"We were expecting a baby. My wife went to the hospital... she walked over to open the gate, turned around, and a rocket suddenly blew up above us. That's when we felt that anything can happen. This is when we started on our journey to safety."

Sviatoslav Hubenia, SEEC Client



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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

If you're interested in upcoming volunteer opportunities, email volunteer@irco.org to begin the application process!

For more info, visit irco.org

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#### **Our Mission**

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

Our Vision

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

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#### MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD



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(IRCO) Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization

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#### WHO WE ARE

IRCO's Slavic and Eastern European Center (SEEC) draws on our diverse cultural and ethnic communities to build a safe future through openness to dialogue, understanding and mutual support and respect to flourish together. A true reflection of the people it serves, SEEC is led by an advisory council of community leaders and staffed by a multicultural, multilingual IRCO team.

With the rapid increase of Ukrainian humanitarian parolees and others affected by the war arriving in February 2022, our Slavic & Eastern European Center (SEEC) expanded programming helping over 2,249 individuals. "IRCO helped us, and we give thanks that this organization is here, and it exists. They helped with clothes... shelter, paid rent for the first month, and covered the first couple months of expenses. For everything IRCO has provided, we are very grateful."

- Maria, SEEC Client

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

#### **HOW WE HELP**

We provide our clients with a number of resources and services to assist them in overcoming the challenges of moving to a new home and adjusting to a new culture. We help by providing **utilities and housing support, youth, family and senior services.** Our ultimate goal is to help our clients achieve self-sufficient lives and develop a strong sense of community.

> Contact us at irco.org or (971) 271-6512 for more information on ways you can get involved!

### **SERVICES WE PROVIDE**

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

- Housing/rental/utility assistance
- Group wellness services
- Citizenship classes
- Digital literacy computer classes
- Assisting youth in school enrollment
- Health navigation services (e.g., health insurance enrollment, finding a primary care provider),
- Linking clients to our Immigration Legal Services for work authorization assistance

