



refugee development center 2019 Annual Report

Mission Statement

to cultivate a welcoming, thriving community that collaborates with refugees and newcomers through education, engagement and support

By the Numbers



Our Programs

- Academic English
- Community English
- Newcomer Leadership Institute
- Career and College Access
- Youth Mentoring
- Home Visits
- School Orientations
- After-School Tutoring
- Peer Support Groups
- Project PEACE
- Interpretation/ Translation
- GLOBE Summer Camp
- Young Adult Leaders
- Newcomers Soccer
- Parent Groups
- Drop-In Center
- Driving Simulator
- Women's Sewing Circle
- Parent/Teacher Conference Support
- Financial Literacy
- Digital Literacy

Special Programs: Participation Numbers



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Our Donors and Partners

- All Faith Alliance for Refugees
- Capital Area College Access Network
- Capital Area District Libraries
- Capital Area Housing Partnership
- Capital Area United Way
- Capital Region Community Foundation
- City of Lansing
- Child and Family Charities
- Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- Global Institute of Lansing
- Immigrant and Refugee Resource Collaborative
- Ingham County
- Ingham Great Start Collaborative
- Islamic Center of Greater Lansing
- Jackson National
- Lansing Community College
- Lansing Public Media Center
- Lansing School District
- Lansing Economic Area Partnership
- Michigan Fitness Foundation
- Michigan Humanities Council
- Michigan State University
- MSU College of Education
- MSU Residential College in the Arts and Humanities
- Office of Global Michigan
- Peckham
- Samaritas
- St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services
- Summerplace Townhomes
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing
- WKAR
- Zonta Club of East Lansing
- The faith community
- And, MANY generous donors

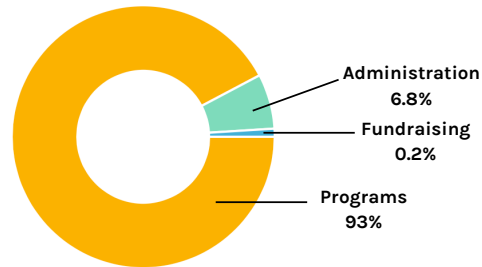
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Our History

The Refugee Development Center is a 501(c)(3) organization that was created in 2002 as a secular program of Christ Lutheran Church, obtaining independent nonprofit status in December of 2008. The mission of the RDC is to collaborate with refugees and newcomers through education, engagement and support. The RDC offers a unique, unduplicated service in the mid-Michigan area. Since 2002, the RDC has grown from one part-time staff member and a handful of volunteers with the ability to serve about 100 people per year to a staff of 12 full-time, 28 interns, 300+ volunteers, and the ability to serve over 1,500 newcomers annually! As a small grassroots organization, we have grown to be one of the most well-respected agencies serving refugees in the region. By providing formal and informal learning opportunities, the center aims to be an open and inclusive place for refugees to learn and locate the resources they need to flourish as residents and citizens.

Financials



Your Involvement

Thank you to all of our steadfast donors and supporters. The RDC is able to operate because of the generous support of our donors and volunteers. Thank you to current and former members of the RDC Board of Directors. Your guidance, expertise, and commitment to the work that we do enables us to continue to positively impact the community we serve.

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