IRCO Volunteer

MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE LOG YOUR MONTHLY SERVICE HOURS!

Volunteer Log in: Volgistics Vic-Net

Need a refresher on how to log your service? Video link here (skip to 8:35 for instructions about entering service)

We appreciate you helping us report timely volunteer service numbers to meet reporting deadlines.

If you are unable to log your hours, please reach out to volunteer@irco.org and we are happy to do it for you.

If you are no longer an IRCO volunteer, please let us know by emailing volunteer@irco.org so we can deactivate your profile.

Check out our open volunteer positions!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
April 17 - 21, 2023

IRCO is proud to observe National Volunteer Week by placing a spotlight on a few inspiring volunteers who spread invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering and bettering the community. The impact our organization makes in the community would not be possible without the support of our amazing volunteers.

Stats:
• From January – December 2022, IRCO volunteers gave 3,654.58 hours to programs. That service is equal to $109,454.67
• A total of 150 individuals reached out with interest in volunteering with IRCO and completed the onboarding process to become active volunteers!

Read about a few of our volunteers and their experiences below!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 IRCO GALA
May 11, 2023, 5pm Reception, 6pm Dinner & Live Auction
Embassy Suites, Portland Airport:
7900 NE 82nd Ave, Portland, OR 97220

We'd love to see you attend either as a guest or a volunteer. Please use this link to purchase tickets, or let us know if you'd like to support the event as a volunteer here.

https://irco.org/support/volunteer.html
volunteer@irco.org
Monica is an amazing volunteer with the Refugee Resettlement & Placement (R&P) program who helps new community members with transportation assistance. Since Monica started in January 2023, she has given almost 40 hours of her time, going above and beyond to support, spend time with, and welcome refugees as part of our community. We are so grateful for Monica’s commitment and dedication to this program and our community members!

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Olga is a volunteer with the Slavic and Eastern European Center and a Ukrainian immigrant herself.

“I wanted to help the Slavic Community during these hard times...I loved interpreting and transcribing a video project where over a hundred of Ukrainian refugees tell their war story and how IRCO helped them overcome their predicament. I was very touched and moved by these stories and was very happy to witness how IRCO was making a real difference.”

Jack supports the Refugee Resettlement & Placement (R&P) Program as a Transportation Assistant and has logged over 30 hours of service. He goes above and beyond to support last-minute requests, improvise, and accommodate clients' needs. Examples of this exemplary volunteer’s work include safely and carefully driving clients, not hesitating to take clients to pharmacies after medical appointments and understanding and attending to traumatic histories and cultural differences with great care and respect. We are in awe of Jack and all that he has given to the R&P Program and the IRCO community at large!

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IRCO Tax Support: End of Season

Our first year tax support clinic served **159 community members** this season. With our volunteers' help, we secured over **$100,000** in tax refunds.

Volunteer Testimonials:

**David:** "As a volunteer tax preparer I enjoyed making the complicated tax process not so burdensome."

**Aren:** "There were challenges, but my favorite part was the way we all worked as a team for the benefit of our clients. We regularly helped each other feel confident that we had come to the correct result, and explored all the potential benefits available to the client."

**Robyn:** “This spring, I have so enjoyed meeting and working with the incredible staff at IRCO, who have been so supportive with me as a volunteer in the tax clinic. I am humbled by the immigrants and refugees to come to the clinic for help with their taxes."

**Lan:** “Through meeting and interacting with customers, I experience the richness and diversity in life. It’s been a joy to help people and to see them leave happily after fulfilling their annual tax obligations with the help of a team of volunteers.”

End of Tax Season Celebration:

Volunteers and staff celebrated the end of the tax season with a picnic at Mt. Tabor park enjoying lots of food, conversation, fun, and the presence of Lou, a volunteer’s basset hound.