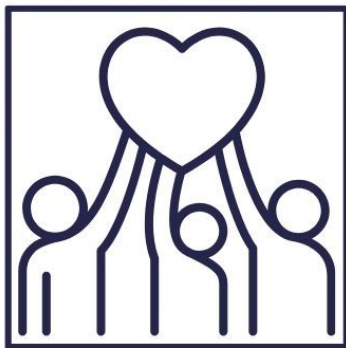


WORLD REFUGEE



WEEK 2024

AWARENESS

ALL WEEK

SAMARITAS YOUTH ART SHOW

Hosted by Samaritas
Tabooli Restaurant

515 West Grand River Ave., East Lansing MI 48823
Samaritas' Refugee Youth Traveling Exhibit features pieces created by youth from around the world, now in refugee foster care in Michigan. These youth have been lost or separated from their families while fleeing their home countries, but through connections with local foster homes, volunteers, and Samaritas' support, they are able to pursue the safe and bright future that should be every child's right. Art creation provides an outlet for these youth to explore their hearts, losses, hopes, and dreams. It provides an opportunity for them to share their voice with the community - empowering them to express who they truly are through their own words and artistic visions. The exhibit offers the community a chance to learn about these children and consider how we can be a voice of welcome, stepping into their stories and journeys and creating a place for them to call home.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH

REFUGEE MINI RESOURCE FAIR

Allen Farmer's Market
1629 E. Kalamazoo St. Lansing MI 48912
3PM - 6:30PM

Learn from community partners about services available to new Americans in Lansing. Enjoy art created by youth from all over the world presented by a miniature version of Samaritas' Refugee Youth Traveling Exhibit.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH

PEACE POLE UNVEILING

Hosted by Catholic Charities of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton Counties' Refugee Services
Peckham, Inc.
3510 Capital City Blvd, Lansing, MI 48906
12PM - 2PM

Join Catholic Charities of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton Counties in celebrating Peckham, Inc. Peckham has promoted diversity in its workforce and created job opportunities for new Americans for many years. Catering provided by Noosh, an Afghan cuisine restaurant.

JUNE 19TH-28TH

VISIT STVCC.ORG FOR FULL EVENT DETAILS

Use #WithRefugees & #RefugeeWelcome to celebrate
World Refugee Awareness Week!

FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST

THE GLOBAL INSTITUTE OF LANSING (GIL) GRADUATION CEREMONY & RECEPTION

Hosted by Global Institute of Lansing (GIL)
First Presbyterian Church
510 W. Ottawa St, Lansing, MI 48933
6:30PM - 8:30PM

We invite the community to honor the accomplishments of our adult refugee & immigrant high school graduates. Please join us for our 2024 graduation ceremony with a dessert reception immediately following to celebrate our incredible graduates. For more information, please call 517-488-5342.

CLOTHES THAT TELL A STORY: REFUGEE FASHION

Capital Area District Library
South Lansing Library
3500 S Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48910.
June 21st - June 28th
Traditional wear exhibit.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

FRESH START FAMILY PHOTOS

Hosted by the Salvation Army -
Lansing Capital Area
525 N. Pennsylvania Ave. LANSING, MI, 48912
10AM - 2PM

This event has been made possible through the generosity of Chamberlin Photography Services. The family photos not only capture cherished moments but also symbolize the resilience, hope, and unity that define our community. Each family will receive their family photo digitally via email.

RAY'S OF HOPE: REFUGEES FROM AROUND THE WORLD SHARE THEIR LOVE AND TALENT

Hosted by Cross-Cultural Community Connections
(4C) and
MIARC at Office of Global Michigan
St. Luke Lutheran Church
122 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing, MI 48912
5PM

Come and experience the wealth of talent that has settled right here in our community. The various performances lined up for this event are dancers, singers, poets, and artists from around the globe. Countries represented include Afghanistan, Burundi, D.R. Congo, Myanmar, Sudan, Peru, Syria, and Ukraine. Along with the gift of enjoying this enriching experience, let's take the opportunity to welcome our new neighbors warmly. Let's give them a place to thrive and contribute to the welfare of our neighborhoods and the Greater Lansing community.

MONDAY, JUNE 24TH

DISABILITY AWARENESS IN REFUGEE COMMUNITIES

Hosted by Michigan Disability Rights Coalition's
LEAD Program
6PM - 7:30PM

Join us to learn more about disability in the refugee community. During this virtual session, we will explore disability in refugee communities. The training will focus on topics relevant to refugees with disabilities including: History of Disabled Refugees, Disability and Disability Pride, Language, Ableism & Internalized Ableism, and Cultural Competency/Humility
Register online at:
DisabilityAwarenessRefugeeCommunity
.eventbrite.com

TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH

IRRC HERITAGE HEARTH & PLATE BOOK REVEAL

Lansing Shuffle
325 Riverfront Dr, Lansing, MI 48912
5PM - 7PM

Come share a meal with us and be the first to hear the book title for our "Summer Community Read!" This Community Read celebrates hope and is suitable for all ages. Thank you for supporting our local restaurants! If purchasing a meal is a hardship, please let us know. All are welcome. Book reveal will be at 6PM, and this event is offered in partnership with Capital Area District Libraries and the Lansing School District.

Reservation is required (35 person limit):
<https://forms.gle/77H5L99RGmxheG5yZ>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH

PANEL DISCUSSION ON REFUGEE YOUTH NAVIGATING THE AMERICAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

Hosted by Greater Lansing United Nations Association
and the Refugee Development Center
Unitarian Universalist Church
5509 South Pennsylvania Avenue
6:30PM - 8PM

This panel discussion focuses on the experiences of refugee youth in American schools. It aims to shed light on the diverse experiences these youth encounter while adapting to the American educational system.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH

TOUR OF RDC'S NEWCOMER CENTER

RDC's Newcomer Center
5509 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI 48911
5:30PM

Join us for a tour of our Refugee Development Center (RDC)'s Newcomer Center and then enjoy a community potluck hosted by Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) Garden Project.