



MAY E-NEWS

SEE WHAT YOUR FRIENDS AT IIB HAVE BEEN UP TO

WORLDQUEST 2015

Community WorldQuest was another huge success this year! Twenty-one teams from all over Buffalo and Western New York gathered at Montante Cultural Center to compete for top prize. Categories included Current Events, History and Geography, Art & Language, Pop Culture, Sports, and Music, World Cuisine, and Travel the World.

Awards are as follows, from third to first: Canisius College, U.B. English Language Institute, and The Brady's. The Travel Team won Most Spirited.

Community WorldQuest is a fundraiser for IIB's Global Education programs. These programs are vital to the Western New York community because, simply, Buffalo is becoming more diverse every day. Everyone from students to teachers to service providers are working and interacting with someone from the foreign born community. IIB's Global Education programs introduce Buffalo to the world. We provide cultural competency training for students and teachers, healthcare providers, service providers, law enforcement, businesses, and the wider community. These trainings are conducted to raise awareness and understanding about immigrants and refugees, and bridge cultural divides.

IIB's [Global Education programs](#) also offer Academic WorldQuest, a trivia competition aimed toward high school students, to get them interested in global topics, as well as Model United Nations, also for high school students, providing a first-hand simulation of a United Nations General Assembly. Implementing these competitions for high school students encourages global awareness, and shapes the future of the leaders of tomorrow.

These programs could not exist without Community WorldQuest, and those who support and believe in our work. Thank you to everyone involved, and we'll see you again next year!



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Buffalo has been chosen to host many international delegations this coming

summer! Our focus is also broadening, as we accept our first programs with the topics of Disability Advocacy and Governance & Anti-Corruption. IIB hosts delegations through the U.S. Department of State's [International Visitors Leadership Program](#).

If you're interested in becoming a host family, to host international visitors for dinner, or a week's homestay, please e-mail Emily Reid at ereid@iibuff.org. Bring new cultures into your household and foster friendships across borders.

Here's our list of upcoming delegations:



Serbian delegation showing their Buffalove

June 10-14	Canada	Disability Advocacy
June 13-17	Multi-Regional Project	Climate Change & Clean Energy
June 20-24	Latin America	Combating International and Domestic Human Trafficking
June 30-July 2	Kyrgyzstan	Governance and Anti-Corruption

KOMEN GRANT

The International Exchanges & Education department has received a grant from the [Susan G. Komen of WNY](#) to educate the foreign born community on the importance of breast health and screening for cancer.

The Refugee and Immigrant Breast Health Awareness Project is a culturally competent, evidence-based, breast health education program, designed to reach out to refugee and immigrant women. It features well trained health educators, clinical staff, and a survivor who will teach participants about breast cancer and the importance of screening. The program also offers training to healthcare providers on cultural competency and working effectively with the refugee and immigrant population. Translated educational material and trained interpreters are available to address language and cultural barriers.



Mobile mammography unit

Thank you to Susan G. Komen of WNY, and our partners within this grant, [Roswell Park Cancer Institute](#) and [UB Family Medicine](#). Let's do great work!

PICTURES FROM ETHIOPIAN COOKING CLASS

Many thanks to those who attended our Ethiopian Cooking Class. Special thanks to Aba and Naime of [Lucy Ethiopian Restaurant](#). The food was great, and everyone enjoyed themselves!

Our next cooking class will be in August! Be sure to keep an eye out for the announcement in June!




SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Please consider donating, or putting together a donation drive of gently used school supplies for newly arrived refugee children. Help relieve the stress of school by ensuring everyone had adequate supplies to succeed!

For more information, or to arrange a pick-up, please contact our Resources Coordinator at resources@iibuff.org, or (716) 883-1900 x324.

What we need:

- Backpacks
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Paper
- Pens, pencils, crayons,
- Other misc. supplies



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS SEMINAR

IIB will be hosting a Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar on June 13th from 10:00am - 12:00pm. All are welcome, and no reservations are needed. The seminar will touch on the topics of what human trafficking looks like in WNY, how to identify people who are being trafficked, and what we can do to help.

