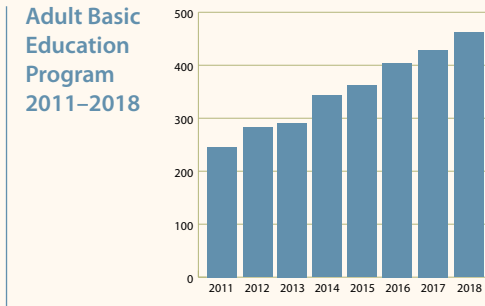


# A History of Welcome Services



“We have a rich history of supporting immigrants and refugees in this community, and we continue to do that. The outreach that this Center provides is essential to that effort.”

– Steve Ovel,  
A Place of Welcome  
Campaign Co-chair



Education Program experiences average 10% increase in students year-over-year

2011-2018



2020 In its 31st year, CMC will move to 1220 Fifth Ave. SE

2019

Today, a team of 11 assist immigrants and refugees with resettlement, employment, and connecting to community resources



2001-2003

Addressing needs beyond education, CMC opens food pantry and hires Immigrant/Refugee Coordinator

2015

To address space constraints, CMC partners to offer three off-site locations for learning

Hiawatha Library  
St. Jude Catholic Church  
Seventh-day Adventist Church

2008

Transitional Housing Program increases depth and scope of supportive services beyond meeting basic needs



1993

CMC moves to current location, a repurposed convent, and grows services to offer English as a Second Language to both men and women



1989

CMC opens its doors



Sisters of Mercy identified transitional housing for women and adult basic education as greatest unmet needs