

### WELCOME!

Welcome to the first edition of NSC News: Young Friend Edition, the quarterly newsletter designed exclusively for NSC's Young Friends. In this newsletter, you'll find updates on what's happening around NSC, opportunities for you to get involved, and links to articles and resources to keep you up-to-date on developments in the larger immigration and refugee resettlement community.

### EXTREME MAKEOVER: NSC HEADQUARTERS

After nearly 10 years in our headquarters at 1216 Arch Street, 4th Floor, NSC is doing some much-needed renovations.

Each year, NSC serves more than 5,000 immigrants and refugees, and we have been

challenged to expand our space for services to match our immense growth in clients over the past few years. We want

our clients to be welcomed into a headquarters that allows them to receive services and establish



a new life in Philadelphia with dignity and safety. Our renovation project includes new and renovated



classroom training space, a renovated welcome area, additional legal services space to ensure client confidentiality, and an overhaul of our public restrooms. Demolition is already completed, and the office is already looking transformed! To keep up with the project's progress in between newsletters, be sure to check out our project page at [Global Giving](#).

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

On August 5th, NSC held the opening meeting for our newest project, Growing Together Gardens. The new gardens, located on 3 acres of land in Point Breeze, currently has 150 raised beds built for growers and is now opened to gardeners from the Karen, Chin, Burmese, Bhutanese, Congolese communities and their neighbors. We are scaling up our capacity and plan to have a total of 500 raised beds by April 2016. In conjunction with this program, we are also launching a new entrepreneurial training program, partnering with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and funding from the USDA to support a group of refugee women in starting a farmers market in Point Breeze. Planting for fall crops began on Sunday

August 9th. Follow our blog for updates on all NSC gardening and entrepreneurial farming updates at <https://nscfarming.wordpress.com/>.



## READY FOR SOME SHOPPING?

Looking to do some shopping but want to save some cash? On Saturday, August 29, you can save up to 30% at Macy's through Shop for a Cause. Shopping passes are \$5 each and valid at any Macy's store, and all proceeds from sale passes go to support NSC. If you're



interested in purchasing a pass or selling passes to family and friends who

love to shop, please contact Caitlin Gordon at [cgordon@nscphila.org](mailto:cgordon@nscphila.org).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have some extra time and looking for somewhere to volunteer? Here are a few opportunities at NSC:

- **Community Garden work day: September 12.** Contact Christian Przybylek at [cprzybylek@nscphila.org](mailto:cprzybylek@nscphila.org) to sign up or learn more.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner: date TBD.** This annual event is often the first Thanksgiving many of our clients have experienced. We are seeking volunteers to help greet guests, serve dinner, and oversee game stations for children. To be placed on an email list for additional information when it's available, please email Caitlin Gordon at [cgordon@nscphila.org](mailto:cgordon@nscphila.org).

### RESOURCE CORNER

- **Syria:**
  - [Regional Refugee Response](#) (UNHCR)
  - [Stories from Syrian Refugees](#) (UNHCR)
  - [Snapshot of the Crisis](#) (EU Institute)
  - [Challenges for Syrian Asylum Seekers in Philadelphia](#) (The Legal Intelligencer)
- [Understanding the Potential Impact of Executive Action on Immigration Enforcement](#) (Migration Policy Institute)
- [The Integration Outcomes of U.S. Refugees: Success and Challenges](#) (Migration Policy Institute)
- [Immigrants and the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#) (NILC)

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