



A Post-Election Message from IWR's Executive Director

Dear IWR Supporters,

The results of last week's election are likely to usher in changes on a national level which may affect the way IWR is able to offer support to refugee and immigrant individuals. We had been preparing for such an outcome and have plans for supporting and advocating for our refugee and immigrant partners, such as a Know Your Rights campaign and facilitating timely connections with immigration lawyers.

The political rhetoric and hate speech surrounding immigrants this election season does not reflect [IWR's view](#) that every person has inherent value and every person in a crisis deserves assistance and friendship.

Ithaca Welcomes Refugees is, as ever, committed to our mission of partnering with newly arrived refugees and immigrants rebuilding their lives in Tompkins County. Thank you for your support in helping us do so.

Sincerely,
Casey Verderosa
Executive Director, IWR

In the Words of a Global Roots Mother



We recently caught up with Zahraa Aldelfi, who moved from Iraq to the United States in 2013 with her young family. Her daughter was one of the first children to attend IWR's Global Roots Play School, and Zahraa herself is now a teacher there. Read and listen to her [story](#) in our latest blog post.

Current Needs

We are looking for donations of the following items for a single woman who recently arrived from Afghanistan:

- Sofa (couch) - "L-shape" preferable
- Kitchen Trash bin (tall size)
- Kitchen trash bags (tall)
- Fatigue mat for kitchen floor
- Door mat
- Bathroom mat
- Coat Rack

If you can help, please reach out to Leigh Bacher, IWR Programs Coordinator at leighb@ithacawelcomesrefugees.org.

If you have gently used children's clothing and baby items that you no longer need, please consider taking them to Mama Goose, where store credit can be added to IWR's account for refugees to use. Check the [website](#) for drop off dates.

For the most up to date information on needs, check the [Current Needs](#) on the IWR website or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [X](#).

Jewelry Sale Fundraiser This Month

Benefit Jewelry Sale



For Ithaca Welcomes Refugees
ithacawelcomesrefugees.org

Saturday, November 30, 2024
10am-3pm

(Pick up your Holiday gifts!)

First Baptist Church 309 N. Cayuga St.

Ithaca - Dewitt Park

We will be selling affordable, gently used items.



- Pins
- Rings
- Earrings
- Tie Clips
- Watches
- Bracelets
- Pendants
- Necklaces



We are delighted to announce an upcoming jewelry sale organized by IWR supporters Yvonne Fogarty and Debbie Benzer to raise funds for our programs. Stop by the First Baptist Church on November 30 between 10am and 3pm to find holiday gifts or treat yourself while supporting refugees and immigrants resettling locally.

Thank You to Clay School Pottery Sale Organizers



This month we extend a special word of thanks to IWR supporters at the Ithaca Clay School who donated beautiful hand-made items they had made and raised \$353 in support of our programs through a benefit sale. The event took place on October 19 as part of the annual Clay School Member Sale.

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