

A SPECIAL HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES CENTER



Dear Friends:

Throughout the year, the staff and volunteers of the International Services Center see these faces right here in Cleveland. We are one of the key nonprofit agencies addressing the needs of refugees sent to Northeast Ohio. They didn't ask to come to our city. They were told where they were going. And we have been responding to their needs.

Can you imagine living in a refugee camp for 5 or 10 or more years and then being relocated to a neighborhood on the Westside of Cleveland? Culture shock. Communication challenges. Different food. Different people. And the International Services Center works with each person on their needs. It takes a lot of resources to support each person. Although the U.S. Government provides some funding for up to 6 months, it is inadequate. Our agency struggles to find additional resources for our new residents. Now WE need your help.

As you think about gift-giving to your family and friends for Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, or any other holiday, please think of us as YOUR friend and as the only friend a refugee has when she or he arrives in Cleveland. Whatever the amount you have to share to help these refugees will be greatly appreciated!

Your contributions to the International Services Center are tax-deductible. Please send your check to:



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ATTENTION: Karin Wishner, *Executive Director*

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend Best Wishes to you for a Holiday Season filled with Peace and Joy and Good Health and Prosperity in the New Year!

Kenneth J. Kovach, *President*