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Dear Friends,

This Spring, you gave to our **Affirm Dignity Appeal** at a time of great uncertainty and disruption for refugee resettlement efforts. Together, you and other supporters helped raise an incredible \$66,412- we simply want to say **thank you**.

Because of you- and others like you- we continue to provide essential services, even as the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program remains on pause and federal funding has been drastically reduced. But our commitment has not wavered.

In the past two years alone, more than **3,500 new Americans** have arrived in our community- building on over 2,000 resettled in the two years prior. These new neighbors rely on us for job coaching, housing and medical support, school enrollment assistance, and so much more. And because of your support, **we are still able to serve them**.

Earlier this year, InterFaith Works faced an incredibly difficult moment: due to significant funding shortfalls, we were forced to lay off **19 dedicated team members**. Thanks in no small part to the compassion and generosity of donors like you, we're proud to share that we were able to retain **9** of those staff members. **This is your impact in action**.

We are still here. We are strong. And we continue to walk alongside thousands of our neighbors- refugees, elders, students, and families- **every single day**.

While we are still navigating uncertain times, please know this: **InterFaith Works is not going anywhere**. We are- and will remain- a cornerstone of Central New York. With your continued partnership, we are not just surviving; **we are rebuilding—stronger, smarter, and more resilient than ever**.

On behalf of our entire staff and the thousands we serve: **Thank you**.

In gratitude,

Beth A. Broadway
President/CEO

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Chief Development Officer



Persistence is Key!

Sometimes, finding the right job takes more than just filling out an application—it takes persistence and advocacy.

Hubert from Haiti had been waiting for a chance, but doors kept closing. Our Employment Team believed in him. They didn't stop at sending emails or leaving messages—they even went to the hotel in person to speak directly with the manager. Their message was simple: "Give Hubert a chance."

It worked. Hubert was hired as a houseman at the Courtyard by Marriott. Now he's not only thriving at work—he feels proud, independent, and truly included in his new community.

Your support makes this possible—fueling the persistence that opens doors and transforms lives for people like Hubert.



Affirm Dignity:
Thank you again
for your support!