



2016/17
Annual Report

Message from the Board Chair

Knowing what the future holds is always an unknown. Reflecting upon and learning from the past provides us an opportunity to consider how we deal with the present and predict how we might respond in the future. This past year presented a perfect opportunity to act, reflect, learn and act again.

The fiscal year started with Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Inc. responding quickly to the Syrian refugee response. We mobilized staff and volunteers to ensure the needs of the people were met. The middle part of the year returned to a usual operating mode and then emerged a response to the asylum seekers who started to cross the border.

Our ability to extend hospitality, hope and services to the asylum seekers relatively quickly was a nod to the learning that had taken place during the Syrian response. Our staff is able to organize the services to meet the needs of people who are vulnerable and require supports. As a Board, we made the decision to respond to the arrivals, despite not having funds in place, because our mission is to welcome refugees into Manitoba.

Amazingly, people around the world responded to the hospitality and services we provided. Media took interest in the services provided and donors responded monetarily. Rita and her team responded to numerous interviews with media from around the globe. We received donations from people in Europe, across the United States and from every province and territory in Canada.

While we don't know how each person's refugee claim will work out, we can be assured that as long as the refugee claimants are in our care, they are treated with respect and dignity. Thank you to the staff who ensure that we live out our values to respect diversity and to treat everyone respectfully.

We are at another time in the life of MIIC to reflect, learn and act. No longer can we assume that



funding and programs will remain the same. Our Board and staff will be taking time to define what and how programs will be offered. It is a time to be bold, to think creatively, to find new paths forward that might not be as well trod. We will continue to act by responding to the needs of those arriving, reflect on what we have done and move toward the future with confidence that we are well equipped to respond to the needs of refugees.

Thank you to Rita and the staff for again demonstrating that MIIC has the experience, knowledge and will to respond to the needs of refugees. Thank you to Board members Bruce Waite, Colin Dorian and Narendra Mather for coordinating an impressive fundraising campaign. Thank you to NSD Tech and Creaddo Group for contributing their expertise and time ensuring our online campaign was successful and fruitful! The time and dedication of these volunteers is most appreciated and demonstrates a tremendous passion to ensure that refugees, regardless of their situation, are provided hospitality and dignity during their claim process.

Thank you to the donors who have been unconditional in their giving. Your support, comments and contributions motivate and keep us moving forward.

And a personal thank you to all the Board members for their guidance, wisdom and time that they provide throughout the year to Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc.

Sincerely,

Ruth Magnuson, Board Chairperson

Report from the Executive Director

During 2016-17, with a growing refugee crisis around the world, MIIC was in the spotlight internationally on the topic and issue of Refugee Claimants (RCs) particularly around those crossing the Emerson border. While the numbers quickly increased, MIIC Board and staff responded without hesitation, to ensure all who came to our door were served with dignity and respect. Thank you to our provincial government for initial funding and housing support for the In-Canada Protection Program. As a result MIIC operated multiple locations to temporarily house RCs while we provided paralegal services to help clients navigate the social and legal systems in preparation of their hearing.

The international attention for MIIC was unprecedented and included major Canadian, American, European, Middle Eastern, Japanese, and South American broadcasters, print, digital media outlets and an Academy Award nominated documentary filmmaker. We thank the many Journalists who told the stories of our clients with compassion and understanding and helped put human faces behind the numbers.

MIIC continued to welcome refugees from all around the world including Syrians and Yazidis as part of Canada's commitment for these two populations. As a result, MIIC experienced a significant increase in our staffing complement to meet the additional need for client services. This included launching a pilot Volunteer Matching Program focused on vulnerable Syrian families. The Board also formally launched our "open your hearts" campaign to ensure MIIC meets its mandate and obligation to deliver programs that are unfunded by any level of government. Our new database, CARMIS, was formally launched in May 2016 and is now fully functional across the Agency. CARMIS is an important part of our work identifying a comprehensive list of client serves and capturing potential for new opportunities.

