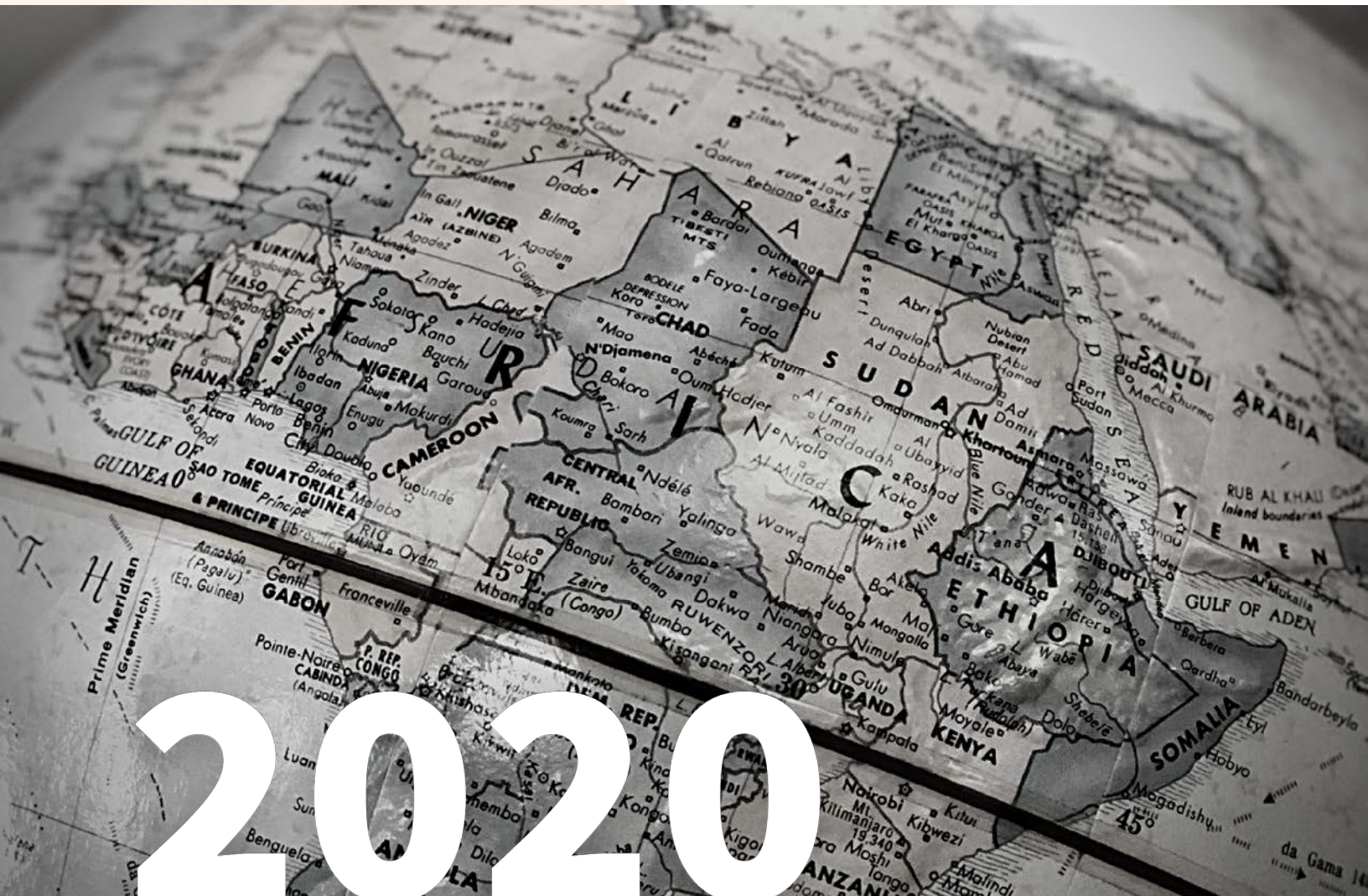


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ANNUAL REPORT FOR ECE® AID, A PROGRAM OF ECE®



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ECE®

Look back? Look ahead? A wise woman reminded me years ago that there is a reason that the rearview mirror of a car is so much smaller than the windshield in front of the driver. Her point was that in planning, do not spend too much time thinking about the past and focus on the future.

There is clear value in examining the past. We learn from the past, both the good that has happened and the difficult times. We can, and should, celebrate our accomplishments. We should also learn from what did not go well and what needs change.

