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Meet IPC's Five Newest Grantees!

Juan from Venezuela is an asylee supporting a family of six. He and his wife both work, but money is tight.

Juan was a mechanical engineer in Venezuela, but his degree was not recognized here. A grant from IPC is helping him attend CADBIM (computer aided design and building information modeling) classes at Emily Griffith Technical College. Juan's dream is to design fire safety sprinkler systems in buildings.



Eunice from Ghana is a Certified Nurse Practitioner and the sole support of her mother and two young sons. She works on weekends and takes classes during the week at Emily Griffith Technical College, where she is studying to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. A grant from IPC will help pay for books and tuition for her final semester in the program.

Eunice says, "I love helping people and want people to feel that they are not alone. We will all get sick one day. It can happen to anybody. I want to be there for the people who need help as an LPN."

Ely from Peru received a grant from IPC to enable him to apply for citizenship. He is a trucker, but his revenues vary and the rising cost of fuel as well as food, etc., has resulted in hardship for him and his family of wife and two sons. Ely asked that his photo not be used, and we respect his desire for privacy.

Gabriela from Mexico (right) received a grant from IPC to become an esthetician (skin care/wellness specialist) at Emily Griffith Technical College.

Shaymaa from Iraq is the married mother of six children. She wants to become an American citizen, but can't afford the application fee. IPC has provided her with a grant so that she can apply for citizenship. Like Ely (above), she has requested that her photo not be used.

Angesom from Eritrea is a refugee who received a self-development grant to help finalize his degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse later this year. Becoming an LPN will greatly improve the standard of living for his family (mother and sister). Angesom asked that his photo not be used, to protect his privacy.



Together At the Table: Children's Aprons & Burmese Spices

Looking for the perfect gift for someone special? Look no further!

IPC's new *Together at the Table* Apron Project was unveiled at the April 9th workshop and proved very popular, with donors taking home all but one of the adult aprons (blue and gold, for a donation of \$20 plus \$5 S&H).

In addition, IPC still has **colorful children's aprons** in small (ages 2-6) and medium sizes (ages 6-12) for a donation of \$18 each plus \$5 S&H per total order.

Delicious **Zin Zin packets of Burmese curry spices** for meat/fish or vegetarian dinners are also available for a donation of \$10 per packet, plus \$5 S&H per total order.



Finally, IPC has just one **International Gift Box** remaining! For a donation of \$100 plus \$5 shipping and handling, you will receive a gift box that includes an adult apron, four cloth table coasters, one pot-holder and four cloth napkins.

All of the colorful items (except the apron) are hand-sewn and crafted by “We Made This,” an employment skills training program for refugees. Fifty-five percent of all sales go to the person who made the item. To order, contact info@ImmigrantPathways.org. Supplies are limited, so order soon!



A Morning with Alla Pollard from Ukraine

Alla attended IPC’s April 9th interactive immigration workshop, and spoke with participants about how she came to the U.S. and some of her challenges since arriving here.

Alla is a Ukrainian immigrant who met her husband-to-be online about 22 years ago and arrived in the U.S. on a Fiancé Visa.

As a child, Alla lived in many rural parts of Ukraine, finally moving to a city with her family where she went to university and earned an engineering degree. She feels her immigration was less difficult than that of many immigrants because her then-fiancé supported the immigration process with her and hired an attorney to deal with the first round of paperwork. Consequently, Alla experienced relatively little stress.

However, there was still the stress of learning English (Alla discovered the English she had learned in Ukraine did not work here), which Alla described as “challenging.” Her advice to immigrants arriving here is to learn English right away and to put themselves in situations where they will hear and have to use English.

She also had to decide how she would make a living. At the age of 30, Alla felt she was too old to recertify as an engineer (now, she wishes she had done so). Instead, she took community college classes and turned to bookkeeping. Currently, Alla works as an accountant. Alla is the only person from her family in the U.S. In Ukraine she has a sister, brother-in-law and 80-year-old mother. She has been trying to persuade them to come to the U.S.



Become a Monthly or Quarterly Donor!

Did you know that donors who commit to a monthly or quarterly gift to IPC help us stabilize our budget and plan for how many immigrants, refugees and asylees we can provide grants to in the future?

Please consider becoming a monthly or quarterly donor! Just go to ColoradoGives.org, search for Immigrant Pathways Colorado, click on “View,” and “Donate.” A button on the right side of the page will say “Recurring.” Enter your on-going gift there!

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Each monthly or quarterly donor will receive a small token of IPC’s appreciation, an item or items created by an immigrant. Thank you in advance!



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