



DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Join Us As We Kick Off 2016

Dear Friends,

Your past generosity has helped set the stage for one of the most important years in the history—and the future—of the Columbus International Program (CIP).

CIP continues to build its reputation as a major architect for international exchange in central Ohio. We believe CIP's founder, Henry B. Ollendorff, would be proud of the strides we have made in helping to create a "universal community," built on values of respect and friendship. A quick look at the world map in our 2015 ["Annual Review"](#) attests to CIP's growing global reach. The number of participants in CIP's training programs for International Professionals in Residence will continue to grow, as will our local partner agencies.

Our recent outreach visit to China confirms what our recent strategic plan indicated: *leaders from a variety of fields all over the world are more interested than ever in acquiring knowledge, information, and resources that originate from Columbus.* This will create permanent relationships that lead to sustained economic development for Central Ohio.

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In the coming year, we believe CIP can play a unique role in facilitating these exchanges which focus on challenges the global community must confront: education, the environment, elder care, breast cancer, social problems, and the traumatic effects of terrorism. Consistent with our long-term plans, we have already begun substantive dialogue on these issues with professionals in China, Nigeria, India, and other countries. Our reputation and credibility is growing.

With your continued membership support, CIP can emerge as a major force in strengthening international dialogue and creating solutions to problems which we all face as members of the global community. Will you partner with us again by renewing your membership? Visit our website, www.cipcolumbus.org, to begin or renew your membership today.

Many thanks,

Mark W. Poeppelman
Executive Director

Phil Beltz
Board President



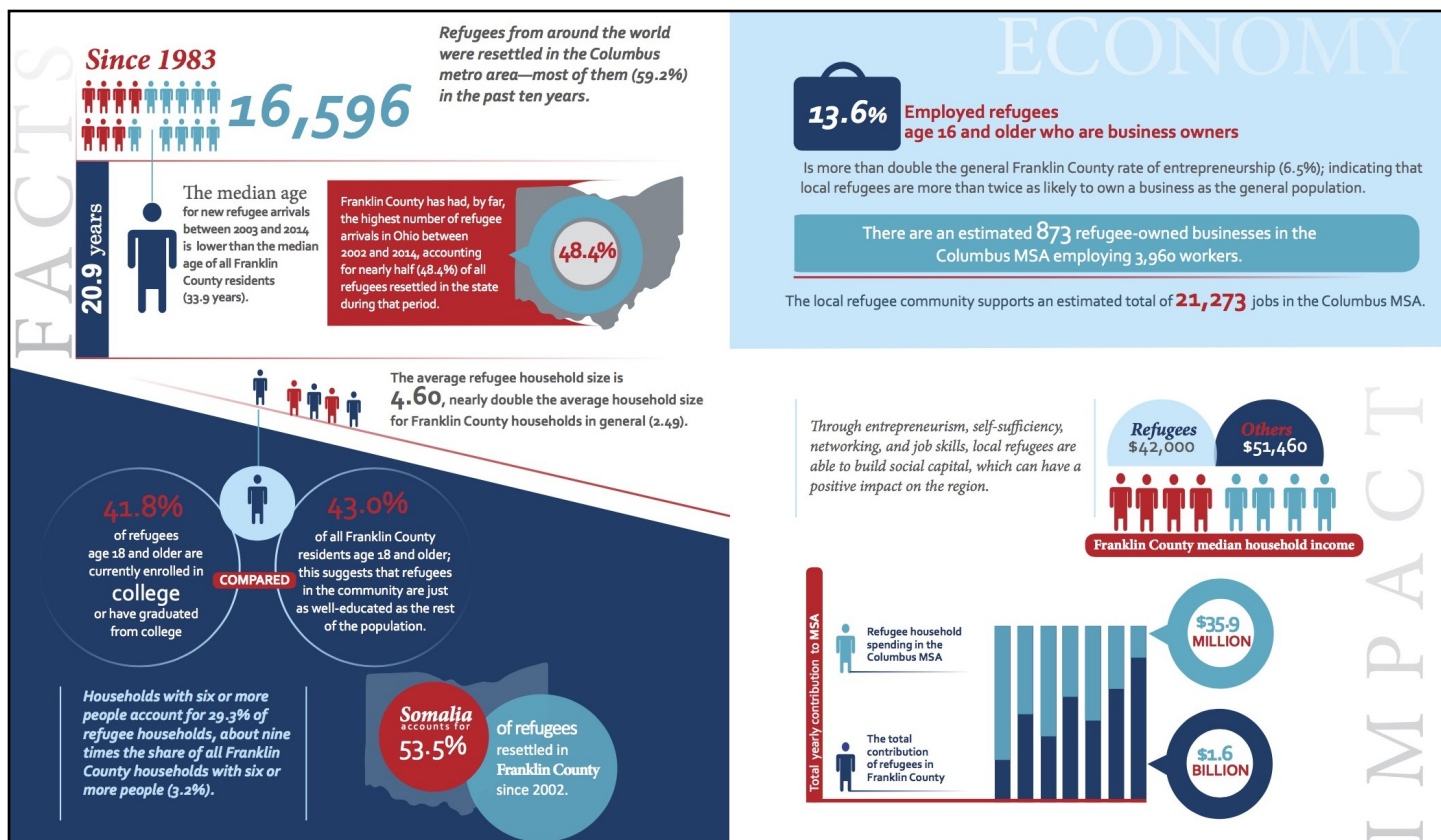
*Happy Holidays from
your friends at CIP!*



