# **Calgary Immigrant Women's Association**

2021–2022 Annual Report

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"Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

- Warren Buffet

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### 40 Years of Evergreen

*"In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful." - Alice Walker* 

Nestled on the gentle slopes of the Rocky Mountain Foothills and surrounded by majestic lodgepole pines and spectacular spruce trees, species known for their resilience and stature, Calgary Immigrant Women's Association (CIWA) has turned to nature to draw inspiration for the theme of this year's Annual Report. "Evergreen" gives a glimpse of CIWA's resilience through the elements that have shaped the organization today from our roots that keep us grounded to the trunk that becomes stronger with each challenge and adversity to the branches and offshoots that take on new life with each opportunity.

The 2021-2022 Annual Report showcases a year in resilience and growth, of staying rooted and branching out, of utilizing resources and turning them into outcomes and, ultimately, flourishing and staying evergreen. As Calgary rebounds from the many challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and looks ahead with optimism and vitality, so too is CIWA forging ahead with customized gender-specific services in response to the settlement needs of the women, girls and their families. We wish to recognize and thank the multitude of clients, volunteers and staff who exhibited extraordinary levels of resiliency this past year and who ensured that our agency continues to thrive ever green.



Proudly celebrating



years of service

### THE ROOTS

"When the root is deep, there is no reason to fear the wind." - Unknown

### A Message from CIWA's Board of Directors



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This past year, and particularly through two years of a global pandemic, CIWA has proven it can effectively and efficiently recognize and respond to the needs of immigrant and refugee women, girls, and their families. CIWA's leadership has worked hard to ensure a crisis is not wasted and continued to provide innovative services to keep up with the growing number of immigrants coming to us for settlement support.

The CIWA Board is proud to have completed a new five year Strategic Plan, successful CEO recruitment and transition, securing long-term expanded space for much needed programs. We also continued to evolve in areas of governance and risk management with the strengthening of our Board policies, succession planning, and the development of CIWA's risk register.

The successes of the Board and CIWA are attributable to a strategic plan that guides our decisions and actions; the remarkable leadership of CIWA's CEO for the past 17 years, Beba Svigir, and the dedication and efforts of all staff and volunteers. We welcome CIWA's new CEO, Paula Calderon, as we embark on our new 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, which focuses on continued growth and national expansion across Canada. As a provincial and national leader in outcomes-based gender-specific settlement services, CIWA's new Strategic Plan will shape the direction of our future in the year marking the 40th anniversary of CIWA.

CIWA's beneficial impact on immigrants, our workforce, and our economy would not be possible without the continuous support from funders, donors, and partners. To my fellow Board and Committee members, your collective knowledge, experience, and expertise make you a team I'm proud to work with. I appreciate your leadership and commitment to continuous improvement in governance and the sustainability of CIWA. - Ranju Shergill, Board Chair

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### A Message from CIWA's Senior Management Team



Back row (left to right): Fatima Narvaez, Yulia Minakova, Biraj Patel, Eva Szasz-Redmond, Jyoti Agnihotri, Jenny Krabbe, Leanne Casuncad Front row (left to right): Rekha Gadhia, Beba Svigir, Celestina Akinkunmi

This past fiscal year was one of transition for all of us at CIWA. The pandemic continued to be a huge factor in our day to day work, but programs and services to clients were not interrupted and our outcomes were achieved in line with program expectations. Hybrid service delivery played a huge role in this, and we have adopted this model for the future as a viable option for growth and expansion, as well as equitable access to our services for clients. We joined the national response to support refugees from Afghanistan and provide resources for women and their families coming from Ukraine.

Our activities were focused on the following:

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- Implementing multiple new programs and services for immigrant women; CIWA increased its budget to \$19M for 2022-2023
- Developing the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan with its focus on expanding CIWA services nationally across Canada
- Blending and extending a new 10 year lease that saved us over \$3M in rent cost until 2025; we
  now occupy all eight floors in the First Street Plaza building with over 70,000 square feet of space
  renovated and customized to meet our needs
- Embarking on professional accreditation through the Canadian Accreditation Council (CAC) for human services

We thank you all for supporting our mandate and collaborating with us in ensuring that immigrant women in Calgary are well integrated and able to achieve their goals and dreams.

