



International Institute Rhode Island

Annual Report 2004

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Since 1921 our mission continues to ring clear: to enable all area residents, especially immigrants and refugees, to become self-reliant, invested participants in our communities, while fostering respect and understanding among all people.

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Letter from Bill Shuey, Executive Director

Thanks to you—our donors, our volunteers, our community partners, our wonderfully dedicated staff, and our eager and talented students and clients—fiscal year 2004 was another year of great growth and great service to Rhode Island's expanding immigrant and refugee communities. Together, we moved a few steps closer to our vision of a future Rhode Island where all residents have access to essential services to achieve self-sufficiency and a mutual community feeling.

In fiscal year 2004, we saw first-hand the fruits of our community building efforts and confirmation of what we already knew: Rhode Islanders are enormously generous, open, and willing to help their neighbors. In this spirit, the International Institute continues to provide citizenship workshops and to reach out to area businesses and agencies to provide timely and accurate legal immigration and health information. Our education programs work collaboratively with other area literacy providers to ensure the highest quality services for the entire state. Our accredited legal immigration team is working with Progresso Latino to help them obtain accreditation and thus expand the state's capacity to provide reputable legal immigration assistance. Our Translating and Interpreting program ensures that the state has access to top quality language assistance for all languages spoken here.

Special thanks for the impressive community collaboration among thousands of individuals, churches, school systems, hospitals, and businesses to enable the International Institute to resettle refugees from troubled regions throughout the world. This massive humanitarian effort paved the way for 350 people to escape the ravages of war in their homelands, and desperation and atrocity in their refugee camps and to build safe and free new lives in the United States.

In the future, we must all work together to realize the vast potential of Rhode Island's foreign-born residents, currently 13% of the state's population and by far it's largest sector of workforce growth. To meet this challenge the Institute vows to expand and seek creative partnerships to meet an increasing community need (still 900 people on a waiting list for our classes; still 4-week delays for appointments with our caseworkers; still millions of refugees worldwide). In the meantime, we can reflect on a very successful Fiscal Year 2004.

Fiscal Year 2004 Highlights

Our Goal: The International Institute of Rhode Island continues to be the leading comprehensive resource for new immigrants and refugees in the state and a multicultural information center for all Rhode Islanders.

At the International Institute we strive to earn the trust and confidence of not only our clients but our donors every day of the year.

Thanks to all of our donors whose support enabled the Institute to provide over 20,000 services with a budget of \$4.8 million.

Leadership Keeps Us Strong and Still Growing After 83 Years

Our 30 Board members bring expertise in the areas of finance, law, education, health, business, investment, marketing, fundraising, and non-profit management. 100% of Board members gave of their time and money to support our cause in fiscal year 2004. Our management and program staff bring an average of 15 years of experience in their fields.

5,107 immigrants, refugees, and their families from 98 different countries were provided with over 20,000 services

The International Institute continued to provide programs and services of unparalleled quality in fiscal year 2004:

Interpreting & Translating Services

- 60 languages available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from our nation-wide network of translators and interpreters.

Feinstein Center for Citizenship & Immigration Services

- More than 20,000 walk-ins were assisted with immigration questions on the spot. In-house U.S. Department of Justice accredited caseworkers and on-staff attorney are trained to deal with issues and workshops pertaining to immigration law.

Education & Training

- 870 adult students attended a record 31 classes and received language, citizenship, computers, job readiness, and GED training thanks in part to Governor Carcieri's literacy initiatives. However, there was still a waiting list of 900 people.

Refugee Resettlement & Minority Health Promotion

- 350 refugees from troubled regions all over the world were resettled thanks to a great collective community effort. New arrivals received assistance with cultural orientation, a first apartment, school enrollment, advocacy, health education, and referrals.
- 95% of newly arrived adult refugees became fully employed after twelve months in the U.S.

The International Charter School demonstrated excellence

In 2004, only its 4th year of existence, the International Charter School ranked as high performing according to state testing results, one of only four elementary schools so distinguished in Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls. This multicultural, multilingual public elementary school is located in Pawtucket and has 240 students in grades K-5.

Numbers Served

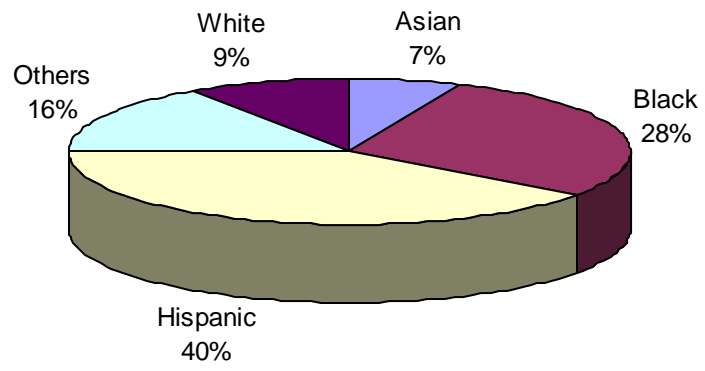
20,278 Services Provided to 5,107 Clients from 98 Countries

	Services	Clients
Interpreting & Translating		
Interpretations	3426	
Translations	896	
Walk-ins	800	
Total:	5122	1070
Refugee Resettlement & Minority Health Promotion		
Employment Services	412	
Minority Health Promotion Center/Tobacco Control	2318	
Refugee Resettlement Casework	3813	
Total:	6543	597
Feinstein Center for Citizenship & Immigration		
CORE-Casework	2390	
Community & Legal Education-IOLTA	3712	
Legalization	1641	
Total:	7743	2370
Education & Training		
English Language Center	502	
Citizenship Classes	158	
HRIC	118	
GED	38	
Computer Classes	54	
Total # Students:	870	870
Totals	20278	5107

International Charter School

240 Students in Grades K – 5.

Ethnicities Served



Statement of Income & Expenses

	International Institute Rhode Island	International Charter School	Combined Total
Support & Revenue			
Public Grants/Contracts	\$1,029,263	297,416	
Private Grants/Contracts	\$ 609,736	43,000	
Contributions/Special Events	\$ 246,478		
Tuition, Fees, Services	\$ 523,950	1,794,834	
Other Activities & Fees	\$ 76,116	14,216	
Investment Returns	\$ 124,425		
Total Unrestricted Revenue	\$2,609,968	2,149,466	4,759,434
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$ 55,886	83,833	139,719
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	\$2,665,854	2,233,299	4,899,153
Expenses			
Program Services	\$2,099,185	1,937,713	
General Overhead & Administration	\$ 358,898	291,765	
Fundraising	\$ 203,780		
Total Expenses	\$2,661,861	2,229,478	4,891,339
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 3,993	3,821	7,814
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	\$2,665,854	2,233,299	4,899,153

There are so many people here who wish to thank you for your support

Of course, when they arrive in Rhode Island, many can only do it in their native language. So they might say to you:

Gadda ge. Dankie. Seé. Ghu long khu me-ah. Maraming salamat. Shad shenorhagal em. Meda wo ase paa paa paa. Tsikomo. Ozasro dhanyabad. Baraka. Hvala vam. Maraba. Mnogo blagodarya. Doh je. Barkal. Zikomo kwambili. Ndatenda. Ch'ahp'ei'x ta'p'a. Mersi. Khawp jai lai lai. Muchas gracias. Pagui shungulla.

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