In 2017-18 we expect a significant focus on refugee claimant services. With significant cuts for the national settlement sector and reduction in overall national Government Assisted Refugee (GAR) numbers by the



federal government we will continue to advocate as part of a national voice to champion and support:

- increase GAR and Privately Sponsored Refugee (PSR) numbers nationally and particularly for Manitoba;
- access to increased mental health services for our clients;
- affordable permanent housing
- an increase to basic Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) rates
- additional English language training with child-minding availability
- focused pre-employment services and supports

Thank you to our core funder, IRCC and our additional program funders, United Way, The Winnipeg Foundation, Provincial Government, private donors and hundreds of supporters worldwide for their ongoing support to ensure MIIC has the resources to best serve our clients. Thank you to our many community partners, including Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), the Salvation Army, University of Manitoba law school and Legal Aid. A very personal thanks to our Board, management team and staff for your ongoing commitment, support and gentle guidance.

In these uncertain and turbulent times the global refugee crisis is one that every global citizen needs to be aware of, and more importantly, do their part to help ease the burden on those who are affected by tragic world events. Often it is easier to say "what's happening over there is not my problem – what can I do?". For me it is an easy choice, we need to be the keepers of our brothers and sisters.

Rita Chahal, Executive Director



The **mission** of Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council is to welcome and provide settlement services for refugees and immigrants living in Manitoba.

Executive and Administrative Team 2016-2017

Executive Director	Rita Chahal
Executive Assistant	Marchris Gladys
Director, Finance and Operations	Magaly Guzman de Diaz
Director, Settlement Services	Marta Kalita
Assistant Director, Reception, Education and Community Services	Karen Montgomery-Gibbes
IT Network Specialist	Saman Azizkhani
Payroll and HR	
Administrative Assistant	Dinah Gabrah
Accountant (contract)	Ali Jalili
Bookkeeper (contract)	Margaret Aikenhead

Management Team 2016-2017

Senior Manager, Reception and Volunteer Services	Jean Pierre Venegas
Senior Manager, Life Skills and Sponsorship Services	Ermias Yoseph
Co-Manager, Settlement Services	Slobodan Mitrovic
Co-Manager, Settlement Services	Felicien Rubayita
Manager, Reception Services	Alazar Negasi
Team Leader, Life Skills	Flora Aruna

Board of Directors 2016-2017

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Director	Narendra Mathur (Hindu)
Director	Colin Dorrian (Anglican)
Director	Carol Thiessen (Anglican)
Director	Bruce Waite (Community at Large)

Our complete team list is available on our website at miic.ca

Service Area Highlights

Canada is recognized around the world for its leadership in offering a safe haven to those who need refugee protection. At Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (MIIC), Manitoba's largest refugee settlement agency, we welcome clients of all faiths and backgrounds. We are passionately driven by a belief that all people deserve the same respect, and protection of their basic human rights. MIIC has provided comprehensive services to refugees and refugee claimants arriving in Winnipeg, including temporary residential accommodation and orientation to Canada, for over 70 years. Making clients feel welcome, from the moment they're greeted at the airport in their official language, is key to the start of successful settlement.

The year at a glance

MIIC provides essential assistance to clients as soon as they arrive at Welcome Place, our primary temporary accommodation. Depending on the

family size, client families are housed in one or two of the 30 self-contained units located at Welcome Place where we can accommodate up to 120 clients. We provided temporary accommodation for 994 clients. During the Syrian Refugee Project, the **Reception Services** department worked with the provincial government housing department to expand our services to include two additional temporary accommodation sites from December 2015 to June 30, 2016 and continues to manage two temporary locations for refugee claimants.

