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Restoring worth  
to refugees  
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Refugee:  
a person  
who flees for  
refuge or  
safety.

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

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We lived in Denver for eight years and didn't know that refugees lived less than a mile from our home. In 2009 our lives were forever changed when we, and a group of friends, befriended a refugee family from Chin State in Burma. Project Worthmore (PWM) was birthed from this friendship and is now an organization that helps hundreds of refugee families establish a new life in our city. We have developed an incredible organization that is not only driven by the needs of the refugee community but is also supported by the greater community. Since 2011, PWM has implemented programs which are designed to assist refugees on their path to self-sufficiency. As the number of refugees arriving in our city increases, we will continue to develop more community partnerships to ensure that our new and existing refugee neighbors receive the proper welcome that they deserve. All of this would not be possible without these amazing partnerships that have been developed and the enormous amount of community support. From all of us at the PWM family, we want to say thank you for your vital contribution to how we welcome refugees into our city. Without you, none of this is possible.

*Frank & Carolyn Anello*



>2,000

refugees are relocated to  
Colorado each year

*approximately*  
**55,000**

refugees are currently  
living in Colorado, and a large  
number live in Denver



## VISION

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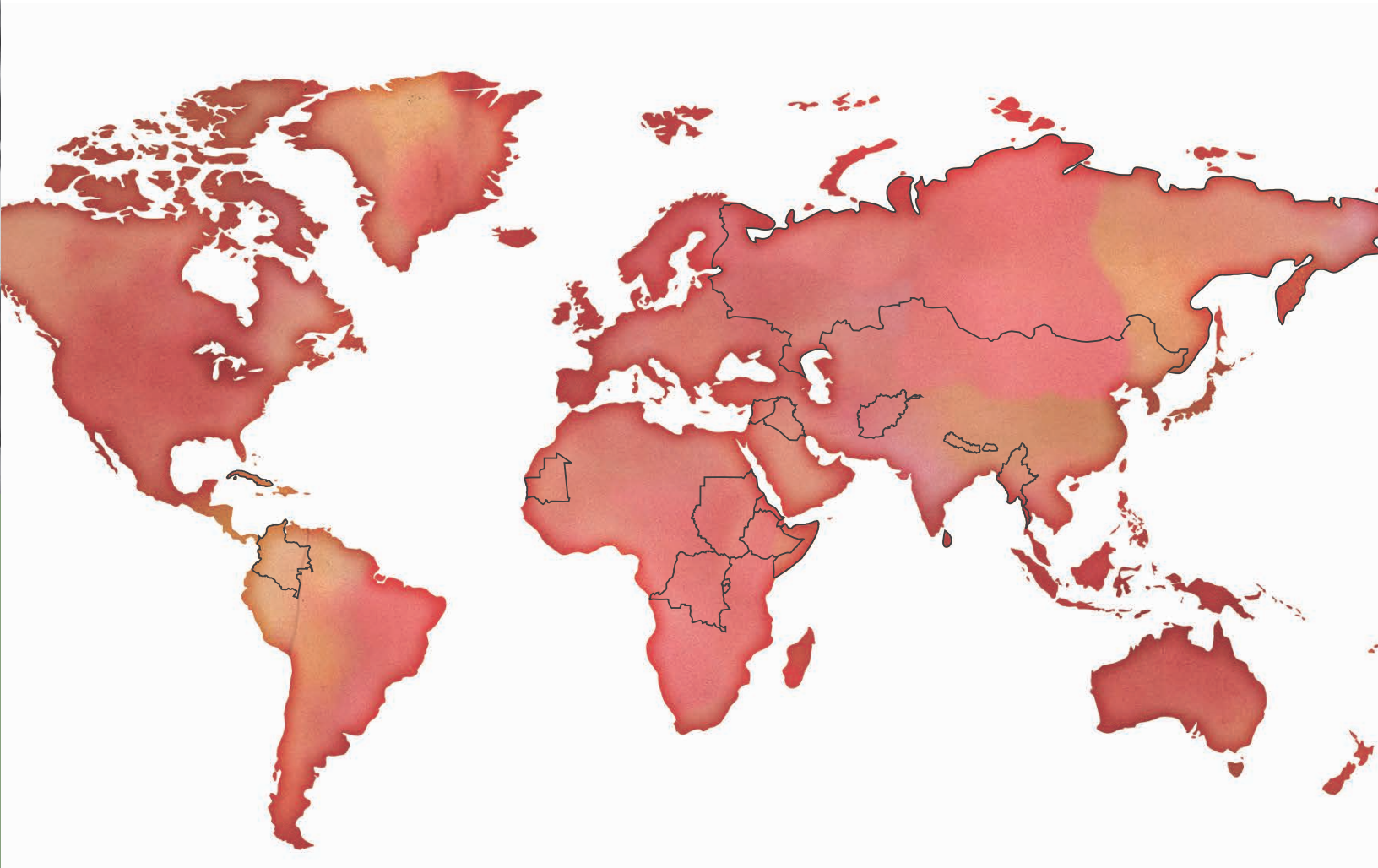
Project Worthmore strives for a world  
in which **ALL** people are  
valued, included, and empowered

