

## CWS GREENSBORO FY21 IMPACT REPORT

(JULY 1, 2020, TO JUNE 30, 2021)

1,000

refugee neighbors contacted for COVID-19 vaccine and Get out the Vote outreach

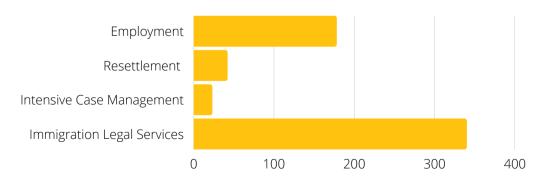
# Our vision: A welcoming North Carolina where refugees and immigrants enjoy the resources, freedom, and opportunity to thrive

Despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, CWS Greensboro has experienced a time of creativity, collaboration, and growth over the past year. We launched new initiatives, expanded our team, and nurtured relationships with partners locally and statewide in public health, housing, immigrants' rights, and workforce development.

Most exciting, we expect to see an 8-fold increase over the next few years in refugee arrivals across the U.S. We are proud that the U.S. is reestablishing her leadership as a beacon of hope to people fleeing persecution around the world, but we recognize that rebuilding the resettlement infrastructure poses many challenges. As we reimagine together what resettlement can and should look like, we are committed to ensuring that refugee and immigrant neighbors not only survive, but flourish.

We are grateful for the volunteers, donors, partners, and advocates who work with us every day to make North Carolina a more welcoming, just, and inclusive community.

# NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS SERVED BY PROGRAM



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refugees secured jobs and job upgrades through our employment programming

50%

of resettled clients were reuniting with loved ones already in North Carolina

10

apartment set ups for newly-arrived refugees by volunteer Welcome Teams

\$57K

in direct financial assistance to newly-arrived refugees and refugees facing COVID-19-related challenges

## **WHAT'S NEW?**

CWS Greensboro was **1 of 8** national grantees of the **Community Sponsorship Catalyst Fund** to launch our new CARE Initiative: leveraging community mentors and financial support to help more established refugees secure meaningful work that pays a living wage.

We relaunched the **Central American Minor (CAM)** program, providing support once again to minors (often refugees) from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador who are reuniting with immigrant parents in the Triad. Currently, this federal program is only processing cases that were pending when the program was unexpectedly closed in 2017. Only refugee resettlement agencies can file CAM family-reunification petitions, which are by federal mandate free to qualifying immigrant families.

Our community organizers successfully lobbied for workforce legislation **HB540** to be presented to the N.C. State Legislature.

Our Immigration Legal Services office began assisting with **I-130 family reunification petitions** so that immigrant families can be together again. We hired a part-time paralegal to support the expansion of services.

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## **FINANCIALS**

In FY2021, total private giving increased by **3 percent**, including an **8 percent** increase in individual giving. We are particularly grateful to our sustainers who helped us increase monthly giving from \$325 to \$1,010 per month.

We continue to work to diversify and expand our funding streams as well as increase operating reserves to create organizational resilience during times of crisis, such as the public policy and pandemic impacts we have faced over the past several years.

### Revenue: \$885,382



Federal Funding - 59% Congregations/Organizations - 20% Foundations/Corporations - 10% Individual Giving - 5% Fees for service - 6%

**Expenses: \$835,615** 



Administrative - 5% Fundraising - 7% Program - 88%

## THIS YEAR IN RESETTLEMENT

CWS Greensboro welcomed and resettled **42 refugees** from 5 countries in FY21. 73 percent of these newcomers hail from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, each individual and family arrived to a hot meal, a furnished home, and a host of supportive resources. We provided PPE as well as internet setup and digital literacy support to all newcomers to help them adjust to virtual platforms. The actions, gifts, and encouragement from our community made the difference.