



Centennial

GOLDEN DOOR AWARD GALA

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2025

Omni Seaport Hotel Boston
450 Summer St. Boston MA

Registration begins 5:30 pm

The Golden Door Award Gala is a very special tradition at the International Institute of New England. The organization has been welcoming and resettling refugees and immigrants in the region for more than a century. Our Centennial Golden Door Award Gala will honor that history by bringing together past honorees and community partners for a very special celebration of a century of welcoming.



Golden Door Award | Our Centennial Year

The Golden Door Award has been an IINE tradition for more than 50 years honoring a person born outside the U.S. that has made outstanding contributions to American society. Our annual gala is an occasion that calls us to stand together in celebration of the achievements of immigrants who have played an integral role in our communities, economy, and society.

The award takes its name from Emma Lazarus's words inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty: "From her beacon hand glows world-wide welcome ... I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Our Mission

The mission of the International Institute of New England is to create opportunities for refugees and immigrants to succeed through resettlement, education, career advancement, and pathways to citizenship.

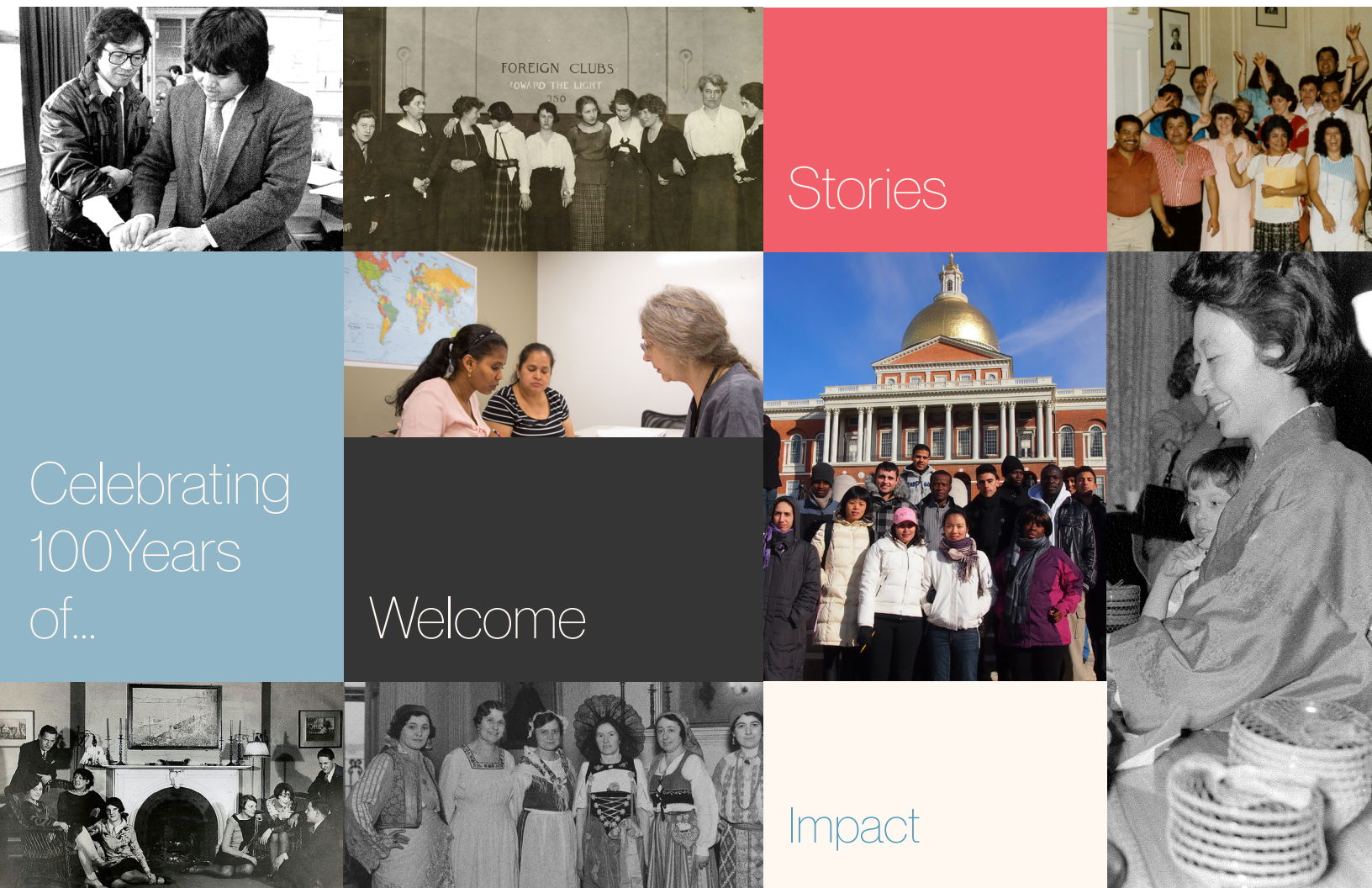


CRISIS RESPONSE

In August 2023, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey declared a State of Emergency in response to the large influx of Haitian and Central and South American immigrants arriving in the Commonwealth and entering the overburdened shelter system. IINE has become a leader in supporting Haitian immigrants. Today, we are working directly with immigrant families in the shelters to ensure they are able to access public benefits, including food and healthcare, and apply for work authorization so they may secure jobs.

