



89th Annual Report: The International Institute of Connecticut, Inc.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

HELPING NEW AMERICANS IN TRANSITION SINCE 1918

It is unlikely that any other agency in Connecticut is as affected by congressional will and global issues, as is the International Institute of Connecticut. In preparing for this report, we anticipate increased refugee arrivals originating from Burundi, Burma and Iraq. Many of these refugees have spent their entire adult lives warehoused in refugee camps, desperately waiting for resettlement in a free, welcoming country such as the United States of America.

Coupled with increased refugee arrivals, we are in the midst of a comprehensive US immigration reform bill. Emphasizing the need for action, the Bush administration has placed immigration on the top of the presidential agenda. As a result, a non-partisan delegation proposed new legislation just this week. Should this bill successfully gain the support of the Senate and House, followed by the president's approval, it may foster a path to permanent residency for thousands of immigrants

throughout Connecticut. International Institute of Connecticut will be our state's leading non-profit agency available to assist eligible individuals and families. IIC is the only non sectarian agency in Connecticut recognized by the US Board of Immigration Appeals.

Be it the path to permanent residency, or the journey from despair and persecution, thousands of individuals will endeavor a difficult period of transition in our communities. IIC is proud to assist Connecticut's new Americans during this transition with our various programs, from the Pro-Bono Immigration Program to our Human Trafficking Project, as well as Refugee Resettlement, Supportive Social Services, Citizenship and Language Assistance.

IIC's Board of Directors is also presently working to review our business plan for the upcoming decade. The integrity of our mission, created in 1918, continues to be as full of vitality as we celebrate our 89th year of service to Connecticut. Our mission is simple, yet significant: *To assist*

and support New Americans and their families in these periods of transition.

It is with pleasure that we take the opportunity to thank our individual supporters and grantors as we plan for our 89th Annual Meeting on June 21st, 2007, including but not limited to the US Office of Refugee Resettlement, US Department of State, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Near & Far Aid Association, State of Connecticut Department of Social Services, US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, The United Ways of the Valley, Greenwich, Stamford and Eastern Fairfield County, Wal-Mart Corporation, and U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Most sincerely,

Peter Penczer, Esq.
Board President

Myra M. Oliver
Executive Director

FINANCIAL REPORT: January 1 - December 31, 2006

Summary of Revenues

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2005	\$195,270.00
Income	
United Ways (Eastern Fairfield County, Stamford, Valley and Greenwich)	24,098.00
Grants from government agencies	402,377.00
IRSA (LRP)	82,418.00
Professional Service Fees	515,476.00
Other (Membership, Contributions, Special Events, etc.)	59,091.00
Total Income	\$1,278,730.00

Summary of Expenses

Salaries and fringe benefits	\$846,888.00
Other expenses	248,394.00
Total Expenses	\$1,095,282.00
Balance December 31, 2006	\$ 183,448.00
Net Income	-11,822.00

International Institute's audit prepared by McKenna & Sachs and Hope & Hernandez

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Your Membership Counts!

Your contribution will help us provide:

- Resettlement for refugees fleeing oppression and persecution
- Affordable immigration/citizenship counseling and immigration court representation
- Job placement for newcomers
- ESL/citizenship instruction/vocational training
- Translation/interpreter service in the more than 40 languages
- Learning opportunities for bi-lingual youth

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Our Mission

Since 1918, the Institute has assisted more than 100,000 immigrants and refugees, enabling them to become valued and productive citizens. The International Institute staff and volunteers provide:

- Immigration Counseling and Court Representation
- Citizenship Classes and Naturalization Assistance
- Refugee Resettlement Services
- Training and Job Counseling
- English as a Second Language Classes
- Interpreter/Translation Service in 40 languages
- Assistance with Credential Evaluations
- Special Assistance to Katrina Evacuees
- Special Assistance to Human Trafficking Victims
- Pro Bono Court Representation

The International Institute of Connecticut

The International Institute of Connecticut is a non-profit, non-sectarian social service agency assisting immigrants, refugees and their families in transition and promoting cross cultural understanding and cooperation in the community. It is a member of U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, (USCRI), and is "recognized" by the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals.

Special Thanks

The International Institute of Connecticut thanks the following supporters for grants and donations received:

- U.S. Homeland Security Citizenship & Immigration Services

- The United Ways of the Valley, Stamford, Greenwich, and Eastern Fairfield County
- Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
- U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime
- State of Connecticut Department of Social Services
- Near & Fair Aid Association
- Federal District Court
- State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety Division of State Police
- Wal-Mart Corporation
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
- We also thank Fairfield University, Southern Connecticut State, Fairfield Prep and Bassick High School for interns

Our Services

For the year, 1/1/2006 to 12/31/2006, the International Institute of Connecticut, Inc., provided services to the following individuals:

Immigration and Naturalization Counseling		Employment Assistance & Vocational Training	176
Bridgeport	1,940	Job Specific ESL	46
Stamford	758	Targeted Assistance	188
Hartford	619	Placed in Employment Full-time/Part-time	76
Interpreter/Translation Services	1,079	Participated in ESL Sponsored By Adult Basic Education	80
Refugee Resettlement	67	Citizenship Classes	35
Supportive Social Services	716		
Clients Case Managed	547		

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