



FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Greetings!

Exciting news: *Forbes* magazine just named Columbus the number one city that you can leave your mark on, with vast business opportunities and one of the largest universities at the heart of the city. This is great news, as it means that the International Professionals in Residence (IPR's) who train in Columbus through CIP receive the additional benefits of learning from a vibrant successful city. This past Sunday we left our mark on Columbus with our 40th Annual International Taste of Columbus. I would like to thank everyone who attended, donated, volunteered, and sponsored our annual fundraiser. Our event featured a Japanese drum performance, countless international items for sale, and foods from all over the world. I hope that our guests discovered something new about the world and had a pleasant evening. All proceeds from the event support our mission and our IPR's. Turn to page 4 to view some photos from the event. More [pictures are available here](#), and a [video](#) here.

In preparation for the Taste, we created an interactive online map where you can view the home countries and training programs of our former IPR's. With over 40 years of service, the map illustrates the reach of CIP with nearly 1,000 professionals and countless skills transferred. Please explore the map [here](#).

One last big thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended the International Taste of Columbus. We could not have had such an amazing event without you! Stay in touch with us and attend one of our upcoming cultural events throughout the 2014 - 2015 year.

Sincerely,

Mark Poepelman, Executive Director

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International Attire Contest at the 40th International Taste of Columbus. See more pictures from the Taste on page 4.

CHINA SOCIAL WORK DELEGATION

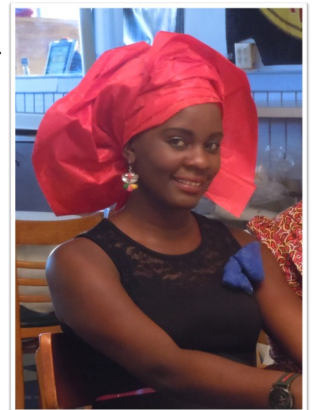
On October 19th we will welcome twelve delegates from China for an intensive three week Social Work Program. The delegates are high-ranking social work officials from the Shenzhen Nanshan region. Focus of the program will fall on the social service structure in the U.S., non-profit administration, elder care, and youth services. The delegation is scheduled to meet with a variety of organizations in the Columbus area including the OSU College of Social Work, Life Care Alliance, Mary Haven, and the Red Cross.

We are still **looking for several hosts** for the Chinese Delegation during their training program. Staying with host families provides a great way for international professionals to gain insight into the American culture. We would need hosts from October 26th to November 8th. Please consider being a host or talk to friends who might be interested!

To find out more about being a host family for one of our International Professionals in Residence (IPR) visit our website at <http://www.cipcolumbus.org/become-a-host-family.html>. Details on hosting, current requests, as well as pictures and testimonials from our former hosts are available.

UPDATE ON CURRENT IPR'S

Frances Khamayo, a Social Worker from Kenya, has extended her training program until March 1, 2015! She will be training at the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Since she arrived in May, she had been training at Nationwide Children's Hospital in the FACES Program. Frances has an extensive background as a social worker in Kenya. Among other things, she has worked with the Family Aids Initiative Response at the Red Cross, where she helped administer HIV tests to people in the gay community (which is illegal in Kenya), pregnant moms, and youth.



Other IPR's are enjoying their training programs as well.

Kenny Wafula continues training with a class of junior high students at West Central School.

Lola Adewale was training at Columbus International High School, where she split her time between helping in classrooms and helping counselors. She will be returning home this month.

Malle Luik continues training at Central Community House. She was also involved with the India Youth Advocacy Program and completed advanced music therapy training in Cincinnati.

Birgit Kurz, Sandra Friede, and Hiltrud Tuerkuyan, participants of the **German GIZ Social Work Exchange**, are training at the National Youth Advocate Program, the Dublin Community Preschool, and the Ethiopian Tewahedo Social services, respectively.

Frances demonstrating a traditional headdress at the Kenyan cultural evening

SECOND ANNUAL INDIA YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM DELEGATION

The delegates of the 2nd Annual India Youth Advocacy Program were Anjanaa Chattopadhyay, and Natty Lopes. Anjanaa and Natty work with and volunteer to help underprivileged youth in India. The program lasted from Sept. 8th—25th. During their program they met with many organizations and like-minded professionals in the Columbus area, including Deaf Initiatives, St. Vincent's Family Center, West Central Schools, and many others. It was a pleasure meeting these ladies, and we are certain that the experiences they gained during their training program will allow them to make a difference in the lives of youth in India.

Anjanaa Chattopadhyay

"I feel privileged to have participated in CIP's India Youth Advocacy Program. I want to sincerely thank the Tom Dailey Foundation for giving us this opportunity to participate in this amazing program. During this program, we learned a lot of skills, made new connections, and saw all the services that can be provided to our citizens within our means and conditions. I carry back home lots of experiences and skills which I intend to apply within our limited resources and conditions. Thank you very much! It was a wonderful experience, and I would love to come again for another program if I get the opportunity."

Natty Lopes

"I take this opportunity to thank the Tom Dailey Foundation and the staff of CIP for the way our program was designed. It was amazing. As a social worker, I was able to see the welfare system in the United States, and the kind of services the youth are able to get with a special focus on the disabled youth. I really admire the work and legal structure this country has in place. As I go back to my country, with whatever resources we have, I will try to implement programs, focusing on children and young adults with disabilities, and how they can be put into alternative therapies. It is not only the medicine which helps but also alternative therapies which I saw particularly through the Flying Horse Organization. I also take this opportunity to thank Mark and his team, who have done marvelous work. A lot of hard work was put in to arrange the nitty-gritty details of our everyday programs, and it really gave us an amazing experience."

Natty and Anjanaa
(bottom center) at Deaf
Initiatives



PICTURES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL TASTE OF COLUMBUS



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 7TH: "A STAMMTISCH" WITH DRESDEN SISTER CITIES

Time 6:30 PM—8:30 PM
Location Mozart's Bakery & Piano Café
 4784 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

Dresden Sister Cities welcomes you to their monthly Stammtisch: refreshments and conversations with others who share German interests.

RSVP to dresdensistercity@gmail.com.

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OCTOBER 25TH: UN (UNITED NATIONS) DAY

Time 5PM—8:30PM
Location Lincoln Theater
 769 E Long St, Columbus, OH 43203

UNA-USA Columbus presents UN Day: Impacting Gender Equality and the Global Agenda. On October 25th, students, business leaders, and the international community will come together at the Lincoln Theater Ballroom. UN Day 2014 brings together a broad spectrum of women and men committed to raising the bar on human rights. At the event, we will hear from difference makers about proven methods for change, take the MY World 2015 Survey, join the #HeforShe movement. Tickets are \$25 and \$20 for students. **Purchase tickets [here](#).**

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NOVEMBER 6TH: MEET OUR CHINESE DELEGATION FROM SCHENZHEN

Time 6:30 PM—8:30 PM
Cost \$15.00/person
Location Sunflower Chinese
 7370 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, OH 43235

Save the date! More details to come:

November 18th Annual meeting - "Estonia to Columbus"

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