



## IWR Crisis Fund Appeal Renewed to Help Grieving Family Secure Justice



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Ithaca Welcomes Refugees is launching an [appeal for donations](#) to help a refugee family seek justice for their father and husband, who was killed in a traffic accident last year.

In July 2023, we created a Crisis Fund to help people served by IWR in times of exceptional need, following the tragic passing of a man from Afghanistan, whom we had helped to resettle locally with his wife and four school-aged children just weeks earlier. The family was left without an income, but thanks to generous donations from community members, we have been able to support them with critical expenses.

Unfortunately, no resolution has come of an official investigation into the accident that led to this family's loss. They now seek to pursue a civil case against the driver of the vehicle involved, helped by a local lawyer who is working with them pro bono. IWR aims to raise \$5,000 to cover the legal costs of proceeding with the case. Can you help? You can [read the full story](#) on the IWR website and [donate](#) on the appeal page or send a check to Ithaca Welcomes Refugees at 315 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, N.Y., 14850, noting 'Crisis Fund' in the memo.

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## Thank You, Global Roots Supporters!

Last week we concluded our Back to School fundraising campaign for Global Roots Play School. We are immensely grateful to all the people who have helped make the campaign a resounding success! Thank you to our fundraisers for their efforts, to all those who helped spread the word, and of course to everyone who donated. Together, we raised a total of \$6,998! These funds will be spent on tuition scholarships for refugee children aged 18 months to 5 years to attend Global Roots at low or no cost. As the new school year takes off, we are thrilled to be welcoming new arrivals into this nurturing community!

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## Volunteer Opportunities

IWR is holding a New Volunteer Orientation Session on Sunday, October 20, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Join us to learn more about IWR and the various volunteer roles we are seeking to fill. The orientation session will be held in Dodds Hall at First Presbyterian Church (315 N. Cayuga Street). Enter the church through the side entrance, facing Buffalo Street and Dewitt Park, then go down the stairs. Dodds Hall will be on your right.

Please RSVP to Programs Coordinator Leigh Bacher at [leighb@ithacawelcomesrefugees.org](mailto:leighb@ithacawelcomesrefugees.org) by October 14.

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## Current Needs

This month we welcome a family of 4 who recently arrived from Nicaragua. We are looking for **furniture and household items** to help equip their home. Please visit [this form](#) to browse the needs list and use the form to respond if

you have something to donate.

We are still interested in receiving donations of **laptops**. We also request donations of gently used **children's clothing and baby items** to Mama Goose, where store credit can be added to IWR's account for refugees to use. For details, see [Current Needs](#) on the IWR website.

Please direct all queries about donations to Leigh Bacher, IWR Programs Coordinator, at [leighb@ithacawelcomesrefugees.org](mailto:leighb@ithacawelcomesrefugees.org).

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## **Handcrafted Pottery Sale to Benefit IWR**

# Ithaca Welcomes Refugees Fundraiser



The table will be at **The Clay School** Member Sale:  
**Saturday, October 19th / 10:00am–6:00pm**



**100%  
of all sales  
will be  
donated!**

**\* Cash, Check,  
or Venmo only!**

South Hill  
Business Campus  
950 Danby Rd.  
Ithaca, NY 14850

**Ithaca Welcomes Refugees (IWR)** partners with newly arrived refugees and immigrants as they rebuild their lives in Tompkins County.

The IWR **Welcome Home Team** finds apartments and collects and delivers furniture and housewares to new arrivals.

IWR **Response Teams** are groups of 2-4 volunteers assigned to families and individuals who support them to achieve their resettlement goals.

IWR's **Global Roots Play School** was founded to provide high-quality early childhood care for refugee and immigrant children so parents would be able to attend English classes.



[www.ithacawelcomesrefugees.org](http://www.ithacawelcomesrefugees.org)

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## Support Refugees by Donating Jewelry for Fall Fundraiser



# UPCOMING LCA EVENTS

FOR TICKETS AND INFO GO TO [LCATOMPKINS.ORG](http://LCATOMPKINS.ORG)

**SEPT  
6**

**SARAH LOPEZ EXHIBIT @ THE  
DOWNSTAIRS • 121 W STATE ST, 5-7PM**  
**VALERIA HERRERA EXHIBIT @ KITCHEN  
THEATRE COMPANY • 417 W STATE ST, 6-8PM**

**SEPT  
11-22**

**“LAUGHS IN SPANISH” PRODUCTION @  
KITCHEN THEATRE COMPANY • 417 W STATE  
ST, TIMES VARY,  
USE CODE “LCALAUGHS” TO SUPPORT LCA**

**SEPT  
16**

**“FOLKLORIC DANZA” PERFORMANCE @ THE  
KITCHEN THEATER COMPANY • 417 W STATE ST  
MEET THE LCA @ 6PM / PERFORMANCE @ 7PM**  
**RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON OUR WEBSITE**

**OCT 4  
NOV 1**

**“HISPANIC & LATINE” GROUP EXHIBIT @  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ART •  
330 E STATE ST, 5-8PM  
MEET THE ARTISTS / PURCHASE ART**

**OCT  
5**

**“ANNUAL HERITAGE FIESTA” PERFORMERS,  
ARTISANS, FOOD VENDORS @ PRESS BAY  
PARKING LOT • 110 W GREEN ST, 11AM-6PM  
RAIN DATE: OCT 6, 11AM-6PM**

**OCT 26  
OCT 27**

**“PEDRO Y LA ODISEA DEL PARANÁ”  
ARGENTINIAN PUPPETEER PERFORMANCE @  
KITCHEN THEATER COMPANY • 417 W STATE ST  
10/26 @ 2:30PM   RESERVE YOUR SPOT  
10/27 @ 10:30AM   ON OUR WEBSITE**

**ONGOING CINE CULTURA MOVIES  
HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE MONTH!**



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