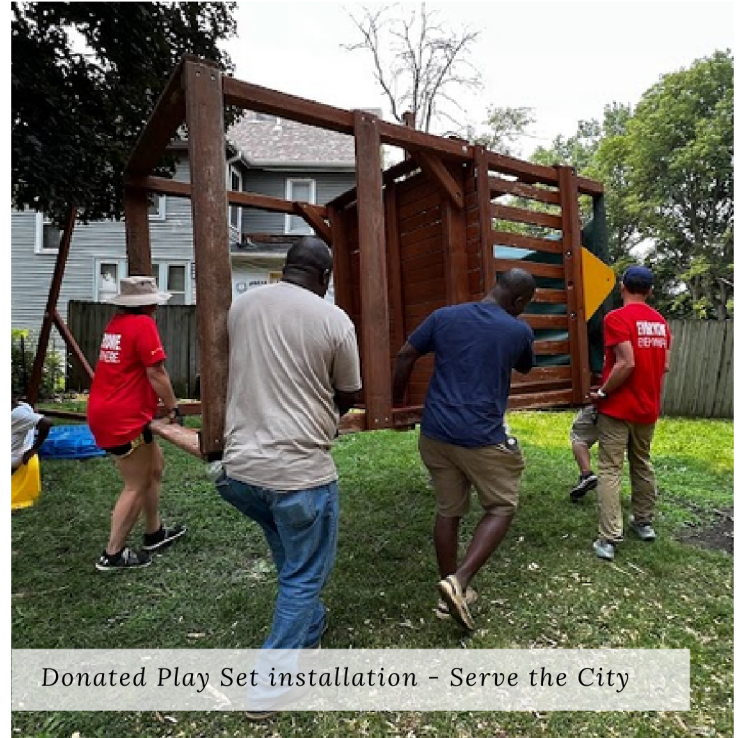
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Neighbors to Newcomers Housewarming Crew

Would you like to help with housewarming for newcomers? Here are our needs!

- **Store Coordinator** - we need someone to organize incoming donated items and get them ready to return to homes in the community.
- **Furniture Driver** - Do you have a truck or small trailer and can help move items once per week? We NEED you!
- **Housewares Driver** - Can you deliver housewarming items to clients once per week? Items would fit in the trunk or back seat of a car. We NEED you!
- **Transportation** - can you drive a family to the store, doctor, or school? Background checks are required.



Donated Play Set installation - Serve the City

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Iowa HHS

Purchase for a Cause

Head over to our store at worldgraceproject.myspreadshop.com to order your own t-shirt and a portion of the proceeds will come back to our organization to support us!



Serve the City with Dignity Apparel Crew

Join Us

If you want to help other nations living in Waterloo, please join us. We are looking for fast-paced, dedicated volunteers who are willing to jump "all in" to help out.

Go to worldgraceproject.org/volunteer to join us today.



Donate

You can provide direct funding support to a family in need! Go to worldgraceproject.org/give to support welcoming initiatives happening in the Cedar Valley.