At ECE we are reflecting how well we pivoted in a difficult year to serve those educated around the world who are crossing borders to achieve their goals in education, employment, and service to their communities. We are also examining how we can do better to support racial equality and social justice in our own organization and in our wider community.

We have much work to do. That is why we are turning our attention with energy and urgency to the year ahead. There is so much capacity for healing, change, and improvement in our world in 2021. We are putting the best minds and societal forces to work on overcoming the Pandemic. Government and community leaders are addressing systemic racism and calls for true equality. Serious and global efforts are taking shape to stop and reverse environmental degradation.

At ECE we are looking through the windshield and driving with speed and care to do our part in taking on the challenges of our time. We have so much work to do. We face the road ahead with enthusiasm and resolve.

Thank you for joining us on this ride.

Margit Schatzman, ECE® President



2020



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MUHUMURE

Through ECE[®] Aid we get to work with truly inspiring people like Muhumure. Last year we evaluated his Diplôme so he could apply to graduate school in the U.S. Spoiler alert: he was accepted and is currently enrolled at Sullivan University in Kentucky! However, his harrowing journey has been far from conventional.

Muhumure was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and grew up among civil war, genocide, and displacement. To escape from the trauma and violence, Muhumure's family fled to Burundi, a neighboring country in Eastern Africa. In Burundi, over the course of 15 years as a refugee, Muhumure grew up, graduated from high school, and completed his undergraduate studies.

After 15 years of living as refugees in Burundi, the UNHCR finally placed Muhumure and his family in the U.S. When he arrived, he was understandably disoriented: "I was totally confused. How can I pursue my studies?" Thankfully, Muhumure found assistance through Jefferson Community and Technical College, an ECE[®] Aid participant, and has now been able to continue his educational and professional journey.

"After my documents were evaluated by ECE, I have enrolled at Sullivan University in [their] master program. My family and I say thanks to ECE. Now I can see the future of my family [has] changed. Thank you a lot."

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Muhumure



Since 2016 ECE[®] Aid has provided fee waivers to **446** recipients from **72** different countries.

RECIPIENTS 2020



BRUKTAWIT

Thanks to ECE® Aid participants like Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, we feel privileged to work with dedicated, hardworking mothers like Bruktawit.

Currently a stay-at-home mother, Bruktawit received her master's degree in Developmental Psychology two years ago in Ethiopia. Now she is hoping to continue her education and career, becoming a nurse in the U.S.

More crucial than ever, the world certainly needs the invaluable skills of nurses. ECE is proud to be a small part of the story for this strong mother and future healthcare hero!