### 2021-2022 Funding Partners



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Along with: Tamaratt Term Fund Like a Rock Fund







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### THE TRUNK

*"When all else fails, look up to a tree. It will restore life's wonder and possibility." – Angie Weiland-Crosby* 



In loving memory of Samrawit Taeme. You will forever be in our hearts.

#### New Friends and Neighbourhood Groups

The program was created as a conversation circle in 1982 to meet the language needs of newcomer women in an informal setting. Over the course of 40 years, the program evolved into a community based social inclusion initiative for immigrant women, comprising two-hour English language enhancement sessions through conversation, aimed at addressing important topics of daily life in the context of newcomer needs and connections to communities. From one original location, the program has grown to 16 locations and, more recently in order to address the current pandemic situation, it is being delivered at 8 locations through weekly online program. Since its inception 40 years ago, more than 10 programs and initiatives have emerged, including Grandma's Kitchen as well as My Community My Home, and more, all with the focus of encouraging the participation of women in the community in which they live.

#### **Cross Cultural Parenting Support**

Settlement and integration challenges due to language and cultural barriers are key stress factors in the overall wellbeing of immigrant and newcomer families. This is further amplified by the lack of knowledge around family laws, rights and responsibilities, and parenting in Canada. If not addressed, these factors can lead to family conflict, violence and parenting malpractices. CIWA recognized this issue over 35 years ago and became a pioneer in developing and delivering a customized cross culturally sensitive parenting program to ensure that all parents have access to information and supports to cope with the challenges of parenting in a new country and culture. This program has expanded to include support services for immigrant families with children and youth with disabilities, grandparents, and caregivers enabling them to create a safe, responsive, and nurturing environment that supports healthy child development.



#### **Volunteer Program**

The program was created 36 years ago to increase the social participation of immigrant women by providing volunteer opportunities for newcomer immigrant women in Calgary. These opportunities provide essential training skills that allows immigrant women to integrate into society and increase their economic participation. The program has evolved into creating volunteer opportunities for seniors and youth and continues to be responsive to the needs of the newcomer community. Since its inception more than three decades ago, two additional programs and initiatives have emerged from the Volunteer Program, including the Labour Market Bridging for Volunteers: Interpretation and Translation program.

## Volunteering is important to me because...



"I thought I can't be a mom, a wife, and a student at the same time, and I knew that all my classmates have the same challenge.

Being with a group of professional mothers has inspired me. After 10 weeks of LYAE training, I do feel empowered!

My upcoming work placement is worth all my effort and time."

### - LYAE Participant

#### Links to Young Adult Employment

Young immigrant mothers have demanding family care responsibilities. Professional immigrant moms also face multiple barriers from lack of Canadian workplace experience to gaps in employability skills. To address the unique challenges among young immigrant mothers in Alberta living in low-income households, CIWA established the Links to Success for Young Immigrant Mothers program, currently known as Links to Young Adult Employment, in 2008.

This program provides customized support and long-term interventions including paid work experience opportunities along with childcare and transit compensation to help marginalized immigrant mothers go through a smooth transition into meaningful employment. Through the years, over 300 professional immigrant women have completed this training with the support of organizations and corporations in Calgary. This user centered approach to service delivery jumpstarted the suite of employment bridging programs CIWA offers today for professional immigrant women.

### **Childcare Training**

Nearly 15 years ago, CIWA recognized the gap in services to support low to mid skilled immigrant women to find employment. In response, CIWA developed the Childcare Training for Low Literacy Immigrant Women, a program designed to help immigrant and refugee women with interrupted education pursue employment as early childhood educators. The program, currently known as Childcare Training Pathway, is an occupational specific training that builds on the natural strengths and assets this group of women have. Through this training, immigrant women develop their skillset and foundational language competencies for further education or employment.

Additionally, the program offers relevant certifications such as First Aid and food safety in the daycare domain. To date, over 250 immigrant and refugee women have received Level 1 Early Childhood Educator certification and have secured employment in childcare centers in Alberta.

