



Riverview
INTERNATIONAL CENTER



Looking Ahead In 2021

As we enter into the new year, everyone is hoping for some positive changes all around. The Riverview community has been impacted greatly by COVID and still navigating the challenges it has brought. Columbus City Schools returning to hybrid learning, allowing children to be in the school two days a week, has been a tremendous change for the positive. Emelia Sheeley, our Assistant Director, had an opportunity to share more about our community's unique needs in schooling on All Sides With Ann Fisher. Click on the link below to listen to the episode.

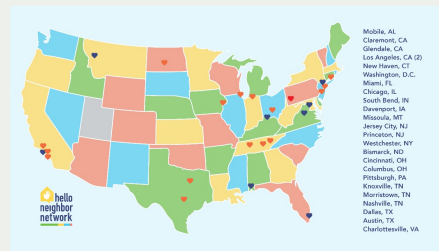
Helping with the transition back to school, the Assistance League of METRO Columbus and Cranbrook PTA donated school supply bags for our students. The bags were so popular that over 80 bags were handed out in less than 15 minutes!

[Listen to All Sides with Ann Fisher episode](#)



Intern Spotlight

Since September we've had two Social Work students from Ohio State interning at the RIC. Madina and Yamuna have been a huge help through the uncertainty of the pandemic, meeting with neighbors and managing our weekly diaper and food distributions. We wanted to ask each of them what they thought of their time at the RIC so far...



Hello Neighbor Network

In January we were honored to become a Fellow of the Hello Neighbor Network, a national coalition of grassroots organizations and leaders from across the U.S. working to guide immigrant and refugee experiences from surviving to thriving. The one year program is for nonprofit leaders looking to grow their organization and impact by connecting to a supportive peer network, education, and skills. The link below is to a video to introduce the

- **Yamuna:** *My favorite experience at the RIC so far has been interacting with the neighbors. They are friendly and always greet one another with respect. Recently, a neighbor came to me to talk about things in general. She felt comfortable enough to share information about her life with me! This is just one moment that has made my experience at the RIC enjoyable. The RIC staff go above and beyond to help the neighbors. They care for the neighbors so much. For example, I have seen many times that if the neighbors for some reason cannot come to the RIC for services, the staff goes to their house to help them, so their needs can be met.*

- **Madina:** *I have always wanted to help immigrants navigate living in America. When I first visited the RIC, I felt welcomed. I did not know the neighbors that well at first and I felt nervous, but they were really welcoming and engaging with me; that made me happy. The thing that surprised me is how much the neighbors trust the RIC staff. I can tell that the staff don't treat their job as just a job, because I can see how much the neighbors love them and trust them. It is not easy to gain that kind of trust, but the staff has earned it by always trying to learn about their neighbors, so they can give them the best service.*

Thank YOU, Madina and Yamuna! You've been a great help to us and we appreciate all you do for the Riverview community.

Pictured: Yamuna on the left and Madina on the right

Watch introduction video

Connect with us

We invite you to join us: **Get to know the RIC** through a live tour. Jump on Zoom to talk one-on-one with staff and neighbors. Learn something about immigration or ways to serve.

REGISTER for a TOUR

Would you like to **volunteer**? Here are a few ideas:

- Become a virtual conversation partner via FaceTime or Zoom. The #1 request at the RIC is to learn English
- Volunteer to drive neighbors to appointments

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