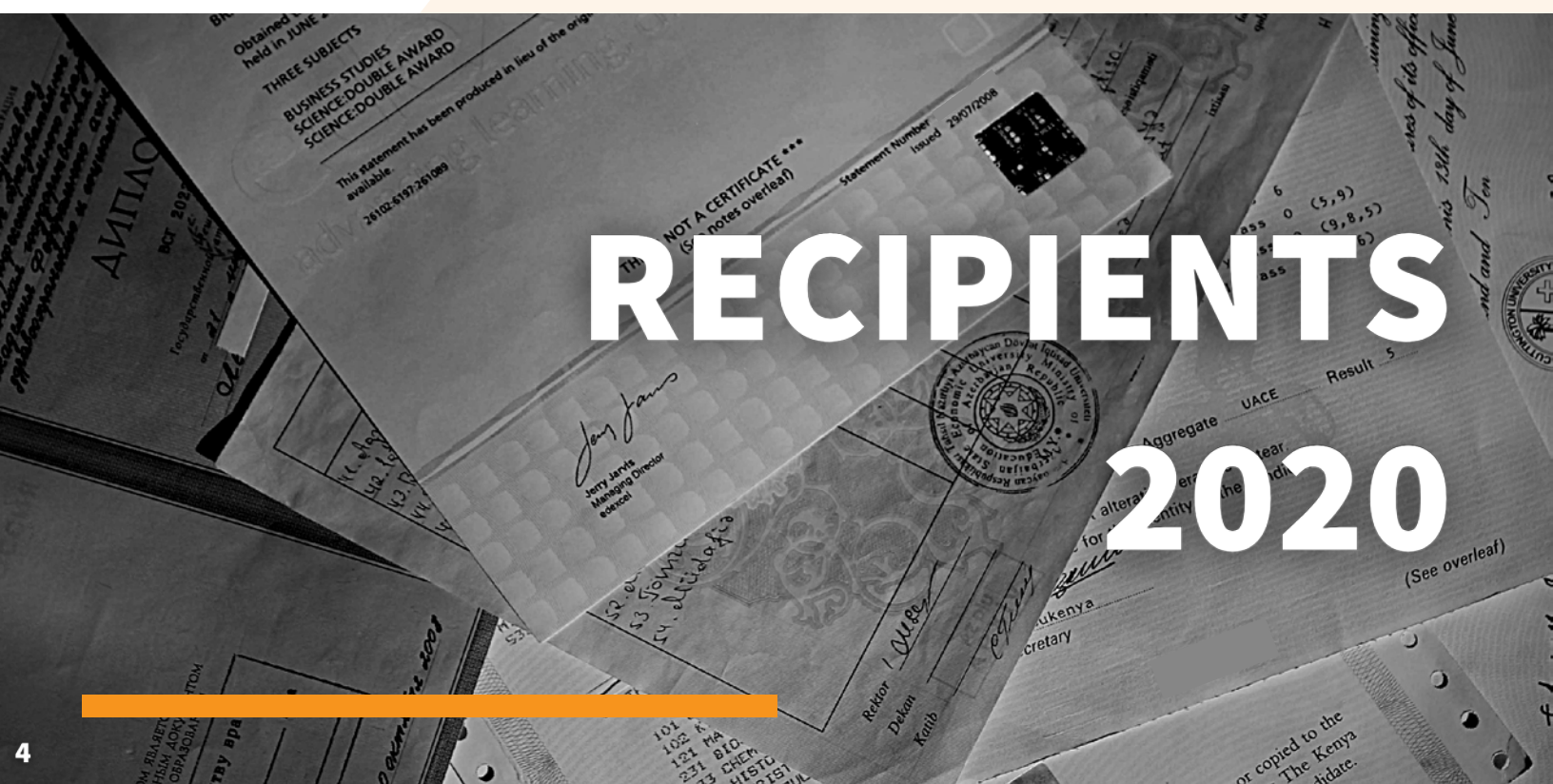
"I am glad you offer me the ECE® evaluation for free. That will help me to pursue my education. Thank you!"

From all of us at ECE, good luck to you, Bruktawit!



In 2020 ECE® Aid recipients studied and came from Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Belarus, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Russia, Serbia, South Korea, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

RECIPIENTS 2020





ECE[®] Aid

IZUNNA

ECE gets to work and collaborate with many incredible organizations, institutions, and programs that are just as supportive of both ECE[®] Aid and international students.

One such program is the EducationUSA Opportunity Funds Programs (OFP), which has sent over 50 referrals for ECE[®] Aid fee waivers. It was through OFP at EducationUSA Lagos that we were able to assist Izunna from Nigeria.

We began with evaluating Izunna's bachelor's degree from the Federal University of Technology in Owerri, Nigeria. At the time Izunna was applying to several graduate programs in computer science throughout the U.S. Since the completion of the ECE[®] evaluation, he has been accepted by the University of Cincinnati and enrolled in their doctoral studies program.

"The evaluation was timely, making my graduate school application swift. I'm very glad for ECE[®] Aid."

We are thrilled to be a small part of Izunna's educational support system and wish him the very best in his future endeavors in Ohio and wherever his journey takes him.

