

Special Announcement: CIP has merged into US Together, Inc!

After months of internal meetings, operative plans, and deliberation, the board of CIP has **approved a Merger agreement with US Together, Inc. and it has been ratified by its members.** Under this agreement, CIP merged into US Together, Inc, and CIP's programs will continue in the combined entity, with a combined board of directors. Our new division will be called *US Together International Program Advisory Council*. The communications department will still send out weekly and monthly newsletters. Over the course of the next few weeks, you will receive e-mails from US Together: **THIS IS NOT SPAM!** It will in-fact be our new mode of communication. Please refrain from putting it in your junk box. We will soon be announcing a new program that will create a "Friends of US Together" which is how CIP members can stay engaged. We believe, however, that this opportunity will help achieve CIP's short and long-term goals and create many opportunities leveraging the best of both organizations.

This step towards the future provides many new opportunities! US Together is a refugee resettlement agency that works towards assisting not only the local community, but displaced peoples from around

**It's Official:
We Have Merged!**



the world. US Together provides services such as employment, healthcare, family strengthening, ESL classes, and community consultation, among others. Over the past year, they have dedicated their time to women's empowerment, financial literacy, and resettlement projects. By joining forces, we can now expand our local and international reach. With CIP's contacts, and US Together's resources, we can target more populations with bigger and brighter goals. Needless to say, we are grateful to be part of such an ambitious and influential organization! We would also like to take the time to thank all of our Board, members, donors, and faculty. Without your loyalty and support, CIP wouldn't be able to continue it's mission. We also want and need your continued support of our combined organization. We are excited to see where this merger takes us!



2017 ANNUAL REVIEW

Although we may be merging with USTogether, we still greatly value the support of our members, supporters, and funders. CIP's legacy will not be forgotten, only enhanced. We want to take the time to thank everyone for helping CIP make this year a success! Our organization has accomplished so much over the past 12 months. Not only have we hosted six delegations, five International Professionals in Residents, and eight cultural events, we successfully held our 43rd Annual International Taste of Columbus! We have made an abundance of new connections, all while strengthening old friendships. For the full analysis of 2017, click [here!](#)

Fundraising Update: The Big Give

This past Tuesday, our organization participated in The Columbus Foundation's **THE BIG GIVE**, a 26-hour online giving rally. During this period, all donations received a pro-rata portion of a \$1.3 million+Bonus Pool. In other words, all donations were amplified! This was a huge opportunity for US-Together and CIP. Thank you to everyone who made a donation. Your support will help us achieve our mission. The money you graciously donated will help us integrate New Americans into the Columbus community!



Day of the Dead

FEATURING...

- CAZUELA'S Food Truck
- Local Art and Dance
- Altar Offerings
- A Great Parade
- A Drumming Circle
- Workshops for Kids

In collaboration with Latino Arts for the Humanities



Join CIP/USTogether for our next cultural event! This spooky season, grab your sweater and mug of cider and head over to the Greenlawn Cemetery on **October 21st**, from **10:00am-8:00pm** to celebrate Day of the Dead! We have collaborated with Latino Arts for the Humanities in an effort to enforce a better understanding of the long celebrated Mexican tradition. Help us celebrate those who have passed with live art exhibitions, original custom performances, lively music, and a colorful parade! There will be fun activities for the kids, and a CAZUELAS food truck! If you also want to volunteer, e-mail Mark Poeppelman at mark@cipcolumbus.org, or Leticia Vazquez-Smith at letimex@yahoo.com. Don't forget to bring your friends!

**WE NEED
HOST
FAMILIES!**




We are currently looking for host families for two guests! Anca Irimia from Bucharest, Romania and Krasimir Chervenkov from Bulgaria will be in **Columbus Oct. 12-17 and again Oct. 21-Nov. 7**. Anyone who can provide some meals and limited transportation, if not close to bus lines, would be of considerable help! Both guests speak English. Please contact elizabeth.sammons@ood.ohio.gov or at IAmAntigone@att.net for more questions and information!

KABUKI

THE IMPACT OF JAPANESE THEATER ON *CIRCLE OF BLOOD*

OCTOBER 18
5:30 PM

Shadowbox Live
Bistro Stage




THE IMPACT OF JAPANESE CULTURE ON *CIRCLE OF BLOOD*

OCTOBER 25
5:30 PM


Shadowbox Live
Bistro Stage

Join Shadowbox Live and the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio for a series of lectures exploring the artistic influences on the new show *Circle of Blood*, inspired by acclaimed artist David Mack's graphic novel *Kabuki: Circle of Blood*.

For more information, contact JASCO at jasco@jas-co.org



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Neo-Tokyo, 2057: This story creates a world in which crime and corruption is met with swift and merciless justice. This world has been named "Kabuki." Inspired by New York Times Best Selling author David Mack's graphic novel and told through a 'meta-media' fusion of live and digital performances, Shadowbox Live takes on its darkest, most ambitious production ever. You won't want to miss this!

Shadowbox Live is collaborating with the Japan-American Society of Central Ohio for the new show *Circle of Blood*. The event will be held on **October 18th, at 5:30pm** at **503 S. Front Street Columbus, Oh 43215**.





























