Settlement Services is the largest department at MIIC, providing both Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) and settlement services to our clients. During this fiscal year, the Settlement Department served 3035 unique new and existing clients. Of the 1747 new clients, the largest group of 961 were Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs) primarily from Eritrea and Somalia, and 561 were Government Assisted Refugees (GARs). The majority





of GARs were Syrian (374 clients), Congolese (77 clients), and Eritrean (74 clients). Settlement staff provided support to Syrian clients who arrived last year and endured some challenges. Through the joint effort of MIIC and EIA staff, the seamless transfer of these families from Government Assistance to Provincial Assistance was done effectively. Staff from the **Housing** department was successful with securing a year extension of subsidized accommodation for families who arrived last year and continued an endless search for affordable housing for all new GARs. The strong relationships Housing Counsellors built with sister agencies such as IRCOM, co-op housing, New Journey Housing,

private landlords, and other community connections served us well as we worked to meet the surge in housing demands. Additional department highlights included the preparation for the arrival of Yazidi refugees from Syria and securing linguistic services, community connections and psycho-social supports.



New initiatives included extending office hours, revision and translation of Housing Orientation into Arabic, the development of five new Orientation modules, a leading role in establishing a common system of reporting clients needs via Initial Needs Assessment, follow ups and Exit Questionnaires (for all Provincial RAP service providers with MANSO support) and a successful launch of the Volunteer Matching Program.

The **Volunteer Matching Program** highlights the importance of social and professional networks in improving newcomer integration in a way that maximizes their contribution to Winnipeg. These networks allow newcomers to expand and use connections to learn about opportunities for professional development, employment and reduce their sense of isolation. Thirty-three newcomer families were matched with volunteers between September 2016 and March 2017.

Staff from the **Life Skills Services** department match clients by language and support them in acquiring practical life skills and Canadian practices. Services were provided to clients in Arabic, Amharic, Burmese, English, Farsi, French, Karen, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Kurdish, Nepali, Oromo, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tigrinya. The start of the fiscal year was very busy with follow-up appointments with Syrian clients who had



arrived 4 months prior. Life Skill Trainers (LST's) checked on them to see if they required additional help. LST's taught clients how to navigate around their neighbourhood, proper use of utilities, banking, personal safety, hygiene, economical shopping, how to manage their apartment, register for Manitoba Start, and obtain

their Manitoba Health Card and Social Insurance Number. In partnership with SEED, LSTs opened Registered Education Savings Accounts for clients who were interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to save for their children's post-secondary education. On September 23, 2016, the department facilitated a Dental Hygiene Presentation for clients staying at Welcome Place. The presentation was attended by approximately 30 adults and numerous children who received toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Staff and volunteers worked directly with our residents to provide additional supports in the early stages of their arrival at Welcome Place. The **Volunteer Services** department provided conversational English and computer classes, a library, field trips to local sporting and cultural arts venues,

holiday celebrations for clients, a children's breakfast program and social activities. The department connected newcomers to the community through group activities. MIIC received countless invitations for our clients to participate in social, cultural, and recreational events around Winnipeg. Clients attended the Folk Festival, the Manitoba Opera, a Winnipeg Jets & Manitoba Moose game, a visit to Kildonan-East Collegiate, numerous trips to the Forks, and other exciting outings. Over the year, 65 volunteers provided 1656 volunteer hours and 2130 clients signed-in for volunteer programs and classes.

Sponsorship Services has played a major role in sponsoring and bringing thousands of refugees to Manitoba through the Private Sponsorship of Refugees program. As a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) MIIC works with various ethno-cultural and faith based groups to fulfill its sponsorship obligations by providing the needed financial support, settlement assistance, and ongoing friendship and emotional support to newly arrived refugee families until they become independent. From April 2016 – March 2017, there were 672 sponsor-referred sponsorship arrivals.

IRCC has committed to reducing the backlog of PSR applications and to 12-month processing by 2019. In view of this, we anticipate an increase



in the number of PSR arrivals in the next couple of years or so. In order to keep up with these trends and to ensure that sponsorship obligations are met and services are delivered efficiently, the Sponsorship Department has taken a number of new measures. Existing application forms and various documents have been reviewed and changes made to ensure efficiency in service delivery. All of our active Constituent Groups (CG's) were sent a package that included a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the responsibilities and obligations of both the CG and the SAH. The CG's were required to sign and submit the forms with the required documents. On April 19, 2017, a meeting was held at Welcome Place and CG's were given updated information on the implementation of the new Resettlement Operations Centre in Ottawa, new guidelines and procedures for change of destination requests, and other sponsorship related information.