Izunna

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RECIPIENTS 2020

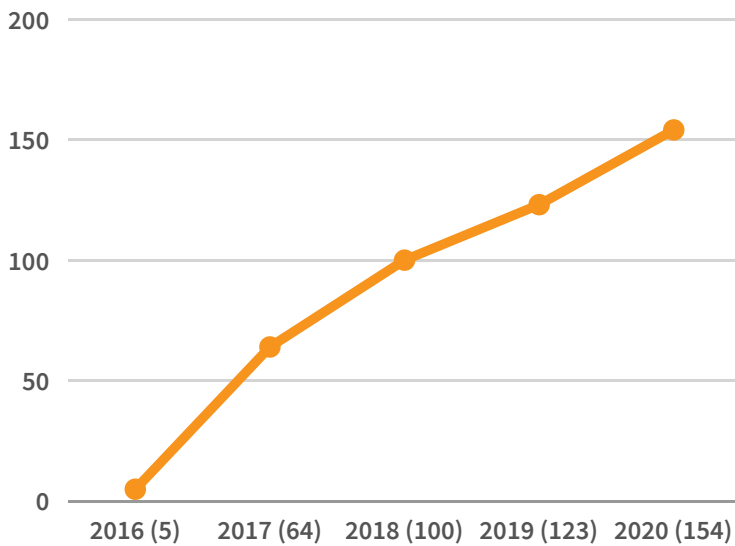


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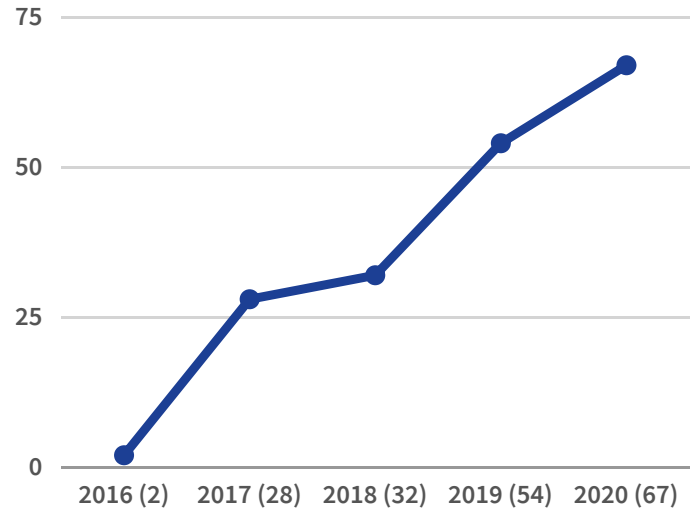
2020



Completed ECE® Aid evaluations



ECE® Aid participating institutions & organizations



Participating institutions and organizations increased to **67** in 2020.

446

The total number of fee waivers awarded since 2016 now stands at **446**.

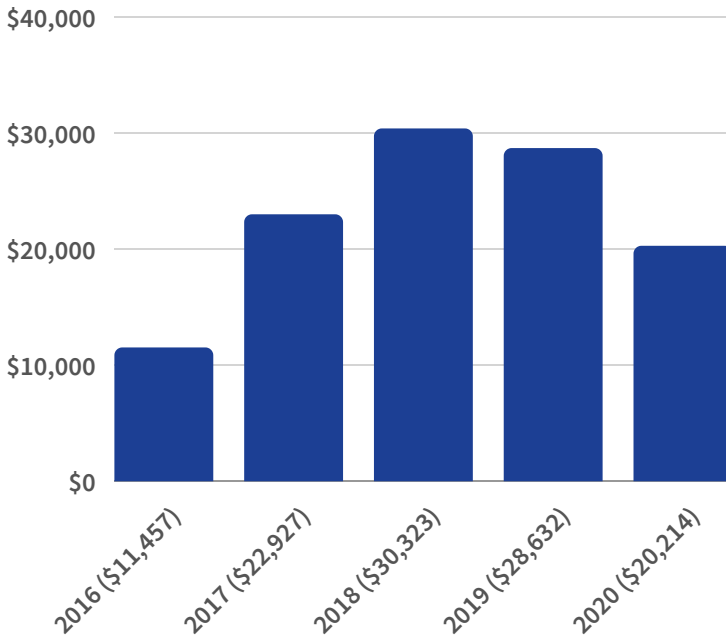
There were **154** completed evaluations receiving ECE® Aid fee waivers in 2020.

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ECE® Aid funds raised



Donations in 2020 reached

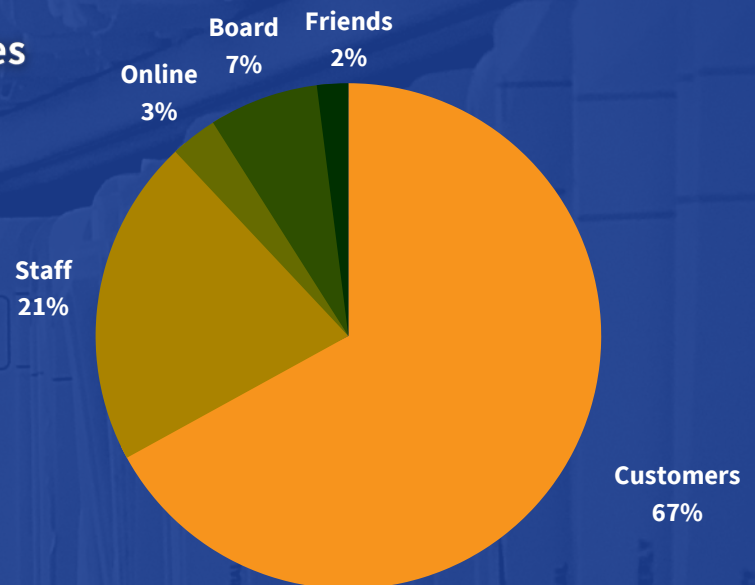
\$20,214

Since the launch of ECE® Aid, the total amount of donations now totals

\$113,540

ECE® Aid donor sources

Past & present ECE® customers, staff, board of directors, & friends of ECE continue to keep ECE® Aid in a sound financial position.