The seminar will take place at IIB offices, 864 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo.

For more information, please contact Tara Hughes at (716) 883-1900 x312, or thughes@iibuff.org.

NEW CITIZENS DAY - JUNE 28th

Join us for New Citizens Day on Sunday, June 28th from 12-4PM at the International Institute of Buffalo. New Citizens Day is a chance to celebrate with those Western New Yorkers who joined our American Family as Citizens since 2000, either through naturalization or finalized adoptions of internationally adopted children. New Citizens Day was first celebrated at the International Institute in 1932, and we're happy to bring it back. The event is free, but reservations are required. If you'd like to register, or if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Brian Brown-Cashdollar at bbc@iibuff.org, or (716) 883-1900 x303.



NEW CITIZENS DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015

BUFFALO WITHOUT BORDERS

Everybody mark your calendars for **Buffalo Without Borders (BWB) 2015** -- one of Buffalo's premier fundraising events! This year it will be held **November 5, 2015 from 6:00 - 9:00pm at the Hotel @ the Lafayette.**

What is Buffalo Without Borders? It's Buffalo. It's the quintessential celebration of a community that has always grown through diversity and inclusiveness. *And of course, it tastes great, too!* Join us for a night of **food** that is exotic and familiar, **entertainment** that will transport you around the world and back in time, and an **international market** that will give you a head-start on the holidays!

Early Bird tickets are \$35 each until August 15th, or until they're sold out. They can be purchased at iibuff.org/bwb. Remember, *BWB has sold out the last two years* -- and with Early Bird Pricing, we expect it to sell out sooner than ever! After August 15th (or once the Early Bird tickets are sold out), admission will be \$40. Tickets: iibuff.org/bwb.

For more information on the event and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Brian Brown-Cashdollar, Director of Development, at (716) 883-1900 x303, or bbc@iibuff.org.



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JOIN US FOR A TOUR

How much do you know about this nearly 100 year old organization? Join us for a free tour of the International Institute of Buffalo to learn about how we continue the tradition of welcoming the world.

Tours start **promptly** when scheduled. Reservations are strongly encouraged. For more information & reservations call Brian Brown-Cashdollar at (716) 883-1900 x303, or via email at bbc@iibuff.org. Tours are **FREE**, and light refreshments will be served.



International Institute of Buffalo

Welcoming the World - Since 1918

IIB Mission Tours

Join us for a One-Hour Tour on the Importance of Newcomers to Western New York, Through the Stories of Four of Our Clients.

April 23 • 5 PM

May 5 • 8 AM

May 21 • Noon

June 2 • 5 PM

June 18 • 8 AM

July 7 • Noon

July 23 • 5 PM

August 4 • 8 AM

August 20 • Noon

September 1 • 5 PM

September 17 • 8 AM

October 6 • Noon

October 22 • 5 PM

November 3 • 8 AM

November 19 • Noon

FAREWELL TO AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

Faith Hoffman-McQueen has served as an integral part of the [Survivor Support Services](#) team for over 4 years. As more and more survivors were identified and referred to IIB, the department sought out additional support to develop our own expanding services. The department was thrilled when Faith agreed to volunteer, arriving with a full career of experience specializing in domestic violence and post-traumatic stress disorder. This experience proved to be both meaningful and effective in her work providing voluntary counseling services to survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence here at IIB. Her passion for supporting survivors was evident in every meeting. Her ability to support clients through crisis, while ensuring safety and assisting clients in developing positive coping skills was imperative in supporting their long term stability. Faith also has an impact on staff members, as she provided support during crisis where her extensive field experience provided insight and suggestions to effectively support clients. Her skills as a counselor are only outweighed by her compassion and dedication to improving the human condition. For all that she has done for the most vulnerable of victims in our community; we commend and appreciate Faith for the impact she has had on the Survivor Support Services Department!



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