Welcome to Rhode Island! The Ocean State!
This past year has been a time of crisis around the world with ramifications felt right here in our Ocean State; and once again, Dorcas International proved we are nimble, deft and ever ready to meet the challenges that face us: learning to effectively assist in a virtual environment, adjusting to immigration policy changes, and doing our part to assist with the unprecedented resettlement of more than 70,000 displaced Afghans, 100,000 Ukrainians and 65,000 other refugees to the United States.

Even as we proudly celebrated our centennial milestone, we remained steadfast to our guiding mission by welcoming, supporting, assisting, feeding and housing an unparalleled number of newcomers from around the globe, all within a span of just a few short months. Meanwhile, our incredible team of professionals served thousands of Rhode Islanders — teaching adults, counseling immigrants, guiding, training and clothing job seekers, and so much more.

This past year also showed us the value of community. We experienced the largest increase in volunteers in the organization’s history. Rhode Islanders stepped up in droves, volunteering, donating, and organizing, while our community partners worked by our side — all to help those looking for an opportunity to succeed.

Now, as we move forward, we look to ask our clients, our supporters and other stakeholders how we can best meet the community’s emerging needs, such as sustainably addressing the issue of affordable housing for newly arriving refugees.

Together we continue to welcome, share, guide and give; every day we open our arms and offer hope to the most vulnerable among us. We at Dorcas International are ever grateful for this community to which we belong, the compassionate community without which we could not thrive.

Together, we are changing lives. Thank you.

Kathleen Cloutier
Executive Director
In 2022, Dorcas International resettled 212 Afghan humanitarian parolees and 106 refugees from Burundi, Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Jordan, Guatemala, Rwanda, Syria, Tanzania and Uganda.

Global crises created an unprecedented year for resettlement services. Fairly soon after welcoming those fleeing Afghanistan, and while still resettling another hundred from around the globe, we began to prepare for the arrival of Ukrainians escaping war in their homeland. Housing; accessing schools; medical care; social services; guidance with legal processes; understanding U.S. culture and customs; transportation — these are just some of the issues our resettlement team works on, and this year the team went non-stop to ensure all who seek to call Rhode Island home have what they need to begin a peaceful and sustainable new life.

“Greeting evacuees/refugees upon arrival is a profound moment of human connection and trust. When I think of all the people who touch each of these cases — families donating household goods, restaurants preparing welcome meals, volunteers cleaning and preparing apartments for new homes, and the incredible Dorcas International staff pulling it all together — it is overwhelming and truly humanity at its best.”

— Cecily

Reunited 127 unaccompanied youth from Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras & Guatemala with their U.S. sponsors
Adult Education

Learning English, gaining valuable work skills, earning high school credentials — whatever it is our students need, our teachers, staff and curriculum engage them at their level of the learning process in order to help them find success and achieve their goals.

“When I first came to the U.S. I only knew how to say hello in English. Taking English classes at Dorcas changed everything for me. Now when I meet other immigrants who feel like I felt, I tell them, ‘You can do it. Just believe in yourself and work hard. It’s not easy, but it’s possible.’ ” — Angel

Duarte immigrated from the Azores, Portugal nearly 30 years ago. Having completed our Citizenship Prep Course and becoming a U.S. citizen, Duarte wished to pay it forward. Despite working two jobs to support his family, he generously donated payments for the next cohort of students so they too could complete Citizenship Prep classes and move closer to also becoming a citizen.

“I paid attention that some of the students didn’t have the financials to go through the classes. I decided to help.” — Duarte

“Making English comprehensible and meaningful involves activating all senses: seeing words, hearing words, speaking words, and even feeling words (with finger and table spelling). We combine the spoken word, the written word and something visual (a prop, a flashcard, an action, a motion, an image) to convey meaning.”

— Deborah, ESL teacher

We taught students from 52 different countries speaking 33 different native languages

Enrolled 1,228 students in our various adult education classes and job trainings
Employment Services

Jobseekers come to us from all over Rhode Island. This past year we helped hundreds of people learn and develop the skills they need to succeed. Clients learn to find and apply for jobs, and many embark on new careers. Beyond that, our Clothing Collaborative clothed more than 1,000 people in need of appropriate attire for the workplace, regardless of the industry. And, we remain proud of our community partnerships with local employers and organizations, helping our clients, their businesses and the community overall.

“Without Dorcas International I wouldn’t have the job I have now, and I wouldn’t be able to pay my rent, feed my kids and have the medical care my son needs. Thank you.”

— Louis

Provided clothing for nearly 2,000 people preparing to enter the workforce and/or resettling from other countries

Worked with 407 people to secure jobs with an average hourly wage of $16.05/hour

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Citizenship and Immigration

“Words cannot express my gratitude and our gratitude as a family for holding our hand through this journey. You took on our case, with all its challenges, and gave us hope that all would be OK. Our abuser had diminished all the hope we had left in the opportunities that America could offer. We made it, thanks to your understanding, persistence and help in seeing our case through.” — Malia

With the help of Dorcas International, Kamal became a United States citizen on June 3, 2022.

2,766 individuals received immigration advice and referrals

321 naturalization applications were filed

1,329 total cases were filed

296 employment authorization applications were filed

146 applications were filed on behalf of victims of crime

210 permanent residency applications were filed

69 applications were filed on behalf of Afghan evacuees resettled in Rhode Island
Celebrating our Centennial

Thanks to Amica Insurance, our generous Centennial Sponsor, hundreds gathered for events celebrating our roots, history and enduring impact on the Rhode Island community. All enjoyed lively entertainment, delicious food, and incredibly inspiring words while joyfully reuniting with old friends and colleagues from long ago. We were grateful to have the opportunity to pay tribute to Sister Mary Reilly and the late Deborah Thompson, the visionary founders of Dorcas Place Adult & Family Learning Center: one of the two renowned organizations that make up what is now Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island. The legacy of both of these organizations, Dorcas Place and the International Institute of Rhode Island, remains at the core of our mission and daily work.
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Growing to Reduce Cultural, Educational, Economic, and Language Barriers

by Alli-Michelle Conti

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Years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021

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FY 2022 FY 2021
Contributions 1,199,445 498,260
Tuition and Earned Income 2,216,170 2,039,444
Public Grants and Contracts 5,335,119 4,006,887
Foundation and Private Grants 632,121 514,242
Other Income 85,282 13,436
Investment Return 140,737 295,724
Net Assets Released from Restrictions 1,062,469 4,034,046
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