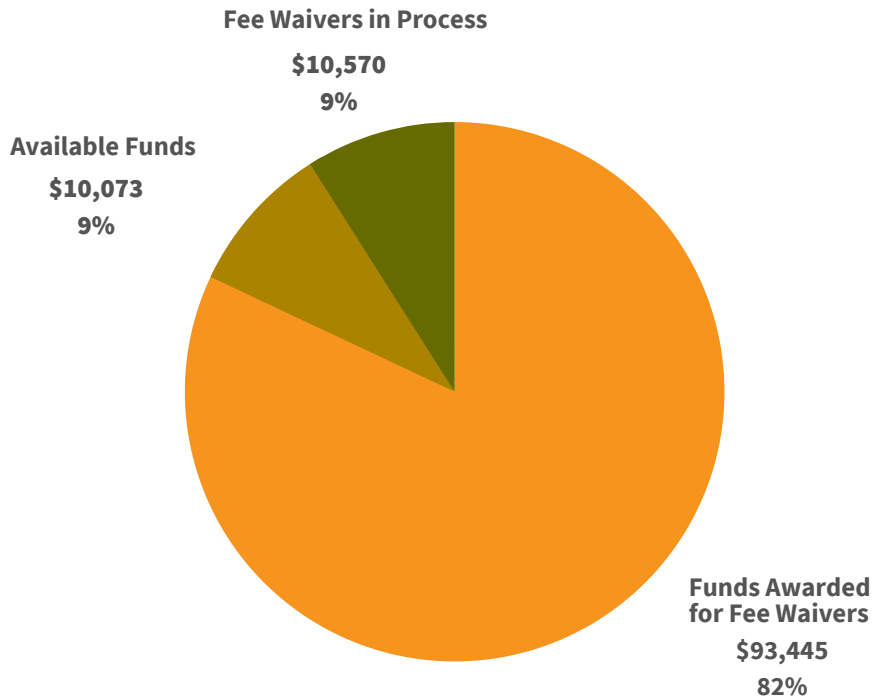


PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

2020

\$20,214 in donations

Approximately 98 free evaluation reports



Thanks to the generosity of everyone, including paying customers, staff, board members, and outside donors, we raised **\$20,214** by year-end.

Out of total funds raised since 2016, **\$93,445** has been awarded for ECE® Aid fee waivers since its launch.

By the end of 2020, **\$10,073** of funds were available to those eligible for a fee waiver.

\$10,570 has been earmarked for ECE® Aid fee waivers in process.

The average cost of an ECE® Aid evaluation report fee waiver is **\$206**.

No donations received are directed to the general operating fund.

A copy of the current ECE® Form 990 is available upon request by contacting Educational Credential Evaluators at PO Box 514070, Milwaukee, WI 53203



We are honored to work with over **65** participating institutions and organizations committed to promoting a diverse global community through the ECE® Aid initiative.

For more information on becoming an ECE® Aid participant, please visit ECE.org/ECE/ECE-Aid/Participating-Institutions

- ACCESS
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- Carnegie Mellon University - Heinz College
- Carroll University
- Charleston Southern University
- Community Education (a service of IU13)
- Concord University
- Connecticut Institute for Refugees & Immigrants (CIRI)
- Duquesne University
- Education USA, Opportunity Funds Program
- ELL Parent Center - Niles Township Schools
- Governors State University
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Institute of International Education (IIE), Platform for Education in Emergencies Response (PEER)
- Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS)
- Jefferson Community & Technical College
- Jewish Family & Community Services of Pittsburgh
- Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains
- Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area
- Middle Eastern Immigrant & Refugee Alliance (MIRA)
- Minneapolis Community & Technical College
- New American Pathways
- New Mainers Resource Center - Portland Adult Education
- North Hennepin Community College
- Northeastern State University
- Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa (RACI)
- Refugees to College
- University of Rochester
- University of Texas at Tyler - Graduate School
- Upwardly Global-Chicago
- U.S. Committee for Refugees & Immigrants (USCRI)
- Winnebago Area Literacy Council
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