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

Nearly all our clients benefit from professional immigration legal advice and services. For people seeking work authorization, permanent resident status, citizenship, humanitarian parole for loved ones, family reunification, and much more, we provide professional, compassionate, and affordable legal services.



Our History

Founded in 1918 in Lowell, Massachusetts as a community effort to welcome new Americans immigrating to the area, IINE today serves more than 10,000 refugees and immigrants annually, with programs in Boston, Lowell, and Manchester, New Hampshire.



EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE PREPARATION

In 2023, more than 800 immigrant adults enrolled in our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), job readiness, industry-specific skills training classes, and employment programs. We help adults find employment and offer specialized training programs to prepare those with prior U.S. work experience to secure jobs in the healthcare and construction industries.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

IINE welcomes newly arrived refugees and others who have experience forced migration and supports individuals and families in creating a solid foundation for their life in the U.S. from which to build. Our teams work to help each new arrival secure a home and a job, access healthcare, register and enroll in school, and navigate a new community.

Past Golden Door Award Honorees

I.M. Pei – 1970

Arthur Fiedler – 1971

Anthony Athanas – 1972

Stephen P. Mugar – 1973

Gisela Wyzanski – 1974

Jean Mayer – 1976

Charles Maliotis – 1977

Humberto Sousa Cardinal Medeiros – 1978

Joseph Pellegrino – 1979

Laszlo J. Bonis – 1981

Gerhard Neumann – 1981

An Wang – 1982

John D. Constable – 1983

Jill Ker Conway – 1985

Thomas J. Flatley – 1986

Arthur Loeb – 1987

Yo-Yo Ma – 1988

Bernard Lown – 1989

Farouk El-Baz – 1992

Charles L. Schepens – 1994

George N. Hatsopoulos – 1996

Lelio “Les” Marino – 1998

Henri A. Termeer – 1999

Gururaj “Desh” Deshpande – 2001

Orit Gadiesh – 2002

Gabriel Schmergel – 2004

Alex d'Arbeloff – 2004

Victor Dzau – 2005

Dr. Kenan E. Sahin – 2006

Benjamin Zander – 2007

Mike Lowell – 2008

Deborah Dunsire – 2011

The Honorable Margaret Marshall – 2013

Dr. Omid Farokhzad – 2014

Claudio Del Vecchio – 2016

Dr. Noubar Afeyan – 2017

Dr. L. Rafael Reif – 2018

Dr. Joseph Aoun – 2019

Reshma Kewalramani, M.D. – 2021

Stéphane Bancel – 2022

Srikant M. Datar – 2023

Dr. Giovanni Caforio – 2024



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*Past Golden Door Award Honoree

Sponsorship Benefits

Special non-profit and community partner pricing is available. Please reach out to us at events@iine.org pricing.

Golden Legacy - \$250,000

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GIFT, YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Special recognition from the stage during live presentation
- 25 tickets in a premium location at the event
- Listing on tabletop display
- Prominent listing of company logo/donor name on event communication
- Prominent listing of company logo/donor name on event webpage with clickable link to your company website
- Pre-event post sent out highlighting sponsor to our 8,200+ LinkedIn followers
- Sponsors at this level have an opportunity to select an "impact" area for their sponsorship
- Inclusion of company logo/donor name in event slideshow
- Listing in the IINE Annual Report

Leadership Tribute - \$150,000

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GIFT, YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Two (2) tables of (10) in a premium location at the event
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Centennial Benefactor - \$100,000

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GIFT, YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- 15 tickets in a premium location at the event
- Listing on tabletop display
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Champion - \$50,000

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Sponsorship Benefits

Advocate - \$25,000

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Promoter - \$10,000

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GIFT, YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Six (6) tickets to the event
- Listing of company/donor name on event webpage
- Inclusion of company logo/donor name in event slideshow
- Listing in the IINE Annual Report

Friend - \$2,500

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GIFT, YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Two (2) tickets to the event
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Partner - \$15,000

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Ally - \$5,000

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GIFT, YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Four (4) tickets to the event
- Listing of company/donor name on event webpage
- Inclusion of company logo/donor name in event slideshow
- Listing in the IINE Annual Report



THE EXAMPLES BELOW ILLUSTRATE HOW YOUR SPONSORSHIP DOLLARS CAN CHANGE LIVES.

Your sponsorship immediately impacts the thousands of refugees and immigrants served by IINE every year.

\$500,000

Helps us launch new programming to respond to the critical and emergency needs of thousands of refugees and immigrants forced from their homes.

\$250,000

Supports the food and basic household needs of 200 resettling refugee families.

\$150,000

Supports 40 refugees during their first year in the U.S. by providing access to case workers, essential support services, and English language training.

\$100,000

Provides 50 child survivors of human trafficking with transition support from dedicated licensed social workers.

\$50,000

Contributes to life-changing one-to-one mentoring and skills support for 25 refugee and immigrant youth and young adults.

\$25,000

Helps reunite five unaccompanied immigrant children with their families in the U.S. by providing essential services and access to licensed bilingual case workers.

\$15,000

Enables 45 immigrants and refugees to improve their English and communication skills through classes taught by experienced ESOL instructors.

\$10,000

Helps 15 adult refugees secure employment in New England.

\$5,000

Enables four immigrant families to access free legal services to establish a pathway to citizenship.

\$2,500

Provides a month's worth of food for five newly arrived refugee families.