## MISSION

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To provide programs that foster **community**,  
**self-sufficiency**, and **increase quality of life**  
among Denver-area refugees





## WHERE OUR CLIENTS COME FROM



Myanmar	Sudan
Nepal	Cuba
Somalia	Mauritania
Afghanistan	Sri Lanka
Iraq	Russia
Syria	Rwanda
Burundi	Ethiopia
Eritrea	Bhutan
Congo	Colombia

# SUI HAL & A THAWNG

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When Frank and Carolyn met a family from Burma in 2009, they didn't imagine that it would also be the start of Project Worthmore. Sui Hal and A Thawng arrived in Denver unable to speak English and unfamiliar with American culture. Through intentional friendship, Frank and Carolyn helped them navigate their new lives. Seeing them today is a testimony of our hope for each family with whom we work.

Sui Hal opens her front door and welcomes visitors into her comfortable living room. She joins her husband, A Thawng, at their dining room table, and they begin to talk about their life in America. "We have been here for seven years. Two of our children were babies when we arrived, and Michealson, the youngest, was born here." Their walls are covered with beautiful pictures. One shows the sun setting over Denver's City Park. Before buying their house last year, Sui Hal and A Thawng lived in an apartment overlooking City Park. "I miss our old home. We lived there for six years and had many happy times."

When they landed in Denver, Sui Hal and A Thawng were anxious. Frank and Carolyn went to their apartment a few times a week and hosted English classes for anyone who was interested. Sometimes the whole living room was full of people eager to learn.

"When I was in Malaysia and I found out we would be resettled in America, **I prayed for someone to help us.** We actually requested to go to Indiana because we have family there, but we were placed in Denver. We didn't know anyone here, but we met Frank and Carolyn. **They became like our family.** I remember they cooked for us, and even though it was unfamiliar American food, we felt so loved and cared for." Sui Hal continues, "We are so thankful for Project Worthmore. They have done so much to help us: assisting with transportation, helping us learn English, food assistance, and navigating medical appointments. **We would not have made it this far without them.**"

Sui Hal and A Thawng exemplify our desire for each family we serve. They both have full time jobs, they own reliable cars, they are able to communicate in English, they are active in their community, they have stable housing, and they are established enough to be taken off government services. More than that, they know that America is their home, and they are empowered to create the lives they dream of.





## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM (ELP)

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Project Worthmore offers four levels of English language classes, five days a week at three locations. Classes are offered in the geographic area where the majority of refugees live, making it feasible for stay-at-home mothers and/or those who cannot afford bus passes to attend. To further facilitate access to our classes, we provide free baby-sitting to our students. As a result, classes are accessible and empowering for many individuals who would normally be unable to attend, providing them with an important connection to American culture and community.

**247**

students enrolled in the english language program

**956**

Over the last year our students have attended 956 hours of english classes



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They helped  
me find courage in  
difficult times...  
they have become  
family to us.

*Tin Tin Aye*

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## FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

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We presently have 15 volunteer teams who partner with refugee families. These relationships are designed to promote friendship, to provide refugee families with a sense of inclusion in their new community, and to encourage them to fulfill their personal goals towards self-sufficiency. Our Volunteer Coordinator meets with each volunteer team to provide in-depth training on issues related to working with displaced individuals and families from a different culture. In addition, the Coordinator meets regularly with each volunteer, equipping them with cultural tidbits, suggesting ideas for social outings, and providing other general support to ensure the success of the developing partnership. The relationships that result from this program assist refugees in their transition to the US and strengthen our local community.

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Why cross  
the ocean, when  
you can cross  
the street.

*Frank Anello*

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## COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

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We employ three Burmese nationals as Community Navigators who visit homes and offer comprehensive support to the families we serve. We currently visit around 100 families every month to conduct needs assessments and offer support to respond to those needs. Home visits serve two primary functions: they address basic needs and cultivate essential and lasting ties between refugees and their new community. These visitations are also a crucial part of our process of monitoring and evaluating the impact and needs of our Family Partnership teams. Ultimately, through the combined efforts of the Community Navigator and Family Partnership teams, our goal is to facilitate independence and self-sufficiency in families while maintaining a connection to the larger community.

# 434

families were visited in 2015. They were assisted with citizenship, green cards, government benefits, employment, english classes, foodshare and medical appointments

# 1,665

Our amazing Navigators visited the homes of refugees 1,665 times throughout 2015.



## YU-MEH FOOD SHARE

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The Yu Meh Food Share Program is a community-centered, culturally-relevant program that increases access to healthy, fresh food for refugees. We aim to ensure that these services are exceptional, consistent, and acknowledge the dignity of participants. We currently have partnerships with local businesses which provide us with fresh organic produce that we utilize to stock our pantry. This food is given bi-weekly to over 150 refugee households. Under the Food Share program, we developed a partnership with DeLaney Community Farm, a member supported educational community farm, which allows refugees to reconnect to their roots in agriculture by working on dedicated plots of land and keeping the harvest.

