



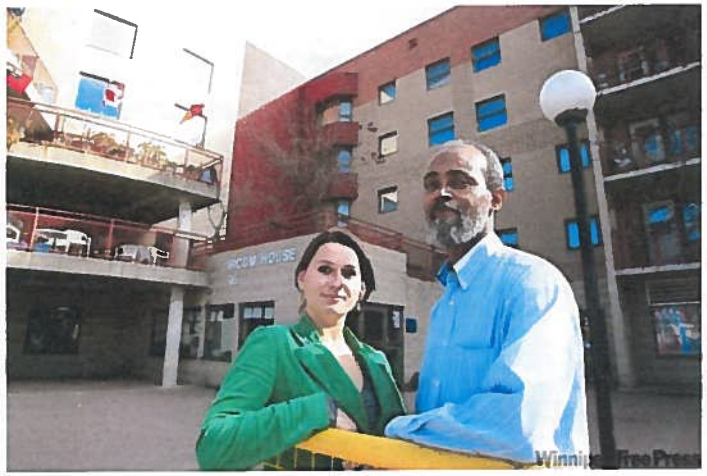
IRCOM INC.

Immigrant and Refugee
Community Organization of Manitoba

Thank You...

City of Winnipeg

IRCOM House Ellen and the new IRCOM House Isabel





We are now happy to offer, safe, affordable, transitional housing to over 110 newcomer families, supporting nearly 600 tenants of whom 400 are children & youth.

Our unique model of wrap around, holistic, supports works with the whole family. We build trusting relationships with parents, youth & younger siblings as well as community and ethno-cultural leaders.



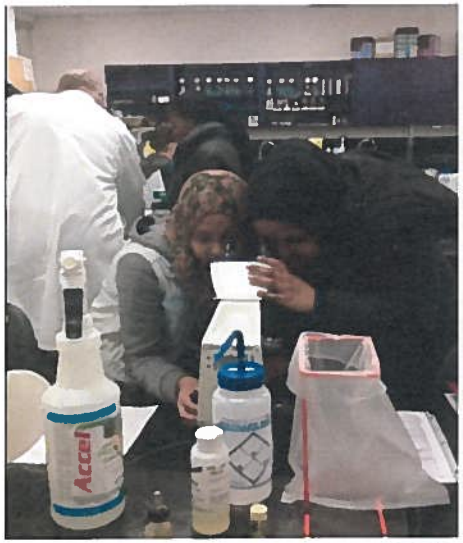


Children's Programs ...

run daily from 4 – 6 pm and with IRCOM Isabel filled by next spring, there will be over 80 newcomer children attending, taking part in reading circles, arts & crafts, recreation, hockey, boys and girls groups and much more.

Youth Programs

Homework, Sports, Leadership, Pre-Employment













Youth Programs…

Run daily from 4 – 9 pm and are attended by over 185 newcomer youth. Programs are held at Victoria Albert School, IRCOM House Ellen, IRCOM House Isabel, the University of Winnipeg RecPlex and Hugh John Macdonald School.

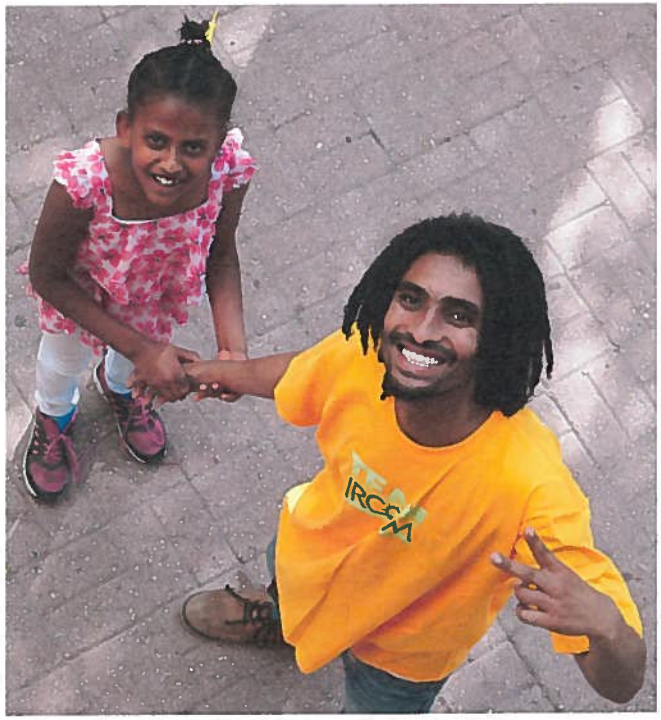
IRCOM's youth programs are unique, because we serve highly marginalized youth, primarily of a refugee background, who have experienced prolonged refugee situations, limited or no access to prior education, require ongoing mentorship, mental health supports and intense case management. Our staff are specialized training in cultural brokering, mental health for refugees, non-violent crisis intervention, are former program participants with lived newcomer experience who can role model resiliency, perseverance and positive life choices.

Beyond success, our youth are changing our communities

HEY (**Homework Education for Youth**), works with over 50 youth per night, providing subject specific one-on-one supports, academic mentorship, and enrichment activities.

Our **Sports** Program currently offers 3 soccer teams, attended by over 45 youth and a basketball team of 20. IRCOM's U 13 boys won the city championships in 2015, and 2 former IRCOM youth tenants are now part of Canadian National Teams, in soccer and football.

Pre-Employment has provided training to over 60 youth, secured 8 paid internships which resulted in full time employment for 5 youth. Many of our youth have successfully gained summer employment with Urban Green Team, through the Community School Investigators Program and with local businesses.



In April 2017, one of our **Leadership** youth be will hosting a Global Youth Action Network event in partnership with the Canadian Council for Refugees.

Our request...

The City of Winnipeg has been one of IRCOM's longest partners, a leader in providing accessible programs to children and youth throughout our city. In 2011, the City of Winnipeg provided IRCOM with a renewed annual funding commitment of $73,810.

However, with the opening of IRCOM House Isabel we are now supporting newcomer children and youth living in the West Alexander and Centennial communities as well as many others coming from as far as St.Vital, St.James, Tuxedo and Point Douglas.

Our children and youth programming has drastically expanded, in part due to the Syrian Crisis response, but also because IRCOM's programs fill a niche in children and youth programming not provided anywhere else.

Today, we are asking the City of Winnipeg to increase its annual funding commitment to IRCOM allowing us to provide meaningful, full time employment to a total of 4 Program Support Workers, two of whom will be former program participants and graduates.

Our total request is **$144,768,** which will support ongoing programming touching the lives of over 185 youth and more than 80 children.