



Note from the Executive Director

Partnerships form the backbone of our work at the IRC in Salt Lake City. The partnerships we have built, maintained and rekindled see us through the best and worst of times, as evidenced by the last 18+ months of ongoing response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We find our way out of crisis when we come together in support of one another. The relationships we form—organization to organization and person to person—ensure collaboration toward a common goal, a focused ambition to do better, and connections made that form a community of support for our newest neighbors.

In the coming year, the IRC in Salt Lake City looks forward to welcoming more than 600 refugees who will find a new home in our community. As we continue efforts to rebuild refugee resettlement, we invite the thousands of dedicated community supporters to renew their partnership in our work and in service of the people we serve. Resettling and serving new American families to the Beehive State is a partnership of the utmost value, as we all contribute to the genuine sentiment of welcome, inclusion and safety.

Welcome extends beyond the first moments at the airport, the first steps inside a new home, or the first day at a new school or workplace. By building effective partnerships to leverage strengths within the community, we are there to welcome new Americans across the thresholds of countless milestones. The formation of the Utah Immigration Collaborative—an initiative described in more detail later in this report—continues to evolve as the IRC in Salt Lake City works with committed partners to build a more efficient, equitable, and strategic system connecting immigrants with affordable immigration legal services. Interagency collaboration focuses not only on the importance of connection but also the vital space necessary to take ownership when we falter and hold each other accountable.

We are honored to serve new American communities, and we are grateful for the community partners—from individual to organization—who work with us to build a welcoming community.

Warmly,

Natalie El-Deiry
Executive Director, IRC in Salt Lake City

APRIL to JUNE 2021 AT A GLANCE

45

newly arrived refugees welcomed, bringing the year-to-date arrivals total to 50 people. The top three countries of arrival are the Dem. Republic of Congo, Syria and Iraq.

607

total resettled refugees currently received extended case management services.

248

new program participants enrolled across all programs at the IRC in Salt Lake City.

\$29,417

given as direct assistance to cover essential expenses like rent and utilities in moments of great need, amounting to...

\$70,741

in total direct assistance since January 2021.

\$65,476

in net revenue earned by 14 Spice Kitchen Incubator businesses.

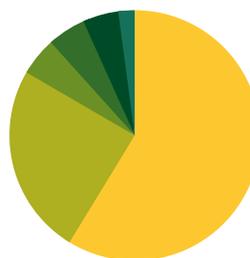
\$5,712

in net revenue earned by New Roots farmers in June 2021.

15

acres of farmland in production by 51 New Roots farmers.

708 HOURS OF ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY STAFF, INCLUDING:



- Culinary entrepreneur training: 416 hours
- Financial education & coaching: 175 hours
- Student tutoring: 35 hours
- Matched savings assistance: 35 hours
- Microenterprise training: 32 hours
- Digital inclusion support: 15 hours

PANDEMIC RECOVERY

40

individuals received their first vaccine against COVID-19

170

individuals have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19



A CLOSER LOOK: IMMIGRATION

The immigration program at the IRC in Salt Lake City provides affordable, high-quality legal assistance to immigrants in Utah, including a variety of services ranging from legal consultations and family petitions to citizenship and permanent residency applications. U.S. Department of Justice accredited staff are supported by community volunteers to help individuals prepare for citizenship interviews and to provide resources for our newest neighbors in Utah. The IRC's immigration specialists continue to respond to the immigration legal needs of former refugees, asylees, and other immigrants referred for support by the Utah Immigration Collaborative as well as those who walk in seeking support.

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MEET THE IMMIGRATION TEAM

280 volunteer hours from Civic & Citizenship tutors

Civic & Citizenship tutor volunteers help prepare hopeful new Americans individuals for the interview and test to complete the U.S. citizenship application process. Earlier this year, Htay, a new U.S. citizen, passed her citizenship interview and test with the virtual support of Civic & Citizenship tutor Niyera.

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78 People received permanent resident status

59 Citizenship applications completed

31 New U.S. citizens

40 referrals received from Utah Immigration Collaborative

Anna Springer

Senior Legal Representative

"My favorite thing about working in the immigration program is the people -- my coworkers and our clients. The reward of seeing a client's success is wonderful."



Pedro Moncada

Immigration Legal Assistant

"The best part of my job is when I see the joy in a client's eyes when they get their green card or become citizens."



Katy Ducos

Immigration Legal Assistant

"I really love working on a team that gets to work so directly with clients and that I get to do a lot of problem-solving with them."



Yusuf Maung

Immigration Administrative Assistant

"At the IRC, I can leverage my skills into building relationships with clients and investing my time into work that benefits people who need it most."



The Utah Immigration Collaborative (UIC) is a network of five nonprofit immigration legal service providers in Utah. The UIC improves access to immigration legal

assistance for traditionally underrepresented clients. With a multi-lingual referral line, the UIC seeks to streamline the process of connecting individuals with service providers to receive targeted immigration legal assistance.

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