In 2019 emerging global crises forced significant new displacements in Venezuela, Syria, Iraq, and the Sahel region of the African continent. Refugees languished in camps awaiting resettlement as arrivals to the United States remained historically low. At the United States border and throughout the nation, asylum seekers and others seeking to immigrate faced increased barriers and narrowed protections, while advocates fought for reversals of restrictive laws in federal courts.

While hardened attitudes towards immigrants and refugees spurred violent attacks in New Zealand, South Africa, and the United States, the International Institute of Akron, our donors, partners, and the Greater Akron community continued to provide a safe harbor for those seeking a place to call home.

With your support in 2019, we helped immigrants and refugees lay foundations for a new home. This report demonstrates our impact by the numbers, but the story of the impact immigrants and refugees have on our community goes well beyond the numbers. Behind every statistic is an individual who gained their citizenship and the right to vote, someone who became the first in their family to attend college, or someone who achieved the financial independence to start their own business.

IIA continued to serve both those who recently resettled or immigrated to our community and those who came throughout the years, and we celebrate their growth, successes and contributions in 2019.

Thank you to all our donors, supporters, and friends who help IIA reflect true American values where immigrants and refugees are not only welcomed but are valued for the vitality they bring to our community. Let us continue to be a beacon of light for immigrants in search of a place to call home during these difficult times. Join us in 2020 and set up your monthly donation at www.iiakron.org

Madhu N. Sharma
Executive Director
FINANCIALS

Total 2019 Revenue: $2,542,241

Total 2019 Expenses: $2,511,434
OUR IMPACT

Resettlement
168 refugees from 4 countries

Democratic Republic of Congo 127
Iraq 2
Afghanistan 17
Burma 22
OUR IMPACT

Education

- Citizenship: 22
- Cultural Orientation: 102
- ESL: 196

Employment

- Partner Employers: 29
- Job Assistance: 194

Language Access

- Translation requests: 396
- Interpreting requests: 6490
OUR IMPACT

Volunteer Contributions

42 IIA volunteers and interns provided more than 5300 hours of service in 2019.
SOCIAL MEDIA

International Institute of Akron
3456 followers

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669 followers

@iiakron
1000 followers
Acting as a guide and advocate, we enrich the vitality of our local community by helping immigrants achieve an empowered life with dignity, connection, and purpose.