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Report on Impact of Refugees in Central Ohio to be Released

Early this month, [Community Research Partners](#) will release a full report on the impact that refugees have had on Central Ohio. Many Central Ohioans may not know it, but for decades refugees have made up a significant portion of the community. See some of the main findings below, and stay tuned for the full report soon.



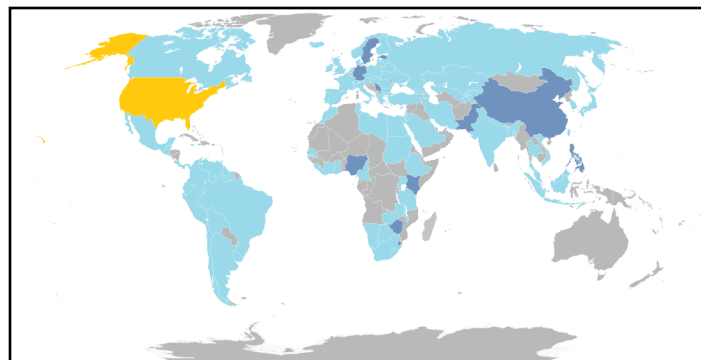
Recapping our Open House and Annual Meeting

On November 18th we were happy to be joined by many longtime and new members alike at our new office to officially launch this new phase in CIP history!

During the Annual Meeting we recapped a successful fiscal year 2015, and kicked off 2016, which officially started at the beginning of October. **In 2015 we were proud to host 61 International Professionals in Residence (IPR's) from 11 different countries.**

Not only did IPR's gain valuable experience that they can use to help their home countries, but the Central Ohio organizations that hosted them benefitted from IPR's skills and professional insight. Furthermore, community members gained cultural immersion through our cultural events, hosting, and other interactions with IPR's.

To learn more about what CIP did in 2015, visit our website to see our full [Annual Review](#).



Countries in light blue are those from which IPR's have trained with CIP since 1972. Countries in dark blue are home to IPR's who trained with CIP this past year. [Click here to download our Annual Review and learn more!](#)

Happy Holidays from CIP

No matter what language you speak or how you celebrate, we wish a happy and festive holiday season to our friends around the world!
[Click here](#) to learn more about holiday traditions around the world.

US Together Refugee Panel Discussion

Time: Wednesday, December 9th, 2015 6-8pm
 Location: Global Gallery
 3535 North High Street
 Columbus, Ohio 43214

For questions, contact Sophie Shiloh at sshiloh@ustogether.us.

“A Personal Glance Into Turkey” with Melis Kahraman

Time: February 4th, 2015, 6:00pm
 Location: Café Istanbul
 6175 Riverside Drive
 Dublin, Ohio 43017

Melis will share her journey and home country with us. This is an event not to be missed especially if you have ever wondered what it is like to live in a country that is under very dangerous struggles. R.S.V.P. at 614-221-0034 or cipcols@aol.com.

Save the Date: 2016 International Taste of Columbus

Time: Sunday, August 14th, 2016 5:30-8:30pm
 Location: [Mozart's Bakery and Piano Café](#)



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2015 Corporate Sponsorship and Memberships are still available and are always welcome. Go to www.cipcolumbus.org/join-us.html to obtain your membership today! Your partnership is valuable to our survival and continued success.



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