



Restoring Dignity
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2019 End of Year Letter

Some highlights of the past year:

- We launched the first of its kind, Cleaning Education Program (with all cleaning supplies translated into the native languages of the families we serve). Classes were taught in the following languages in 2019: Karen, Karenni, Burmese and Nepali.
- We hosted two large cleaning events and three community resource fairs at apartment complexes (which reached over 1,000 people... large cleaning classes were taught in SIX languages!)
- 59 window air conditioning units (all donated by our amazing supporters!) were installed in the homes of refugee families who did not have A/C
- With the incredible help of our community, we completed home-makeovers that transformed the living environments of four families who had experienced extenuating life circumstances
- We testified before the Nebraska Legislature and Omaha's City Council in support of proactive rental inspections (and empowered numerous refugee tenants to testify as well). Omaha's City Council voted in favor of the ordinance in April 2019... and it has just started rolling out as of January 2020!
- Provided comprehensive casework and supportive services for all of the displaced Yale Park families (and we continue to provide support as needed)
- Advocated on behalf of refugee families living in substandard condition and began working with local landlords to implement effective ways for non-English speaking tenants to communicate maintenance requests
- Gave away hundreds of pieces of furniture and household goods to refugee families during our open storage unit days (which our awesome supporters donated!)
- Moved our storage unit location AND our office!
- Hired our second full-time employee
- Officially received our 501(c)3 designation from the IRS!

At the heart of *Restoring Dignity* is our **belief** that something can and should be done to meet the needs of Omaha's refugee community through empowerment, education, and advocacy partnerships. We are committed to providing high quality education, advocacy, and support services through all of 2020 (and for years to come)!

Thank you, again, for your donation! It has made a very tangible difference in the lives of Omaha refugees.

We hope that you join us in making 2020 another incredible year!

Sincerely,

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