

News from Immigrant Pathways Colorado Mid-Summer 2023

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We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.'

Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.

- *Fred Rogers*

Meet IPC's Newest Grantees



Zuhaila, (left) a refugee from Afghanistan, was working on her degree to become a physician before war in Afghanistan broke out.

In the U.S., she earned her Certified Nursing Assistant degree, and now must take two prerequisite courses before she can embark on her journey to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

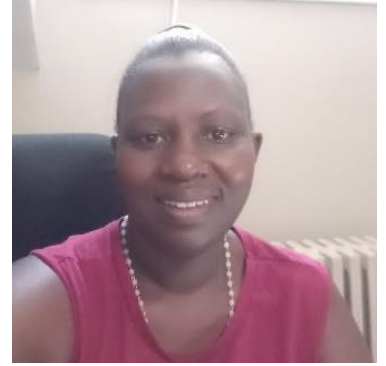
IPC has provided Zuhaila with a grant to cover tuition of those two prerequisite courses.

Khatira is a refugee from Afghanistan who lives with her husband (an Uber driver) and four children, ages one to 13 years. Khatira currently works as a policy advocate and freelance interpreter, and has received a grant from IPC to study interpreter training at Spring International Language Center.

Like many Afghan refugees who still have families in that war-torn country, Khatira has asked that her photo not be used, and IPC respects that request.

Chantal, refugee from Rwanda (right), has received a grant from IPC for two prerequisite classes at Emily Griffith Technical College so that she can take classes to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. Chantal completed her Certified Nursing Assistant course this year and received a 97.5 in the class!

Chantal said, “I am excited to become an LPN and work in healthcare. I am passionate about helping people and caring for my family.” Colorado has a severe nursing shortage, so we are glad that Chantal is pursuing a nursing profession!



Abdul (far left) and Mohammad, refugees from Afghanistan, have each completed degrees as Certified Nurse Assistants and want to become Licensed Professional Nurses at Emily Griffith Technical College. Both Abdul and Mohammad work as security guards at the Regional Transportation District and share living expenses.

IPC has granted each of them a self-development grant to take prerequisite classes needed before they can move on to take classes to become LPNs.

Volodymyra (“Vlad,” right) is a refugee from the Ukraine. He, his wife and two children live with his adult son.

Vlad was a nurse in the Ukraine and is anxious to work as a nurse again. He has earned his Certified Nursing Assistant degree and wants to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Now he is focused on improving his English, and his referring professional says he has made “HUGE improvements!”

Vlad has received a grant from IPC to take two prerequisite courses before he enters Emily Griffith’s LPN program.



Sayed was a pilot in Afghanistan, and is an asylee in the U.S. who has been working as an Uber and Lyft driver to support his family. He has received a computer with sufficient memory from IPC so that he can study lessons to become a pilot in America. He has requested that his photo not be used, and IPC honors that requires

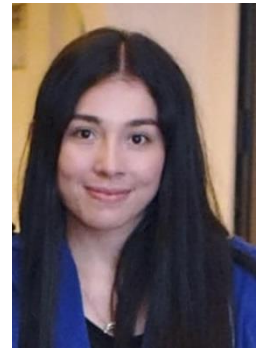


Ghazal, another refugee from Afghanistan (left), has been working as a case manager, but has received a grant from Immigrant Pathways Colorado so that she can take prerequisite courses to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Abdul, a humanitarian parolee from Afghanistan, was a helicopter pilot in the Afghan Air Force. Now living in the U.S., he wants to become a pilot again, but needs a laptop to fulfill his studies. Abdul, who shares expenses with four roommates from Afghanistan, has received a laptop from IPC to further his studies. Abdul has requested that his photo not be used.

Isolier was a lawyer in Cuba before coming to the U.S. as a humanitarian parolee. She supports a family of nine, and has taken five of nine courses toward becoming a paralegal in the U.S. IPC has given her support toward another class. Isolier hopes to become a certified paralegal in the summer of 2024. She has asked that her photo not be used.

Damaris, a refugee from El Salvador (right), is taking English classes from Emily Griffith Technical College for Refugees to improve her legal writing and research so that she can become a paralegal at the Community College of Denver. IPC has paid her first-year tuition at CCD.



Explore IPC’s New Website and Brochure!

After several months of work, IPC is proud to announce that it now has an exciting new website! Please take a look at www.ImmigrantPathways.org.

Special thanks to Traci Jones, former webmaster, for her years of untiring work on the previous website.

IPC also has a new brochure!

Designed by former Spring International Language Center student Diana Sandoval, the brochure features IPC’s three main programs: One-Immigrant-at-Time grants, Community Education, and Scholarships at Arapahoe Community College for immigrant students. Diana, an immigrant from Colombia, kindly donated her design skills to IPC to develop this brochure, which is posted on the new website.



Unitarian Congregation Provides \$1,282 for Grants to Immigrants



Due to a reporting error in our last newsletter, we are happy to let everyone know that the First Unitarian Society of Denver has provided \$1,282 for IPC self-development grants to immigrants from around the world.

IPC Co-Chair Susan Thornton described IPC's work on behalf of immigrants to the congregation in June, and the funds represent their offertory for that day.



Please Take Our Survey!

YOU are the driving force behind all that we do, so we want to know - What makes you most proud of supporting Immigrant Pathways Colorado?



Please check one or more:

- IPC's focus on immigrants as neighbors deserving of respect and understanding
- Self-development grants made to documented, low-income immigrants
- Annual scholarships to immigrant students studying at Arapahoe Community College
- Workshops that increase awareness of immigration issues in the community
- Fun, useful products such as "Together at the Table" international cookbooks and aprons
- All of the above

Other: _____

Please send your response to info@immigrantpathways.org. Thank you! We cannot do any of this without you, and your response will help guide our actions.



ACC-IPC Scholars Rock!

The Arapahoe Community College Foundation has notified IPC that the scholarships IPC has provided to immigrant students there have really paid off!

More than 87 percent of immigrant students at ACC have persisted from fall to spring semesters (vs. 71.90% of all students), 14% attended full-time (vs. 6.9% of all students), and the immigrants' average age was 29.4 (vs. 26.5 years for all ACC students).

Not only that, but IPC scholars' cumulative grade point averages was 3.61 out of four possible points. Our sincere congratulations to these hard-working immigrant students!



Become a Monthly or Quarterly Donor!

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 for in the future.

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

Let your friends know of your ongoing donations and urge them to match yours!



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