

“Everything I need... I received healthcare [support], even housing assistance... with my baby, even diapers, clothing, everything. So for me, it’s like I’m in heaven.”

Abeer Al-Dossari,
GMEC Client



We are always seeking dedicated volunteers and mentors for our various programs. Join us!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help support IRCO and GMEC through donations and volunteering. To contribute financially, or to donate new or gently used items to IRCO, email donations@irco.org for more details.

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IRCO Mission

To welcome, serve, and empower refugees, immigrants, and people across cultures and generations to reach their full potential.

IRCO Vision

A future where refugees and immigrants belong, our staff are nurtured, and all communities thrive.



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UNITING & EMPOWERING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES



GREATER MIDDLE EAST CENTER

(IRCO) Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization

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WHO WE ARE



The Greater Middle East Center (GMEC) is a new, inclusive cultural center that serves immigrant and refugee communities from all over the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia, and beyond.

We've created a safe, collaborative, and inclusive space to house our services, cultural activities, and advocacy efforts for our communities. Our staff identify with the Greater Middle East, represent a wide variety of backgrounds and speak different languages, just like the clients we serve.

We connect communities across the Tri-County area to available resources and provide culturally specific services, assisting them to overcome the challenges of moving to a new home and adjusting to a new culture.



"Thanks to GMEC, my kids are always happy, productive, and supported. We have meaning to everyday life again."

Zia Nejeeb, GMEC Client

HOW WE HELP

We provide a number of culturally and linguistically specific services to Greater Middle Eastern immigrant and refugee families. These services foster healthy, vibrant families and community cohesiveness, and include:

- **Refugee resettlement**
- **Utilities & housing navigation services**
- **Economic development**
- **Physical and emotional wellbeing**
- **School enrollment**
- **Youth mentorship**
- **Parent/child activities for early learners**
- **Arabic language classes and activities for children and youth**



This last year, GMEC has played a critical role in welcoming newly arrived Afghan refugees in Oregon in addition to helping other refugees and immigrants from different Greater Middle Eastern countries.

Helping 2,197 community members in 2022, GMEC continues to expand its capacity, implementing new programs designed to address unmet community needs.

