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# Registration Opens for World Refugee Day Annual Charity Run/Walk

The Center and partner organizations show support with A "Walk in their Words" fundraiser

The Center, along with partner refugee resettlement agencies, is commemorating World Refugee Day 2022 with "A Walk in their Words" - the third annual community walk/run to raise awareness and funding for refugee resettlement agencies.

Observed internationally each year, World Refugee Day honors the courage of our community's new neighbors and their resilience in building lives in the United States.

"We recognize the significant contributions refuges make in our community and we celebrate the inclusion of all individuals, regardless of race or religion, into the cultural fabric of the Mohawk Valley," said Shelly Callahan, Executive Director of The Center. "It is also important that we recognize the millions of refugees worldwide, trapped in hopeless and dangerous situations, and advocate for humane solutions."

The Center (formerly Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees) curates the voices and stories of local refugees as an inspirational audio backdrop for "A Walk in their Words." Wherever participants are walking or running June 18th-25th, they can learn about the journeys and hardships that led so many to relocate to America.

Funds raised through \$30 registration fees will benefit the following agencies that provide direct services to thousands of refugees, build community, support resiliency, and honor the dignity of all human beings with their work every day.

## **Sponsors:**

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### **Event Details**

When: June 18th-25th

**Where:** Anywhere! No matter where you live in New York or beyond, individuals can participate in "A Walk in their Words." Jump on your treadmill, take a stroll in your neighborhood, run or walk in a park, or get creative. Each registrant receives a virtual gift bag.

**Register:** Register at <u>www.walkintheirwords.org</u> with a \$30 donation.

#### **Corporate Teams**

For companies wanting to join, we offer digital marketing opportunities, including logo inclusion and social media spotlights. Contact **walk@thecenterutica.org** to learn more.

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## **ABOUT THE CENTER**

The Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting refugees, immigrants, and Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals throughout the integration process and helps them achieve independence and self-sufficiency by developing products and services that enable us to build community with many cultures.