A trainer from the **Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP)**, Gelila Hailu, started working out of Welcome Place on March 8, 2017. RSTP is a program

designed to support Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs) of Canada, their Constituent Groups, and Groups of 5 and Community Sponsors on a national level. Gelila's placement at MIIC is part of a partnership contract with Catholic Cross Cultural Services.

MIIC provides paralegal services to refugee claimants, and assistance with navigating through the legal and social system. Our **In-Canada Protection Services** department offers these services only after the claimants have been fully screened and referred to us by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) or IRCC. Welcome Place staff have worked tirelessly to pick-up refugee claimants at the border and provide paralegal services ensuring that all documents are filed within the very strict timelines set by the refugee hearing process. Welcome Place is equipped to provide translation in over 30 languages, a welcome relief to new refugees on the first day of their arrival. We support these individuals providing referrals to other agencies and social/emotional support up to the time of their Immigration and Refugee Board hearing.



Creating New Partnerships



Law Students at Welcome Place

We had read numerous news articles about the increasing numbers of refugees arriving in Emerson, Manitoba – freezing, tired and scared after walking for hours to cross the US-Canada border. We read of never-ending paper work, backlogs and resource concerns. We knew then, that we had to act. In response, we created a program where law students from Robson Hall assisted refugees with filling in the initial forms to make a refugee claim.

Many of us came to law school to be advocates and make a difference in our communities. As law students, we have the capacity and the knowledge to work with individuals navigating complex legal processes, and to help in small ways, to make it easier and more just.

Working with MIIC, and immigration law professor Shauna Labman, we were able to coordinate placements for ten students to come to Welcome Place each week during the school term. Each student signed up for a 4-hour shift either in the morning or afternoon. Students had the opportunity to speak with refugees and listen to their stories and experiences. For some students, it was the first time they had met a refugee. By April, over 20 students have volunteered their time, often willing to come with just a few hours notice.

Our time at Welcome Place has changed our perspective and has positively impacted all of us. It has been inspiring, challenging and rewarding and many students wanted to share their thoughts:

The staff at Welcome Place are doing their very best to fill a real and urgent need with limited resources. As for us students, the opportunity to help out, in our own small way, is therapeutic in itself. This is why we went to law school in the first place

– Sarah Khalil,
First Year Student

Volunteering through Robson Hall in helping asylum seekers that newly arrived to Manitoba was truly a heartfelt experience. The strong community values we hold as a province make it easy to understand the struggle of asylum seekers and that is surely noticeable in the way people have come together so in helping others"

– Jayson Rona, Third
Year Student

Volunteering with Welcome Place was a powerful learning experience, and a highlight of my second year of law school. I am so grateful for the opportunity to help people share their stories as they sought safety and a more hopeful future in Canada.

– Victoria Weir,
Second Year Student

"For the first time, I saw first-hand how law and policy have significant consequences on people's lives, and being able to help meant a lot to me"

– Mike Nerbas,
Second Year Law Student

On behalf of all of the Robson Hall students, we would like to thank the MIIC staff for their passion and dedication to helping refugees and for their guidance and warmth during our placements. We look forward to continuing the relationship we've formed, and assisting refugees make Winnipeg their home.

Maddie Pearlman and Kobra Rahimi

Connecting to the Community

Volunteer Matching Program

We first met Faryal on a cold January evening at Welcome Place. Before meeting her, we felt a bit nervous to meet this new stranger from a far away land. We were trying to imagine what it must be like for this single mother of 6 children trying to make a life for herself and her family in this new country. Unable to speak English, we were wondering how we would communicate with her. All apprehensions disappeared upon meeting her and seeing her smile. Within minutes we felt like we had known each other for a long time. After our meeting, as I was driving her home she told me (at least this is what I understood her to say) that she would really like to go to Value Village sometime as she had tried to walk there with her children from her home in North Kildonan but had not realized it was 'in Toronto' meaning so very



far. They got very cold and their phone battery died and they had to go into a store and call for help.

