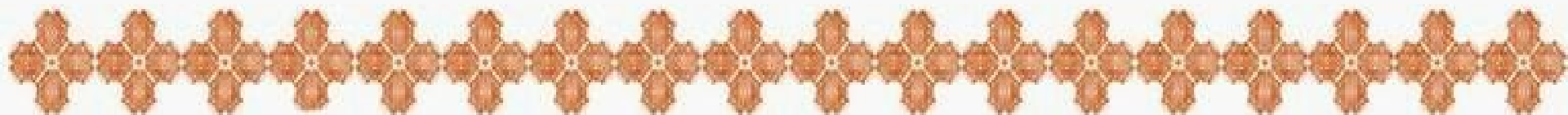


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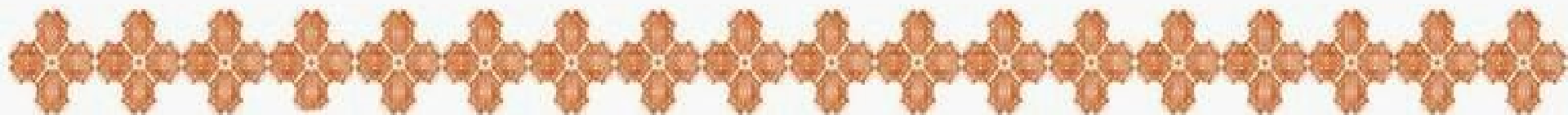
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Indiana's Refugee Population and Their Contribution to Inclusion and Diversity

- **Definition of Refugee-** who are refugees and how many in the world
- **Pre-Arrival Resettlement Process:** the issues faced by these diverse populations during the resettlement process
- **Post-Arrival Process:** housing, applying for government services, enrolling in school, education in ESL programs, and employment search
- **Diversity Enrichment:** how the diverse populations and their experiences deepen the cultural diversity of the Indianapolis area.



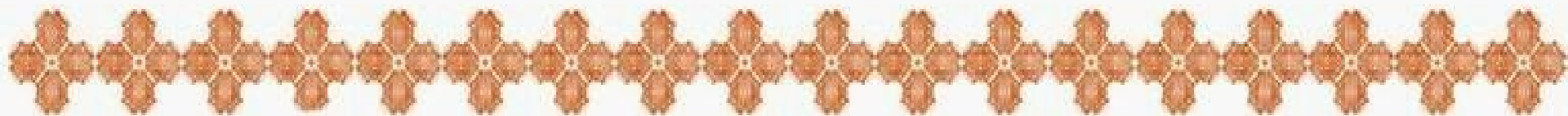
Definition of Refugee



Iraqi Refugee Camp

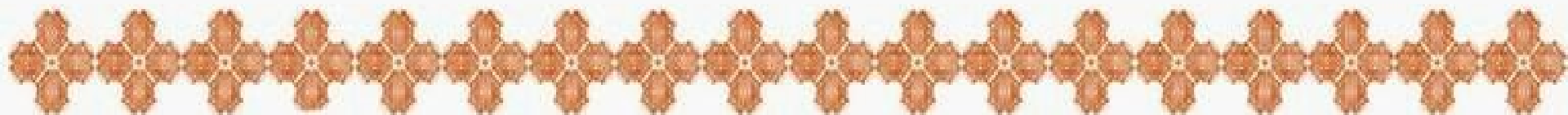
“**Refugee** is a person who owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted on account of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of their nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail him/herself of the protection of that country.”

~United Nations



Definition of Refugee

- 15.2 million refugees in the world
[UNHCR - Video Galleries](#) (UNCR 2009 Report)
- Over 76,000 refugees were resettled in the United States in 2009.
- About 1,700 resettled in Indiana in 2009.
- An estimated 1,110 will be resettled in Indianapolis in 2010.



Pre-Arrival Resettlement Process

1st: Refugee Flees their homeland out of fear of persecution:

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(Refugees in Republic of Congo)

2nd: Refugee declares refugees status with United Nations

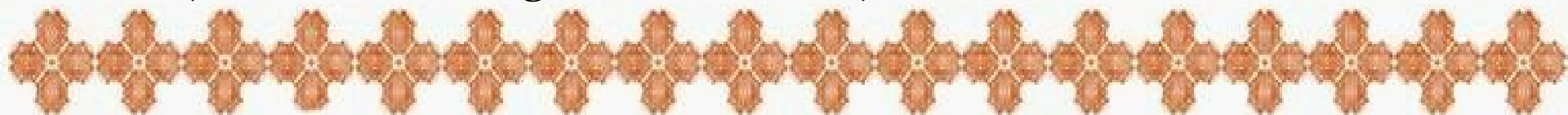
3rd: Refugee is interviewed by United States Immigration

4th: Refugee is assigned country and city

5th: Refugee spends a few days overseas for training about new country:

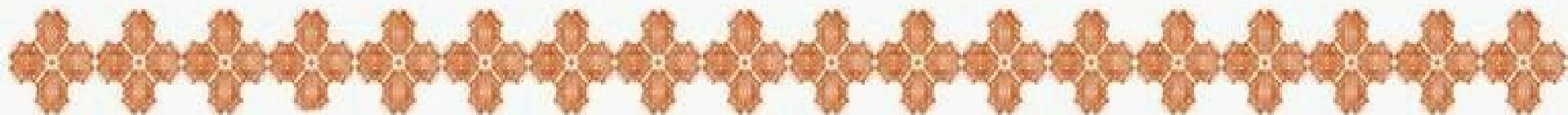
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(A new life for refugees from Bhutan)



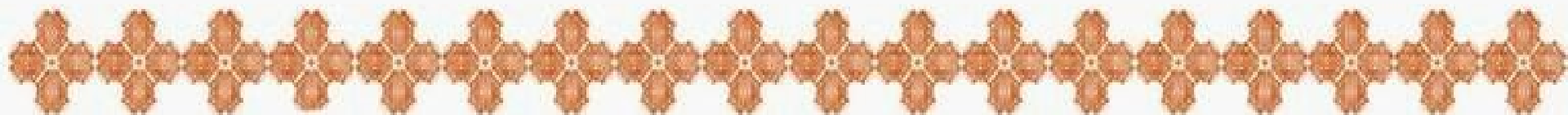
Post-Arrival Process

- **Airport Pick-up**
 - Clients are greeted at the airport by staff or volunteer
- **Housing:**
 - Affordable
 - Set-up with household items
- **Assistance with Medical, Welfare and Social Security Appointments**
 - Within 7 days of arrival clients are taken to apply for government assistance
 - Health Screenings are completed within 30 days of arrival
- **Community/Cultural Orientation**
 - Clients receive cultural and program orientation by staff and volunteers



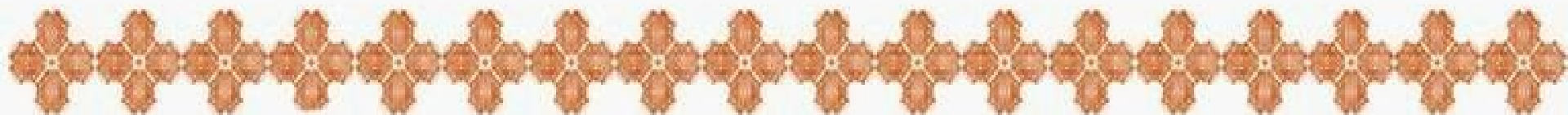
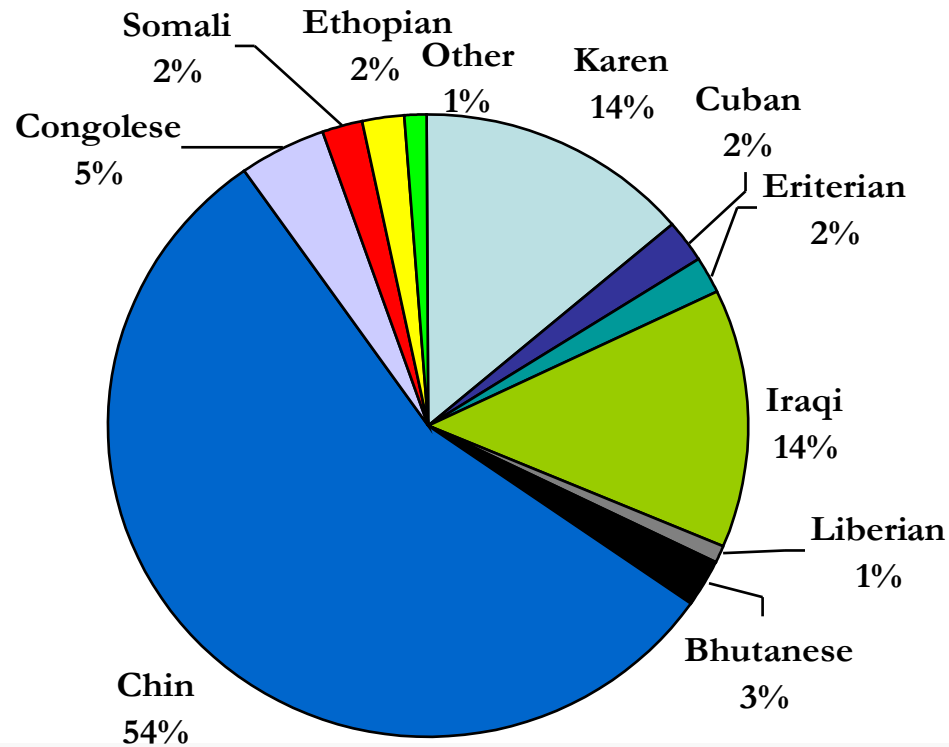
Post-Arrival Process

