

Dear Community Partners,

March 2024

"I'll never forget the day I met *Yvonne. Her head was slumped with huge tears streaming down her face. She had arrived from Africa anticipating a new life but found herself utterly alone and unwelcomed. She showed up at a resettlement agency's door and I just happened to be there. I was invited in and sat with her, listening to her story and offering to help. We became friends, more like family, and though her road has been difficult, she is resilient and strong, and is now flourishing in her new community. I always ask myself, 'What if this were me or my child?' How would I want to be treated? ~ **We welcome refugees**."

Jennifer Frye, Executive Director of WARM

This is what we do, and it matters.

Wrap around care from trained and vetted volunteers, English classes, driving instruction, pregnancy support, mental health groups, women's support groups, and apartment set-ups - these are just some of the ways we are **impacting** the **lives** of refugees, real people with real needs. **God cares, and so will we.**

We invite you to join us in supporting refugees! Our WARM Gala Fundraiser Dinner will be held May 7th, 2024 at The AC Hotel Worcester. Over 200 dedicated community members will be there for live art, inspiring stories, music, dinner, and a silent auction. Our goal is to raise \$125,000 so that WARM can serve more refugees in this coming year, so that they can flourish and give back to their communities. WARM is a critical partner in refugee support in the cities where we serve, and we have a lot of work yet to do. We need your help.

Would you consider supporting our event and our mission by donating an item or service for the silent auction?

How to donate to our Silent Auction:

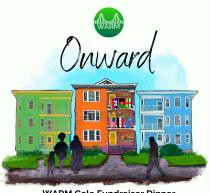
- 1. You can go to our silent auction form via our website
- 2. Scan this QR code to go directly to the same form
- 3. Fill out the attached paper form and mail it in, OR
- 4. Simply speak with the person who is inviting your participation.

We will follow up with you to discuss next steps. All auction items are due by April 30th. **Together, we can help make this world a better place.**

And please, join us at our event! Would you like to be a sponsor? You can find more information and register to attend at <u>www.warmwelcoming.org</u>

Sincerely,

P.S. Donate a silent auction item to help refugees thrive. Join us for our Gala Fundraiser Dinner!



WARM Gala Fundraiser Dinner May 7, 2024 | 6:00-8:30 pm