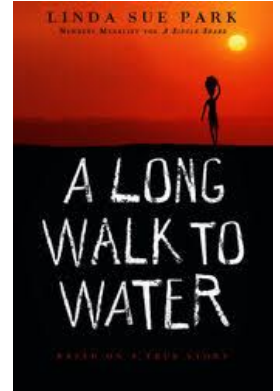
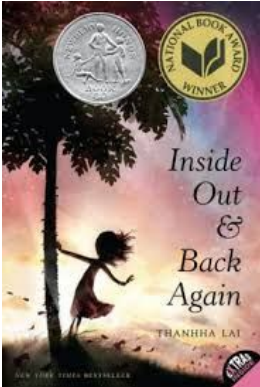




Drive for the Displaced

The 7th and 8th grade English classes at Byron–Bergen Jr. Sr. High School are currently studying the common themes that many refugees share, like being forced to flee their home, fearing for their safety, and getting settled in an unfamiliar place. We are using a balance of fiction and nonfiction

texts to help us gain perspective on the unique paths that bring refugees together. We're learning that many of their lives are made easier when local communities lend a helping hand. So, we decided that we wanted to join in!



We are holding a donation drive to support a local non-profit called *Refugees Helping Refugees*. Flip this page over to learn about their mission. We will be collecting items from now until November 16th to donate to their organization. Please consider contributing and joining us in making a positive impact on the daily lives of local refugees.

CURRENT NEEDS:

- ★ New socks and gloves for adults and children
- ★ School supplies (ex. pens, notebooks, markers sketchbooks, coloring books)
- ★ Hygiene products: (ex. toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent)
- ★ Winter jackets (new or gently used)

*****Please put all donations in a plastic bag before bringing them in. Extra bags will be available in the office if you need them***

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**Donation Drive ends on
11/16/2020.**

Drop Off:

All donations can be dropped off to the Jr. Sr. High School office.

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Overview

RHR seeks to foster the growth, self-determination, and self-reliance of Rochester's refugee community by making them agents of their own advancement. It seeks to become a comprehensive community center providing a full range of services to its own community while also welcoming people from all cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds.

History

Initial RHR programs focused on services for Somali elders. Somali women were acutely aware of the suffering of their elders who were isolated and depressed, sitting at home alone behind drawn blinds while their children worked. Once the RHR center was established, Somali seniors joined other American seniors for lunch, exercise classes, and socialization activities two days a week.

Students soon began to request English classes. Many also wanted citizenship training and case management services to help with government forms written in English. By January 2012, a four-day per week program had begun. Certified English as a Second Language teachers volunteered their time, and the program was certified by Monroe County as an ESOL training site. Students ages 23-75 from Somalia, Burma, Congo, Nepal and Ethiopia attended the classes.

Seniors also expressed concerns about the Somali youth in their community. Young people didn't know Somali language and culture and didn't always respect their elders. In response to these concerns, the RHR organized an 8-week summer program, the Intergenerational Somali Summer Program (ISSP). A final ceremony showcased Somali dance and singing by youth to an audience of over 200 people in 2014.

A certified work experience program (WEP) through RochesterWorks! started in November 2012. Teachers and volunteers teach classes in cooking, sewing, healthcare, and computer skills. This program provides hands-on work experience in a culturally-friendly site.

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