This asset-based service delivery model has proven to be successful in enabling a highly barriered group of clients find employment. Using the same approach, CIWA has expanded its services for low to mid skilled immigrant women to include employment training in the areas of food service, retail, housekeeping, front line customer service and protection skills.

### **Family Conflict Prevention Program**

While supporting the settlement and integration of thousands of newcomers each year, CIWA recognized that one of the root causes of domestic, family, intimate partner, and gender-based violence in immigrant families is the stress related to migration and settlement. Inability to meet basic needs and barriers related to settlement further intensify the trauma and abuse experiences. Over 30 years ago, CIWA started the Family Conflict Prevention Program (FCPP) targeting immigrant and refugee women including seniors, their spouses, children and family members dealing with domestic violence and abuse.

FCPP addresses factors that place immigrants at risk of domestic violence and increases access to supports that enable them to cope with domestic, family, intimate partner, and gender-based violence issues. This program positively impacts the lives of families by changing attitudes around gender equality and violence, and increasing individual capacity to reduce risk factors associated with violence. The issues uncovered through this program have led to initiatives that enable CIWA to address systemic barriers that prevent immigrant women from breaking the cycle of violence.



### Pebbles in the Sand

CIWA's Pebbles in the Sand program was the first of its kind to address the specific learning and settlement needs of immigrant and refugee women with foundational literacy skills and less than seven years of education from their home country. This program helps clients address barriers that can lead to challenges while adapting to life in Canada and equips participants with necessary skills to function independently in daily life. Pebbles in the Sand program has expanded to serve clients in six different locations in Calgary, and its curriculum recently added a digital literacy component to help participants continue learning online during the pandemic. This program initiated the evolution of services for immigrants with foundational skills. CIWA has supported thousands of immigrant and refugee women in increasing their literacy and English language competency as they transition to further education and employment and, ultimately, integrate into Canadian society.



2021-2022 Client Profile

Top Immigration Categories

Economic 20.2% Family class 28.7% Citizens 19.7% Refugees 23.1% Other 6.46% Claimants 2.25%

### Top Languages Spoken

Arabic (13%) Spanish (11%) Tagalog (10%) Mandarin (7%) Tigrinya (6%)

Leading Countries of Origin

> India (11%) Philippines (10%) China (7%) Eritrea (6%)

15,631 clients served through individual and group sessions

CIWA clients represented 151 countries and 226 languages.



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### THE BRANCHES

"Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky." - Khalil Gibran



### **Growth and Expansion**

#### **CIWA Space**

With the generous support of Symphony Hill Properties Inc., CIWA has acquired over 70K square feet of space in the First Street Plaza building. CIWA's space now includes the 6th and 7th floors as well as the main floor office wing. Further expansion is under way and will soon extend to the 8th floor - occupying 95% of the building!

#### **Social Enterprise**

CIWA launched its Business Centre as part of the organization's social enterprise. Initially providing interpretation and translation services, printing and photocopying, as well as Commissioner of Oath services, it will soon be offering passport photo, book binding, boutique business services and more!

### **New Ventures**

#### **Business Development and Entrepreneurship**

CIWA's Immigrant Women's Business Circles project launched in December 2020 to support immigrant women in their pursuit of entrepreneurship opportunities in Alberta. This three year project will provide business development training and mentorship to 60 immigrant women across Alberta, establishing at least 12 businesses by the end of 2025.

#### **Navigating the Gig Economy**

Contract Work: Finding Your Way, one of CIWA's newest employment bridging programs is a response to the growth of the gig economy. The program supports immigrant women in understanding the world of contract work, freelance projects, and self-employment to gain flexibility around the current changing labour market. In the last fiscal year, 50 immigrant women completed this program and 70% had entered the labour market.

#### **Companion Care**

This project is designed to support aging in place and independent living by delivering employment training focused on effective communication, supportive listening, abuse prevention, harm reduction, infection prevention, and medication assistance. During this fiscal year, more than 20 immigrant women participated in the training and obtained certifications in First Aid and CPR Level C, WHMIS, Basic Food Safety, and dementia care.



### **Enhanced Supports**

#### **Aids for Academic Pursuits**

Over the years, CIWA has continually provided monetary supports for immigrant women and girls pursuing education to reach their career goals. This fiscal year, CIWA received over \$20,000 of additional financial aid to provide scholarship opportunities to clients and volunteers.