Following this first meeting, Faryal invited us to her home for a traditional Syrian meal and to meet 5 of her children. Her eldest son joined the family in late March. We all sat down on the floor for a deliciously prepared Syrian meal. The tablecloth was placed on the living room floor and plates placed in a circle. Initially, it was a bit of a challenge to get our 60 year old bodies to position themselves in this tight circle on the floor but we grew into it. We were handed a Texas sized pita/flat bread, and I noticed everyone tore theirs to fit their portion of vegetables and rice. This was new. This was authentic Syrian style. To help break the ice and facilitate interaction (given the language barrier), we brought a Jenga game



which proved quite interesting for the kids. We laughed and squealed as each player withdrew a piece and the structure became more precarious. Such fun despite the language barrier and a little help from Google Translate.

Although it had been some 30 years since we had gone Cross Country Skiing ourselves, we had the opportunity to introduce our new friends to this great Canadian winter sport. Harbourview Recreation Complex offered a free weekend of Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing followed by some hot chocolate with marshmallows. It was super fun to see everyone participating and enjoying themselves.

We also had an opportunity to go tobogganing a couple of times during this winter which was followed by some hot drinks, pizza and a game of crockinole. As Randy struggled to teach the boys to take turns and words like "your turn" or "my turn" and numbers, they ended up teaching him the Arabic word for "my turn" "Dowrak".

We are so inspired by Faryal's determination and strength. She is determined to learn English and realize the opportunities that await her and the strength to overcome her difficult past and strive for a brighter future.

Getting to know Faryal and her family has been a very rewarding experience for us. We are happy and honored to be able to assist Faryal and her family as they transition to a new life.

Randy & Alwine Willoughby

For more information about our Volunteer Matching Program please contact Maysoun at 977-1000 ext. 253 or email at maysound@miic.ca



March 4, 2017 - Welcome Place launches #OpenYourHearts.ca campaign to help refugee families

The eyes of the world were on Manitoba and its response to those seeking Asylum in Canada. On Saturday, March 4, 2017, we launched a fundraising campaign called #OpenYourHearts.ca in response to the refugees that were crossing the border. Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council provides paralegal services to refugee claimants and assistance with navigating through the legal and social system. Funds are needed to support an expanded Canada Refugee Protection Program for the upcoming year to assist an expected 1000+ refugee claimants. The trend of vulnerable people such as pregnant mothers and children continues to increase. Welcome Place's #OpenYourHearts.ca fundraising campaign has reached all corners of the Globe with donations received from as far away as Australia.



Welcome cards from Winnipeg school children.

Asha's Story

Refugee claimant **Asha Amhed** came to Winnipeg in October of 2016 and is a former politician and human rights activist in Somalia. Asha was interviewed by Welcome Place for the Annual Report.

Question: How has Welcome Place assisted with your transition to Winnipeg?

Asha: Welcome Place is the first place I was told to go. Welcome Place has helped with my refugee claim and accessing settlement services in the same language. It was easier to communicate. They always followed up with my situation. I know that if I have any questions, Welcome Place is the first place to call.

Question: What did you do in Somalia?

Worked in the Ministry of Women & Children as a Deputy Minister and Agenda Advisor and Acting Minister for advocacy and women empowerment in the political, social and economic sector. I worked for zero tolerance of gender based violence and against female genital mutilation. Sensitive matters bring problems into your life.

Question: Had you ever heard of Winnipeg?

Yes, a friend told me about Winnipeg and I googled it. But not while in Somalia.

Question: While in Somalia, what was your impression of Canada?

I pictured big cities like the movies, nice roads, big buildings, peaceful and people follow rules and law. There is no civil war.

