



Dear Friend,

The Xmas Supper Club is the annual Welcomes Neighbor **W/NNM** fundraiser where we promise to feed your soul and fill your heart with stories of rebuilding lives and rebuilding hope. The event is Sunday, November 27th at 6:00 PM and hosted by Majestic located in Mayswood. Refugee cooks will share their culinary skills by preparing appetizers, drinks, and dessert. Inaugural Welcomes Neighbor (W) awards will be given to friends who are dedicated to our mission, and a robust silent auction will ensure we continue helping people build a new life.

As you can see we have much to celebrate, but also more work to do. Our success is a larger story about what can happen when communities come together to support a common goal. We hope you will be involved with us here and here are the following ways you can make a difference:

- Please consider purchasing a sponsor table, or making a sponsor donation to the event. Attached you will see the various opportunities and benefits.
- VIP and Benefactor Tickets are available and if you can't attend, please think about someone you could purchase tickets for, or any individual/group you can encourage to attend. Word of mouth is our best marketing.
- Donate an auction item or experience to increase our silent auction proceeds. The auction will also be online for non-attendees to bid. An online auction donation form can be found at www.welcomesneighbor.com
- And finally, a general donation towards the event – whatever size, it always counts. Again, visit our website for our donation page.

Welcomes Neighbor started in 2016 with a group of volunteers dedicating holidays to Syrian refugees and has grown to helping over 40 refugee families navigate their new American lives and over 1,500 supporters. We connect a volunteer partner with a refugee family to assist with everything from school registration to medical needs to social outings to English lessons and much more. To supplement income and learn business practices, we have taught our refugee friends how to manage catering events/supper clubs where the refugees cook and keep 100% of the proceeds. Currently, we have served over 1,200 guests at 77 events and paid the cooks over \$115,000. And the demand keeps growing! A partnership with St. Louis Team for Refugees Today (STRFT), a student-led group from St. Louis Priory High School, has enabled Welcomes Neighbor to expand their work. Each Sunday morning, students from STRFT pick up 40-50 meals, which have been prepared by a volunteer refugee cook, and delivers to the homeless population in the city. Plans are in place to extend this service to citizens who are homebound. And did I mention we now have an office and community space for English classes, attending education, and craft sales and more?

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jessica Butler at jbutler@welcomesneighbor.com or visit our website to donate, complete the online auction form, and/or sponsor items at www.welcomesneighbor.com

Sincerely,
Jessica Butler
Founder and Executive Director