- **Referral to ESL and Educational Resources**
 - ESL courses are offered at the apartment complex
 - The classes range from basic to driving licenses and GED preparation
- **Employment Services**
 - Refugees are legally admitted into the U.S. and receive an Employment Authorization Card.
 - Employment is the number one tool for self-sufficiency
 - Employment class to review interview skills, eye contact and resume building



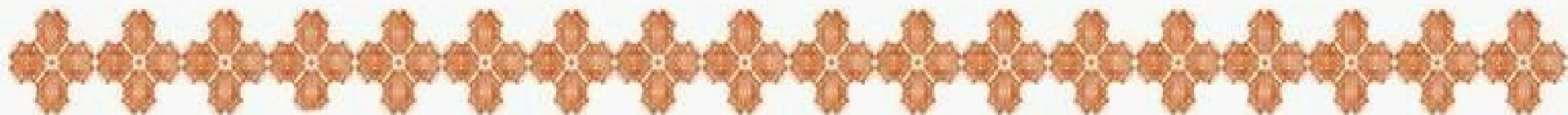
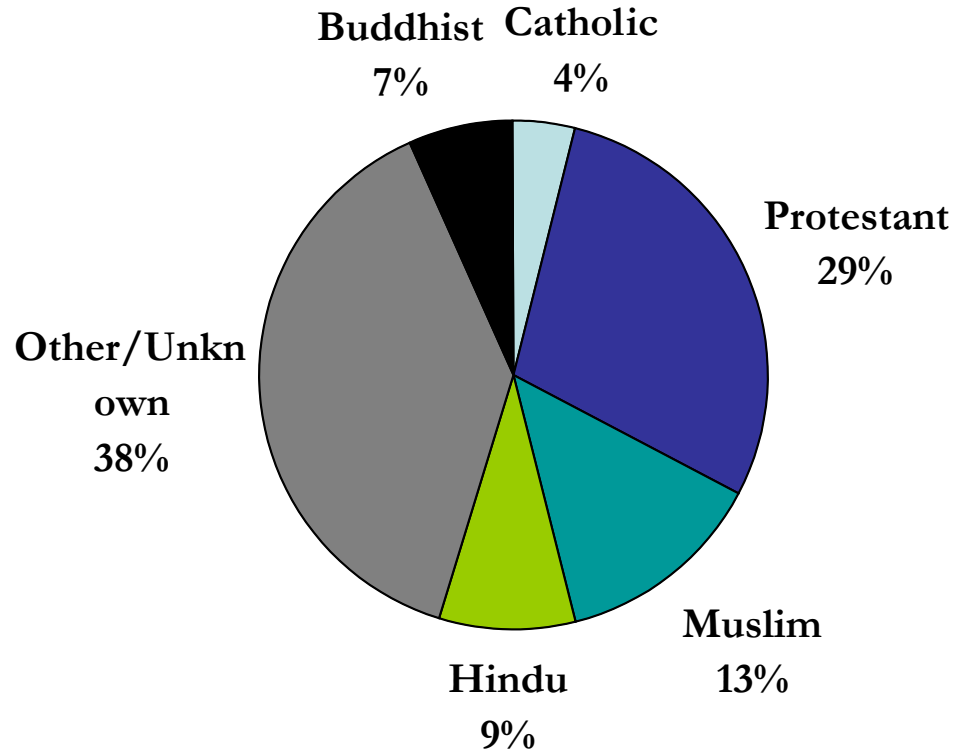
Diversity Enrichment

Race and Ethnicity of Catholic Charities Clients FY 2010



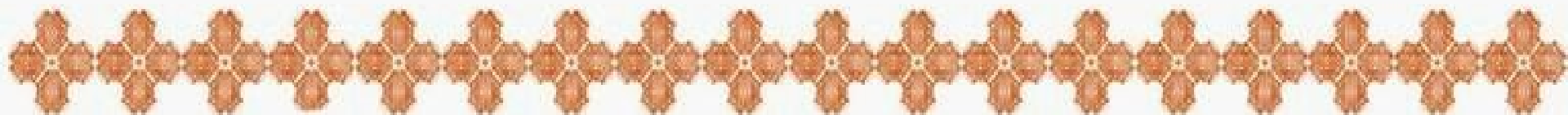
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Religion of Catholic Charities Clients FY 2010



Diversity Enrichment

- **Our city's brightest rainbow is its people**
 - A rainbow is the result of rain or a storm. So, our beautiful rainbow is a result of the storm our refugees have witnessed over their lives.
 - Customs, dance, language and farming color our city's community.
 - Over 18,00 tons of food was harvested by farm projects because of refugee farming skills
 - Chin National Day is annually celebrated in February
 - Iraqi dancing illuminates July summers at the Middle Eastern Festival
 - Chin Business Owners open restaurant and grocery store



Diversity Enrichment

Personal Experience:

To speak to the exact experience of merging cultural diversity into the Indianapolis community is Ahmed Jama, Catholic Charities' Job Placement Assistant.

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