Question: What is your first memory of snow?

I first saw snow in Minnesota. We saw snow in the movies and wondered what does it taste like and how do you make a snowman? When I first saw the snow, I went outside and tried to touch it and taste it. It was beautiful. And I wished that my family should experience snow for the first time too.

Question: Volunteering is important to you. How have you helped Welcome Place?

For a few weeks, when it was busy, I volunteered and helped refugee claimants with their claims, translation and filling out forms.

Question: How complicated is the paperwork?



Refugees may not know specific dates like birthdays, family birthdays, dates of incidents which is important for the forms. Sometimes it becomes difficult for the claimant to fill out the information and they are told to fill out the applications again. There are time limits on paperwork, sometimes a day or two. And the number of volunteers are less compared to refugee claimants. Puts pressure on both sides.

Question: Your hope for Somalia?

Empower the girls and stand up for their rights to fight against the wrong. That will only come up if the country allows women to have education. My hope is one day to see a women President or Vice-President.

In-Canada Protection Services Update

The In-Canada Protection Services department experienced an indisputably demanding year. Since early summer 2016 we saw a tremendous surge of refugee claimants arriving through Emerson. This has resulted in the Department finding itself in the midst of an influx of claimants requiring assistance. As well, we have been the subject of unprecedented media and public attention. We used this opportunity to appeal to the public and private sector for direct financial support and drew attention to the need for funding to allow us to continue providing timely and efficient paralegal and other services to refugee claimants. On February 13, 2017, the Winnipeg Foundation announced \$33,000



in grants. Of the amount, \$23,000 came from an anonymous donor. On February 23, 2017 Premier Brian Pallister announced that the Manitoba government would provide 14 units to MIIC for emergency housing for refugees crossing the Emerson border and \$110,000 in funding for Welcome Place for 2017-18 to support services for refugee claimants including paralegal services and safe transportation from Emerson to Winnipeg.

From April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, we opened 552 new refugee claimant files – 427 more than the previous year. To tackle the extraordinary challenges we were facing, the Department made changes to its staffing. Somali speaking staff were placed in the department as well as additional staff were assigned to work on an as-needed basis. Additionally, we called upon volunteers from

the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law (up to 15 students), the communities, United Way, previous refugee claimants, articling students and others. Still, the Department's staff worked under extreme pressure to deliver timely services. Office space, housing and accommodation remain unresolved challenges.

Legal Aid Manitoba gave staff training for online application forms and expanded the number of Legal Aid refugee lawyers from four to fourteen. Counsellors continued to complete eligibility and submission of Basis of Claim, work permits (including online application), Permanent Residence and other crucial applications. READY Tours, designed to educate, orient, and support refugees claimants as they prepare for their hearing were conducted and we distributed 'Hearing Preparation' booklets to our clients.

The Department had regular communication and meetings with CBSA, IRCC, the Province, SPOs and other stakeholders to tackle the challenges and devise ways to collaborate and coordinate resources to meet the demands.

Staff worked closely with MIIC's Reception Services and the Salvation Army to provide transportation and temporary accommodation to clients.

The department worked together with local, national and international media outlets to highlight issues relating to claimants.

Refugee Claimants Intake Report

2015/2016	Individuals	2016/2017	Individuals
April 2015	11	April 2016	11
May 2015	11	May 2016	26
June 2015	11	June 2016	17
July 2015	13	July 2016	28
August 2015	22	August 2016	23
September 2015	19	September 2016	20
October 2015	11	October 2016	15
November 2015	13	November 2016	35
December 2015	6	December 2016	25
January 2016	3	January 2017	37
February 2016	5	February 2017	97
March 2016	3	March 2017	211
Totals	125	Totals	552

Thank You

The work we do is possible because of the support of our funders, and the generosity of our donors. We also thank private donors and faith group donors.

Core Funders:



Friends and Supporters:




Waterfront Foundation Inc.

Landscape Architects Inc.