#### **Food Security**

CIWA engaged with Amazon, Burns Memorial Fund, Mawer Investment, Second Harvest, and United Way to support the food security of immigrant women and their families. Through these partnerships, CIWA provided over \$377,000 worth of supports in the form of grocery gift cards, hampers and food drives to more than 1,600 individuals and 320 children across Calgary.

#### **GBV** Prevention

Collaborative Action towards a Society Free of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is a three year project aimed at increasing collaboration and developing a network of supports that provide a coordinated response to gender-based violence. In the past year, the project has engaged with key stakeholders in the community such as Action Dignity, Calgary Police Service, Canadian Pakistani Support Group and their Maskan shelter, Dashmesh Cultural Center, DayOne Media, Ethno-Culturally Diverse Committee, Filipino Community Association, ISKCON, Muslim Families Network Society, Nisa Homes, and Parmar Law.

### **Disability Supports**

This year, CIWA offered 572 individual sessions to over 65 English language learners who have special needs or are struggling in their language acquisition. Through LINC for Special Needs classes and Learning Support Services, CIWA has been adult learners with physical and intellectual disabilities as well as other learning difficulties. Over the past year, CIWA also focused on enhancing settlement services for clients with disabilities and secured resources for a Disabilities Liaison.

### **Mindfulness Approach to Mental Health**

Through the Mindfulness Supports for Immigrant Seniors project and in partnership with Alberta Mindfulness Association, CIWA launched a health and wellness app for Apple and Android devices. The app offers audio-visual guided mindfulness practices that are accessible anytime, anywhere. Over 95 immigrant women ages 55 years and beyond participated in the development of the product.



### THE BLOSSOMS

*"In a forest of a hundred thousand trees, no two leaves are alike. And no two journeys along the same path are alike." - Paulo Coelho* 



### **Nusrat Awan**

When Nusrat first accessed the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Program, she was experiencing several hurdles being a single mom, from providing for her three kids while living in a women's shelter to supporting a child experiencing signs of trauma. She started receiving regular one-on-one sessions from a HIPPY Home Visitor, where she received support in strengthening her parenting skills especially around her son's challenges.

Shortly after starting the HIPPY Program, Nusrat enrolled in ESL classes so she could pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education. For a while, she juggled her studies, her children's schedule, and many other aspects of her life. Through all

these, Nusrat still managed to be appointed as a student body representative at Bow Valley College. She also received several awards and scholarships including Because Mothers Matter Award, Bow Valley College Past Chair of Board of Governors Award, Premier's Scholarship, as well as the Ron Ghitter CM Scholarship Fund through CIWA.

Nusrat's son has also made great strides in his ability to adapt to Kindergarten. Nusrat feels that HIPPY gave her an opportunity to create a special bond between her and all her children. Nusrat now rents her own apartment and works as a research assistant.

### Elizabeth Olufowobi

Elizabeth received the Jays Care Foundation's Girls at Bat All-Star Athlete Award through CIWA's Youth Program. Growing up in Nigeria, Elizabeth did not have a lot of opportunities to enjoy sports as a young girl. When she joined the Summer Camp at CIWA, she held the title "All-Star Camper" for showing other girls her age that losing a game is still a win by giving your all. Elizabeth has demonstrated stellar sportsmanship by cheering for everyone, including members of other teams. She was a cheerleader to everyone especially those who seemed like they were giving up on learning a new skill.



### Jenny Krabbe

One of the greatest champions of raising awareness around the need for a customized approach to service delivery to support the employment of low to mid skilled women, Jenny has been fervently advocating for a modular approach to employment training rather than the traditional training models with set intake start and end dates. During her tenure as Manager of Employment Services Department at CIWA, prior to her recent retirement, Jenny also focused on capitalizing on the skills that this vulnerable population posed and made it an asset. Jenny is passionate about raising awareness on social justice issues around the world, which helps shape the lives of CIWA's clients. She has been instrumental in the innovation and expansion



of CIWA's literacy and employment services and in 2021 she was recognized by Calgary Learns for her work through their Celebrating the Work in the Field initiative.