**339**

families accessed this  
program in 2015

**1,788**

Food was distributed to  
refugee families 1,788 times  
throughout the last year.

**30,553**

pounds of fresh fruit and  
vegetables were distributed  
to families.



## WORTHMORE CLINIC

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Based on our observation that dental health is severely overlooked in the refugee community, Project Worthmore expanded access to oral healthcare for refugees in 2014 with the addition of the Worthmore Clinic. The goal of the clinic is to reduce and eliminate oral disease that relates to poor systemic health including diabetes, cancer, stroke, heart disease, and low birth weight for infants in the population we serve. The growth of this program attests to its necessity: Since its inception, the clinic has expanded from two employees offering services part time to fourteen employees working five days a week.

**1,893**

dental patients were given  
care in 2015

**655**

NEW patients were  
seen at the Worthmore  
Clinic in 2015

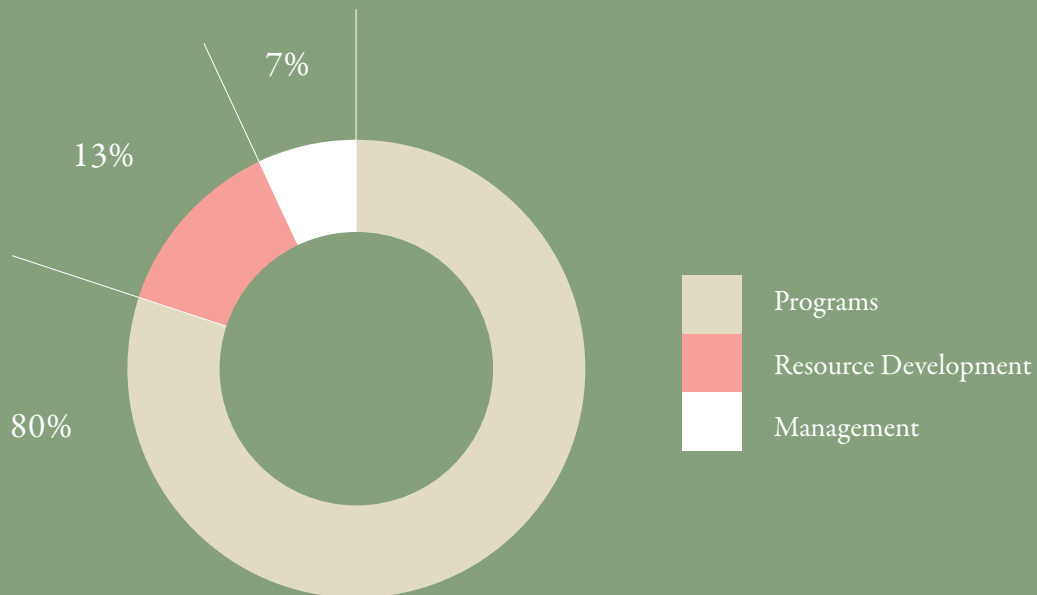
**232**

patients had their FIRST  
dental clinic visit of their life

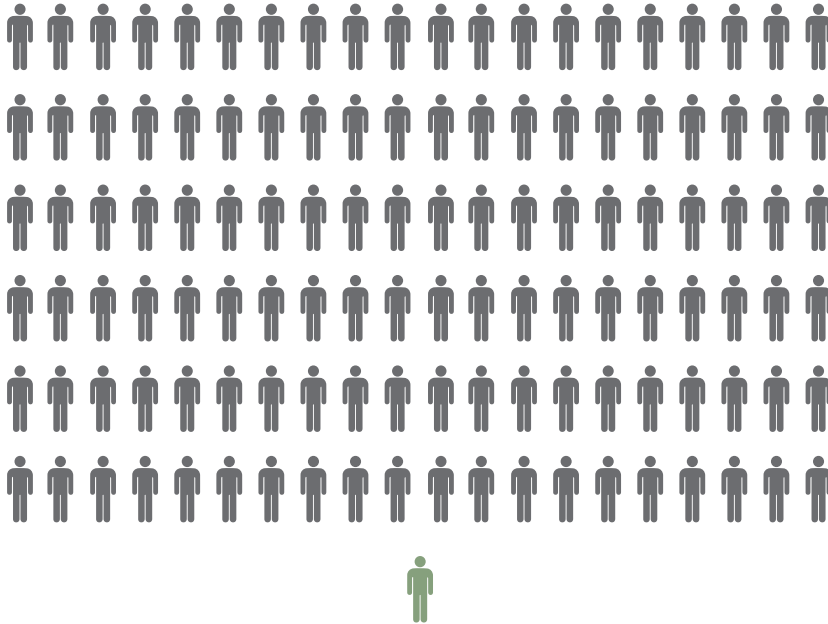
# FINANCIALS

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<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$557,298</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Programs	\$406,518
Resource Development	\$67,495
Management	\$32,816
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$506,829</b>
<b>BALANCE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$50,469</b>



# OUR TEAM



In 2015, we had **121** incredible volunteers working alongside Project Worthmore.

We want to say a special *thank you* to every single one of you!

**3,381**  
HOURS

*You gave* a massive amount of time!





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