Funding and donations allow us to continue to provide the highest level of service and support to refugees and immigrants arriving in Manitoba to find a better, safer life for their families.

We hope to add to our resources and expand our programs, with your help. To find out more about the support that we offer, or to donate, please visit **miic.ca**.



Life Skill Trainers (LST's) distributed to our clients over 700 hand knit scarves and 100 knitted blankets along with knitted toques and mitts and other donated items received from churches, schools, and other groups.



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Report of the Independent Auditors on the Summarized Financial Statements

To the Directors of
Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc.

The accompanying summarized financial statements, which comprise the summarized statement of financial position as at March 31, 2017, and the summarized statement of operations for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2017. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated June 5, 2017.

The summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summarized financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the organization.

Management's Responsibility for the Summarized Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the following basis:

The summarized financial statements include the major totals and subtotals from the related complete financial statements dealing with matters having a pervasive or otherwise significant effect on the summarized financial statements.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summarized financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary of Financial Statements".

Opinion

In our opinion, the summarized financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2017 are a fair summary of those statements, on the basis described above.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Booke & Partners". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Winnipeg, Canada
June 5, 2017

Chartered Professional Accountants

Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc.

Statement of Operations Year ended March 31

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Revenues

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada:		
Settlement services	\$ 1,233,628	1,232,093
RAP and accommodation services	1,478,316	1,110,191
Fundraising and donations	215,569	105,625
Amortization of deferred contributions	165,549	153,845
Province of Manitoba	110,000	40,000
United Way	107,630	170,930
Winnipeg Foundation	107,500	5,628
City of Winnipeg		
Property tax grant	26,689	20,001
Trust administration fee	15,000	15,000
Miscellaneous	21,812	38,483
Privately sponsored refugees - administration fee	11,130	19,060
Manitoba Community Services Council	-	3,000
Gain on sale of property and equipment	-	800
Syrian Response Initiative	268,423	954,171
	<u>3,761,246</u>	<u>3,868,827</u>
Expenditures		
Salaries and benefits	2,407,477	1,913,806
Amortization	229,697	222,426
Accommodation and food	75,837	82,873
Mortgage interest	46,219	48,692
Rent and parking	22,744	19,678
Other	633,367	474,619
Syrian Response Initiative	268,423	954,171
	<u>3,683,764</u>	<u>3,716,265</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 77,482</u>	<u>152,562</u>

Summarized Statement of Financial Position March 31

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Assets Current

Cash	\$ 596,637	\$ 249,877
Accounts receivable	120,165	153,314
Prepaid expenses	2,298	89,116
	<u>719,100</u>	<u>492,307</u>
Property and equipment	3,947,590	4,098,447
Funds held in trust	226,821	266,232
	<u>\$ 4,893,511</u>	<u>\$ 4,856,986</u>

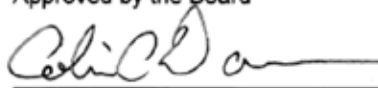
Liabilities Current

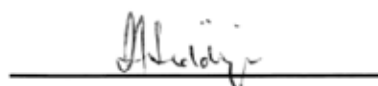
Payables and accruals	\$ 354,667	\$ 372,383
Deferred contributions	257,500	107,840
Current portion of long-term debt	48,394	46,790
	<u>660,561</u>	<u>527,013</u>
Long-term debt	1,295,325	1,343,710
Deferred contributions for property and equipment	2,569,476	2,656,185
Funds held in trust	226,821	266,232
	<u>4,752,183</u>	<u>4,793,140</u>

Net Assets

Internally Restricted	139,974	188,694
Unrestricted	(33,041)	(176,610)
Invested in property and equipment	34,395	51,762
	<u>141,328</u>	<u>63,846</u>
	<u>\$ 4,893,511</u>	<u>\$ 4,856,986</u>

Approved by the Board


 Director


 Director

The complete set of financial statements, including notes to the financial statements and the independent auditors' report, are available upon request by contacting the organization's office.