### Layla Al-Yasiri

Layla received Jays Care Foundation's Girls at Bat All-Star Coach Award when she volunteered with the Youth Program's Summer Camp where she was a Girls at Bat Coach and a mentor to our young participants. As a volunteer, Layla took the time to get to know each participant and their individual personalities, while encouraging them to be the best they could be in other aspects of their lives. Layla was not only a great support but an outstanding role model to all participants in the program.

### Awards

- Because Mothers Matter Award presented by Mothers Matter Centre to HIPPY Mom Nusrat Awan
- Celebrating the Work in the Field presented by Calgary Learns to Jenny Krabbe
- Girls at Bat All-Star Coach Award presented by Jays Care Foundation to Youth Program Volunteer Layla Al-Yasiri
- Girls at Bat All-Star Athlete Award presented by Jays Care
   Foundation to Youth Program Participant Elizabeth Olufowobi
- Girls at Bat Community Excellence Award and Girls at Bat Community Spirit Award presented by Jays Care Foundation to CIWA's Youth Program

### **CIWA Scholarships & Award Contributors**

#### **Daughters Day Awards**

Daughters Day Awards celebrate the lives, contributions, and achievements of daughters based on an appreciation of gender equity in our society. The annual event recognizes exceptional daughters who are making significant contribution to their communities. Through the generosity of Gerda R. Bloemraad, Shirley Turnbull, Jivanya Reddy, and The Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth, seven remarkable girls ages 12 to 29 years received \$500 each.

#### Gerda R. Bloemraad Educational Scholarship

Gerda Bloemraad's passion for the well-being of immigrant women in Calgary inspired her philanthropic engagement through this scholarship. Each year, two CIWA clients or volunteers between 18 and 30 years of age receive a \$2,000 scholarship to provide financial aid for their chosen course or program at an accredited postsecondary institution.

#### **Ron Ghitter CM Scholarship Fund**

The Honourable Ron Ghitter QC, CM sponsors a unique scholarship to support immigrant and refugee women above 25 years of age who wish to further their education in pursuit of career growth and/ or professional success in Canada including accreditation, licensure, certification, or completion of challenge exams. Last year, 10 immigrant women received Ron Ghitter CM Scholarship Fund ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

#### Siebens Jeam International Women's Day Scholarship

The Siebens Jeam International Women's Day Scholarship (Jeam Dream Fund) was created in honour of Karl and Brenda Jeam to assist hard working immigrants who dream of completing their education and build lives in Canada. Karl and Brenda shared this dream and the fund will help others follow in their footsteps. Two scholarships of \$1,500 each are awarded each year.

#### **Yvonne Dang Scholarship**

Jim Mitchell sponsors \$10,000 worth of scholarship fund annually to provide financial aid for young mothers' expenses as they pursue their educational and career goals.



### CALGARY IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

	2022	2021
Revenue:		
Program grants	\$ 14,126,072	\$ 13,732,954
Service fees	130,843	105,862
Partnership grants	98,222	150,308
Donations	246,365	109,789
Casino	16,219	6,042
Fundraising	25,278	8,673
Interest income	2,517	11,866
Merchandise sales	762	1,350
Other income	25,284	2,053
Membership	975	726
Amortization of deferred contributions related to property		
and equipment	223,842	171,855
	14,896,379	14,301,478
Expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	11,195,128	10,728,663
Rent	706,648	1,076,090
Materials and supplies	1,313,739	1,034,193
Contract fees	394,563	387,003
Repairs and maintenance	248,293	319,872
Travel	179,697	105,201
Telephone, postage and courier	70,845	65,996
Professional fees	142,919	65,686
Miscellaneous	69,979	50,468
Photocopying and printing	40,821	43,641
Staff and volunteer development	56,691	43,469
Insurance	40,043	36,772
Goods and service tax	24,784	29,587
Equipment and equipment rental	48,083	22,459
Advertising and publicity	23,129	11,057
Memberships and fundraising	4,059	6,226
Meetings	5,753	4,347
Amortization	223,842	171,855
	14,789,016	14,202,585
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 107,363	\$ 98,893

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