

**News from Immigrant Pathways Colorado
July 2020**

Meet IPC's Two New Grantees



One of IPC's most recent grantee is Catherine, an immigrant from Tanzania, who was trained there as a medical doctor, but who has been unable to practice in the U.S.

In Colorado, Catherine was accepted into a BS Nursing program after passing pre-registration classes and a competitive interview. IPC's grant will enable her to become a dialysis nurse, an area where trained nurses are urgently need.



Our second new grantee is Siyat, an immigrant from Kenya who formerly worked as a physician assistant, but needed more training to qualify for work in the U.S.

Siyat has been working hard to stay in school. He and his wife have a young son and are expecting a new baby in the fall. Siyat is finishing his final semester at Metro State University, where he is a straight-A honors student, and after which he will be a fully-qualified Registered Nurse!



Sweet Award for Our Board Member!



IPC's talented Board member Connie Shoemaker, who tells the moving story of two Muslim women coming to America, has won first place in the Colorado Book Award for the best general nonfiction book!

Taste the Sweetness Later features Nisren, a Kurdish Iraqi who fled with her family to the U.S. as refugees from the terrifying regime of dictator Saddam Hussein, and Eman, who fled the brutality of Libyan madman, Muammar Gaddafi.

Connie is a noted author and Founder Emerita of the Spring International Learning Center, located in Littleton.

Taste the Sweetness Later is available on Amazon.com and at neighborhood bookstores.



IPC is Proud to Receive Two Awards

Immigrant Pathways Colorado is proud to report that it has received an award of \$1,000 from the Colorado Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, and another award of \$2,000 from the Littleton Rotary Foundation! The awards will help IPC make additional "self-development" grants like the ones to Catherine and Siyat.



Thank You for Your Amazing Support!

With all the uncertainty in the world, it's important to remember what is certain: Colorado is filled with people who love and care about others -- and who are generous.

Thanks to your amazing donations, in the spring of 2020, Immigrant Pathways Colorado was able to help 35 documented, low-income immigrants and refugees with rental assistance as the pandemic ended their jobs.

We were very aware that the rental assistance grants provided only short-term relief for grantees, but felt it was the essential, humanitarian thing to do.

Now, thanks to you, we have been able to re-open our One-Immigrant-at-a-Time grants so that immigrants can permanently improve the quality of life for their families.



2019 Financial Report

Thanks to your generosity, in 2019 Immigrant Pathways Colorado was able to help a record number of people from around the world!

IPC made 19 "self-development" grants to people from Afghanistan, Bulgaria, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, India, Iraq, Kenya, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Peru, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and Venezuela.

The "self-development" grants were made for a wide variety of things, including citizenship, nursing scholarships, training to become dental, medical, or pharmacy technicians, and training to become an ESL teacher or a real estate appraiser.

In addition, IPC provide \$7,000 in scholarships for immigrants at Arapahoe Community College. The scholarships went to students from Afghanistan, Bulgaria, China (2), Iraq, Mexico and Nepal.

Finally, in 2019, IPC provided \$5,000 to support an ESL teacher at Bemis Public Library in Littleton. All of this thanks to you!



Watch for a Recipe Request and a Survey

IPC is preparing recipe requests for an international heritage cookbook, and a survey asking donors for their ideas about the future of our nonprofit. Please watch for email announcements. We appreciate your help!



Two New Grantee Messages on YouTube

Four of IPC's grantees have made short videos to introduce themselves, helping us all understand why they have come to the U.S., and how IPC has helped them improve their lives.

The newest video comes from Nisren, a refugee from Iraq, who is featured in Connie Shoemaker's award-winning book, *Taste the Sweetness Later*. Board Chair Susan Thornton has also posted a short message for supporters.

The short videos can be seen at www.youtube.com/channel/UCP3huDz9tXY2hxx0KaTP9wA/.

Please share this newsletter with anyone you think might be interested!

We are aware that there are many worthwhile organizations seeking your support in this time of COVID-19, but we hope you will think of Immigrant Pathways Colorado as you plan your giving.

Investment in immigrants is truly an investment in America's future.

Please help New Americans with a generous tax-deductible donation to Immigrant Pathways Colorado!

You can send a check to IPC at P.O. Box 401, Littleton, CO 80160, or donate at www.ConnectingImmigrants.org.

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