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**STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES**
- Community Art Workshops
- After-School Arts Programs
- Social Gatherings & Events

**PROMOTING REFUGEE ARTISTS**
- Employing Artists as Teachers
- Securing Grants & Support for Artists
- Promoting Artists & Their Art

**RAISING AWARENESS**
- K-12 Educational Programs
- Refugee-Centered Art & Media Projects

**ACTIVITIES**

- Community Engagement
- Learning & Creativity
- Mental Health & Wellbeing

- Social & Professional Networks
- Artistic Recognition
- Mental Health & Wellbeing

**IMPACTS**

- Refugees & immigrants are connected with and welcomed by the greater Bay Area community, and are provided with safe venues to express themselves creatively.

- Refugee artists are connected with local art scenes and establish successful careers as artists.

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**OUTCOMES**

- Refugees & immigrants experience less prejudice, and the public is better informed about refugee and immigrant issues.

**ULTIMATE GOAL**

Refugees are welcomed with widespread support, and are given the social support they need to form human connections, heal, and grow to feel a sense of belonging in their new communities; transforming the social and cultural fabric of their new home for the better.